

Fisherman's Herald

The Thirteenth Sunday of the Year (A) - 2nd July 2023

St John Fisher Church

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



MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 1st	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	6:00pm	Pat Igoe RIP
Sunday 2nd <i>Thirteenth Sunday (A)</i>	8:00am	Thomas Syjud (4th Birthday)
	9:30am	Michael Glynn RIP
	11:00am	People of the Parish
	4:00pm	<i>Blessed Sacrament Procession</i>
	6:30pm	Terenzia Lipani & Salvatore Infantino RIP
Monday 3rd <i>St Thomas, Apostle</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Vincent Aloysius & Ida Clotilda Lobo Carol Counsell RIP
Tuesday 4th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Stephen Addeh Anne Powell
Wednesday 5th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Lina Fernandes RIP Bridie Fitzgerald
Thursday 6th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Brian O'Connor (70th Birthday) Gerald Donaghy RIP
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
Friday 7th <i>First Friday</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Fay & Ivan (Thanksgiving)
	7:30pm	<i>Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament</i>
	8:00pm	Maureen Gallagher (Wellbeing)
Saturday 8th	9:00am	Ann Tully
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
Saturday 8th	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	6:00pm	Joey (Intentions)
Sunday 9th <i>Fourteenth Sunday (A)</i> <i>Sea Sunday</i>	8:00am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	Thanksgiving from the Glynn Family
	11:00am	John & Elizabeth Flynn RIP
	6:30pm	Catherine & John Grace RIP (Anniversary)

Memorial Stone- Unveiling and Blessing:

The Memorial Stone of Canon Acton will be unveiled and blessed on Saturday 1st July after the 6pm Mass. Please join us in the hall afterwards for Tea/Coffee.

Justice & Peace Food Collection - Faith In Action:

This weekend we are collecting for Faith in Action. They appreciate: Cereal bars & protein bars, Multi-packs of crisps, Multi-packs of small juice cartons, Sugar. Small, ring-pull, tins of sardines and mackerel. Tins of corned beef. Tins of sweetcorn and Jars of peanut butter. *Please bring donations to the hall before Mass.*

Peter's Pence Second Collection - This Weekend:

There is a second collection this weekend for Peter's Pence which is normally taken on the Feast of SS Peter and Paul. The offerings to the Holy Father are destined to church needs, humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as the Holy See.

Annual Procession of the Blessed Sacrament:

Today at 4pm All children, with their families, who made their First Holy Communion recently, all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and parishioners please make every effort to attend this Procession, as an expression of Our Faith and showing our Love for 'Hidden' Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Parish Business:

Parish business on Monday 3rd July from 7pm to 8pm.

Talkabout:

Our parish magazine is available to download from our website. Copies are also available at the back of Church. Suggested donation of £1 towards printing costs is much appreciated.

Stella Maris Second Collection - Next Weekend:

Next Sunday is Sea Sunday and there will be a second collection for Stella Maris. Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions.

First Holy Communion - June 2023:

Congratulations to the 60 children who received First Holy Communion in June. We pray that they will always love our Lord, Jesus and stay close to Him. Thanks to the parents for their support for the programmes. Thanks to St John Fisher School for their help and support. 'Thank you' to the musicians who animated the First Holy Communion Masses. 'Thank you' to Kate for decorating the Church so nicely. 'Thank you' to all the catechists for their devotion and support of these children. We pray that these children will always stay close to Jesus throughout their lives.

Over 60's Club:

Thursday 6th July from 1-3pm in the Church hall.

Church Parade - Next Weekend:

At the 9:30am Mass for the uniform groups.

First Friday:

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

Confirmation - Saturday 11th November 2023 and First Holy Communion Programme - June 2024:

Applications for Confirmation in November 2023 and Holy Communion in June 2024 have now closed. If you have registered for either of these programmes you will have received an email to confirm that your child has been allocated a place. Please contact the parish office if you have applied but not received an email.

Church Attendance Slips:

All Children will require a school reference when applying to Catholic High Schools. Slips are available at the back of Church for Children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 during term time. The parish will use these slips to keep a record of (Saturday Evening or (Sunday) Mass attendance when signing reference forms. Please, **DO NOT FILL IN THESE SLIPS** for any child who is not present, or if your child is not attending Holy Mass on a Saturday Evening or Sunday.

Christian Care:

Christian CARE, are looking for two leaders with a real concern for, and some experience of, working alongside those in poverty. These are key roles in the charity as the CARE Coordinator and Assistant CARE Coordinator will have overall supervision of all volunteers and will be the first point of contact for many clients. Each role will take the equivalent of 2 days a week, but with flexibility to meet personal requirements. For more information please see the leaflets available at the back of the church or visit: <https://christiancaremerton.org.uk>

Feast of Saints Peter & Paul - Annual Outdoor Mass:

All parishioners are invited to Mitcham to an outdoor Mass on **Sunday 2nd July at 3:30pm** to mark the feast of Saints Peter and Paul. The tradition of holding a public procession and Mass on the Cricket Green has been established for very many years and is a wonderful way for us to publicly proclaim our faith.

Sancta Familia Catholic Academy Trust:

A group of 15 schools, including St John Fisher R C Primary School, are currently consulting on conversion to Academy Status. The school proposes to join a newly established Catholic Academy Trust called Sancta Familia. You can read about the proposals and respond to the consultation at the following website: www.sanctafamilia.co.uk

Wimbledon College - Job Vacancy:

PA to Headteacher (with HR) vacancy. Further information at: www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk, or email hr@wimbledoncollege.org.uk or 020 8879 9323.

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

A Day with Mary:

Please see posters on the Church noticeboard or visit www.adaywithmary.org for more information.

Fatima & Lisbon Pilgrimage:

2nd to 7th Oct 2023. Please see poster on Church noticeboard or visit www.stpeterspilgrimages.com

Padre Pio Pilgrimage:

San Giovanni Rotondo - 22nd - 26th Sept 2023

Please see poster on Church noticeboard or visit www.stpeterspilgrimages.com for more information.

Catholic Association Lourdes Pilgrimage:

18th to 25th August 2023. For more information visit www.catholicassociation.co.uk

Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage:

23rd September, 3pm, at St George's Cathedral. If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + wedding anniversary this year, please contact the parish office as soon as possible so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during the Mass. Spaces are limited.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje - 17th to 24th Sept. 2023:

Flying from Gatwick to Split (Pilgrims will need to arrange their own flights). Accommodation in Medjugorje is Half Board in shared accommodation 260 Euros pp which includes transport to/from Split Airport. Transfers to/from Gatwick Airport are not included. If you are interested in joining us please contact Jane Gracias on 0791569734.

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, John Davis, Roberto Mendoza, 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, Kathy Metcalf, Patricia Anderson, Irene McGrenra, Anthony Carter, Charles Ducker, Richard Sullivan, Joseph McGahren, John Heffron, Jim Cosgrove, Abbey Counsell 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)