

Fisherman's Herald

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Year (A) - 1st October 2023

St John Fisher Church

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Parish Office: **Monday & Thursday 9am to 2pm.**



MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 30th	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	6:00pm	Consuelo & Raul Fuentes
Sunday 1st <i>Twenty-Sixth Sunday (A)</i> <i>Rosary Sunday</i>	8:00am	June Duffy RIP
	9:30am	People of The Parish
	11:00am	Pat Igoe RIP (2nd Anniversary)
	6:30pm	Mrs Clare D'Sa
Monday 2nd <i>The Holy Guardian Angels, Memorial</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Nancy Lally (Wellbeing)
	10:45am	<i>Requiem: Marie Worrell RIP</i>
Tuesday 3rd	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Thanksgiving
Wednesday 4th <i>St Francis of Assisi, Memorial</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Canute (Intentions)
	9:30am	<i>Legion of Mary (Day Chapel)</i>
Thursday 5th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Malcolm Mackechnie RIP
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
Friday 6th <i>Harvest Fast Day</i> <i>First Friday</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Joanna Saldanha (Wellbeing)
	8:00pm	Michael Dooley RIP
Saturday 7th <i>Our Lady of the Rosary, Memorial</i> <i>First Saturday</i>	8:00-8:30am	<i>First Saturday Devotions</i>
	9:00am	Francis Gracias RIP
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
Saturday 7th Sunday 8th <i>Twenty-Seventh Sunday (A)</i> <i>Day of Prayer for Prisoners & their Families</i>	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	6:00pm	Clarence Fernandes RIP
	8:00am	Marlene Saldanha RIP
	9:30am	People of the Parish
	11:00am	Mr Francis Gracias RIP
	Noon	Sister Catherine RIP (Prayer Service)
	6:30pm	Maureen O'Donnell RIP

The Rosary In October:

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. Those who recite five decades of the Rosary in church, or a family, or as a group may gain a plenary indulgence daily. You can also recite daily the Litany of Loreto and the Prayer to Saint Joseph.

Confirmation Candidates - Presentation of Gospel:

At the 9:30am Mass today.

Tea / Coffee - After 8am Mass

Today and on the first Sunday of every month there will be Tea/Coffee served in the Church Hall after the 8am Sunday Mass. Everyone welcome.

Legion of Mary:

Meetings continue on Wednesday 4th October 2023 at 9:30am in the Day Chapel.

Parish Business:

Monday 2nd October 7pm to 8pm.

CAFOD - Harvest Fast Day:

Friday 6th October is family fast day. Please take an envelope from the back of Church and return with your offering next Sunday 8th October.

RCIA Program - September 2023:

The RCIA program for adults who wish to be baptised or receive any of the Sacraments of Christian Initiation begins on Tuesday 3rd October at 7:30pm in the presbytery.

Father Francis Nonyelu - Mass of Induction:


The Mass of Induction Mass for Father Francis Nonyelu as the new parish priest will take place on **Thursday 19th October 2023 at 6:30pm**. A reception and entertainment will follow in the church hall. Bishop Philip Moger, the new Auxiliary Bishop of Southwark Archdiocese will preside at the Holy Mass.

New Altar Servers:

Practices for new Altar Servers continue on Thurs 5th October at 6.30 pm. If you would like to serve on our Sanctuary young or old and have made your First Communion please complete the Application form which can be found in the Narthex or downloaded from:

<http://www.stjohnfishermerton.co.uk/servers-application-form.pdf>

Harvest Collection For Foodbank - 7th-8th Oct:

Next weekend there will be a special Harvest Food collection for the Wimbledon Foodbank.  They appreciate: Long Life Food, Dried, Tinned and Packaged e.g. Long Life Milk, Soup - (Big/Chunky, Cup-a-Soup), Breakfast Cereals, Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Tomatoes, Rice.

Please bring donations to the hall before Mass.

First Friday - 6th October:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30pm followed by Mass at 8pm.

First Saturday Devotions - 7th October:

Rosary and keeping Our Lady company within Adoration and Benediction from 8am to 8:30am

Funerals:

Please remember the families in your prayers.

Marie Worrall RIP:

Requiem Mass on Monday 2nd October at 10:45am.

Kathy Metcalfe RIP:

Requiem Mass on Monday 9th October at 11am.

Over 60's Club:

Returns on Thursday 5th October from 1pm to 3pm in the Church hall, all welcome.

