

Fisherman's Herald

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday of The Year (C) - 2nd October 2022

St John Fisher Church

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



MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 1st	6:00pm	Marie Therese Siebert
Sunday 2nd	8:00am	Anthony D'Souza RIP
Twenty-Seventh Sunday (C)	9:30am	Pat Igoe RIP (1st Anniversary)
	11:00am	Michael & Eileen Tully
Rosary Sunday	4:00pm	<i>Rosary Service</i>
	6:30pm	People of The Parish
Monday 3rd	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Edward Platel RIP Bryn Morgan RIP
Tuesday 4th <i>St Francis of Assisi</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Canute - Intentions Eileen Lally RIP
Wednesday 5th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Liam Enright RIP Tony - Thanksgiving
Thursday 6th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Gerry Brennan RIP Lynn Goodchild RIP
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
Friday 7th <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Clarence Fernandes RIP
	7:30pm	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
Harvest Fast Day	8:00pm	Patricia Campbell RIP
Saturday 8th	9:00am	Don Nolan RIP
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Confessions (Day Chapel)</i>
Saturday 8th	5:00-5:50pm	<i>Confessions (Day Chapel)</i>
	6:00pm	Sister Catherine RIP
Sunday 9th Twenty-Eighth Sunday (C) <i>Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their Families</i>	8:00am	People of The Parish
	9:30am	Melba Hall - Birthday
	11:00am	Frank & Joseph Lally RIP
	2:00pm	Prayer Service - Sr Catherine
	6:30pm	Baby Loss Remembrance

Rosary Service - Today at 4pm:

There will be a Rosary Service today, Sunday 2nd October at 4pm. The Month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary, primarily because the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on October 7th. The feast was instituted to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for her protection over the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary. Let us consider saying the Rosary in our families every day during the month of October.

Food Collection - This Weekend:

This weekend we are collecting for **Faith In Action**. They appreciate: Cans of meat or fish with a ring-pull opening, Packs of cereal, Cans of tomatoes and jars of coffee, Jam and marmalade, and Cleaning materials such as spray, toilet cleaner etc.

Please bring donations to the hall before Mass.

Daily Rosary:

There is a daily rosary (Monday to Friday) at 8:30am. If you are able to lead the rosary even if just for one day a week, please sign up at the back of Church.

Parish Business:

Monday 3rd October from 7pm to 8pm.

Confessions in the Day Chapel:

Confessions now take place in the Day Chapel. Times remain the same: Saturday morning from 9:30am to 10:30am and Saturday evening from 5:00pm to 5:50pm.

RCIA Program-September 2022:

If you wish to register for the RCIA Program, please go the Parish website: http://www.stjohnfishermerton.co.uk/sacramental_life.php The program is meant for adults who wish to be baptized or receive any of the Sacraments of Christian Initiation, i.e., Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation.

First Holy Communion:

Second parents meeting on Thursday 6th October at 8pm in the hall.

Confirmation - November 2022:

- Presentation of the Gospel to Confirmation Candidates at the 9:30am Mass on 2nd October.
- Parents meeting on Monday 3rd October at 8pm.

Talkabout:

Copies of our parish magazine are available in the narthex. The magazine can also be viewed on our website. Donations towards printing costs are appreciated.

Over 60's Club:

Returns on Thursday 6th October from 1pm to 3pm in the Church hall, all welcome.

First Friday - Friday 7th October:

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

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.

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 to use your weekly gift aid envelopes
3. Donate on our website or scan the QR code which can be found on the poster at the back of Church or in the Hall.
4. Donate to our parish justgiving page:

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

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Friday 7th October:

Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. Your donations can help CAFOD's local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table. Envelopes are available at the back of Church or visit www.cafod.org.uk/fastday

Prayer Service - Sister Catherine RIP:

Join us for a short Prayer service - about 30 minutes to keep alive the memory of Sr Catherine on Sunday **9th October @ 2pm** and every 2nd Sunday of the month Or join us online at <https://www.churchservices.tv/merton>. Call 020 8543 7721 or 07944 692920 for further details. 3rd Anniversary Mass on the evening of Thursday 8th December

Thanksgiving Celebration for Parish Volunteers:

Saturday 29th October after the 6pm Mass in the hall. All parish volunteers are welcome, please come.

First Holy Communion Clothing - Request for Help:

St Vincent's Parish in Hull are looking for any white first holy communion dresses or boys suits that could be given to children whose families can not afford to buy them. If you have any first communion dresses/suits/shoes etc that you no longer need, please consider donating them to St. Vincent's for their children to wear. Items can be dropped off at the presbytery. Please email the parish office merton@rcaos.org.uk if you have any questions.

Prisoners' Sunday:

Next Sunday is Prisoners' Sunday. Envelopes are available at the back of Church for donations.

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. 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.

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.

Novena for Home Mission:

Following on from Home Mission Sunday all parishioners are being invited by the Archdiocese to pray a Novena for the return of people who have yet to come back to church. Novena Cards can be found at the back of the church.

The Archbishop's Certificate:

This is an online course for all in Southwark who wish to know their Catholic faith more deeply. Participants will take a two-year journey through the Church's teaching to understand their faith in a more profound way and be able to share it with both confidence and joy. The course will commence in October 2022. Further details can be found here: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert>

Baby Loss Remembrance:

Throughout October there will be a Baby Loss Memorial in Church to commemorate the lives of those lost before, during, or shortly after birth for any reason. The memorial space includes prayer cards, as well as details of support services for anyone who needs them. A prayer will be said at all Sunday Masses in October and a special Mass will be said on **Sunday 9th October at 6.30 pm** for all affected by baby loss.



INFANT BAPTISMS: First Sunday of the month at 3pm. 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**. **Catholic Chaplains** at ST GEORGE'S, Tooting, their number is: **020 8725 3069** email catholicchaplains@stgeorges.nhs.uk

Act of Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You

PLEASE COMPLETE A SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE SLIP

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