NEW Post - Confirmation Programme:

Our parish Alpha Youth course begins on Sunday 3rd December and continues on Sunday 10th and Sunday 17th December in the parish hall from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Ten further sessions will take place in the Spring 2024 term. The programme is free and aims to create a vibrant, active section of the parish in which the children feel part of and can contribute to. More information on the course content can be found on the Alpha website at www.alpha.org.uk Please download a registration form from our website and return to the parish office if your child would like to attend by 10th October: <http://www.stjohnfishermerton.co.uk/alpha-youth-course-reply-slip-2023.pdf>

Friends of LIFE - Baby Loss Awareness:

October brings a period of Baby Loss Awareness. There is a prayer space in a side chapel for those who have lost babies before, during or after birth, to remember & pray.

School Supplementary Forms

If you require a school supplementary form to be signed for **Nursery**, **Reception** or **High School**, please drop the forms through the presbytery letterbox at anytime and include a copy of the Baptism certificate. You will be contacted when the form is ready for collection.

Safeguarding:

The Archdiocese of Southwark is committed to the safety and welfare of children and vulnerable adults. The Diocese co-operates fully with CSAS, the Catholic Safeguarding Advisory Service, which aims to help the Church become an example of best practice in the Safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, and develop a "culture of vigilance" to ensure that children and vulnerable adults in our care are kept safe from harm. The parish safeguarding representative for St John Fisher Parish is Mrs Ursula O'Byrne and she can be contacted on 07943800663. If you have any concerns please contact her immediately.

Repository:

Will open on the 2nd and 4th Sunday each month from about 9am to 11am.

Talkabout:

Copies of our parish magazine are available at the back of Church. The magazine is also available for download from our website. Donations towards printing costs are appreciated (Suggested donation £1).

Justice & Peace Group:

Afternoon tea will be served on Saturday 14th October 3-5pm at 22 Aylward Rd. £6 each Proceeds to Aid to the Church in Need.

Weekly Offertory Donations:

Thank you dear parishioners for contributing generously towards the running costs of the Parish. In case anyone wishes to make donations in this regard, please use any of the following 4 ways:

1. Please email merton@rcaos.org.uk for a pledge form
2. Continue using your weekly gift aid envelopes
3. Donate on our website or scan the QR code
4. Donate to our parish justgiving page:



www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-john-fisher-merton

Bishop Howard Tripp RIP:

Bishop Howard Tripp's first anniversary of death is on 3 October. There will be a Year's Mind Mass for him - celebrated at St George's Cathedral - the day after, on Wednesday 4 October at 12.30pm. Bishop Paul Hendricks will be the main celebrant. Everyone welcome.

Time & Talents - Volunteers Appeal:

Your parish of St John Fisher, Merton needs **YOU** and your talents and time! Please pick up a form as you leave Church if you are able to help with any of the following voluntary roles: Organist, Choir, Catechist (Holy Communion & Confirmation), Church Cleaning, Welcomer, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Handyman, Electrician, Plumber, Website Designer.

Father Matthias Kizito:

Fr Matthias' farewell mass is on Saturday 13th January at 6pm followed by a party in the parish hall. If you wish to contribute to the parish gift, envelopes are available at the back of Church or you can donate at <https://donate.mydona.com/st-john-fisher-rc-church>

5th Morden Scouts - Quiz Night Saturday 14th Oct:

St John Fisher Church Hall at 7:30pm. Email jakioneillford@yahoo.co.uk for tickets and more details (Tickets cost £6).

INFANT BAPTISMS: First Sunday of the month at 3pm. The Church requests that children are brought to be baptised as soon as practicable after birth and before they are six months old. Please complete a baptism request form and return to the presbytery. Deacon Tom will then contact you to discuss the baptism:

<http://www.stjohnfishermerton.co.uk/baptism-request-form.pdf>

Marriages: About getting married, wherever and whenever, please contact a priest as soon as possible. We need at least 6 months notice.

Hospital:

If you are going into hospital as a patient, and wish to see a chaplain, you will need to ask the hospital staff or a member of your family to arrange for the chaplain to visit you.

Father Philip Pak: ST HELIER'S CHAPLAIN'S number is: **07459 226 823** and **07591 596 656**.

Father Peter Littleton: ST GEORGE'S CHAPLAIN'S number is: **020 8725 3069** email catholicchaplains@stgeorges.nhs.uk

Please remember in your prayers the sick and housebound of our parish **Victor Pierson, Ravi Aumeerun, Richard Skeehan, Ceris Cook, Anna Lusack, Grant Cozens, Malcolm Varran, Catherine Yeats, Luca Buttaci, Kitty McVey, Rita Platel, Edward Alvares, Christine Henderson, Johnny Symmonds, Patricia Anderson, Irene McGrenra, Anthony Carter, Richard Sullivan, Joseph McGahren, John Heffron, Jim Cosgrove and Natalie Williams.**



PLEASE COMPLETE A SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE SLIP

(SLIPS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF CHURCH FOR THOSE IN SCHOOL YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6)