

Fisherman's Herald
The Twenty-Second Sunday of the Year (A) - 3rd September 2023
St John Fisher Church



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

MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 2nd	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	6:00pm	Helen Daly RIP
Sunday 3rd <i>Twenty-Second Sunday (A)</i>	8:00am	Mabel Platel RIP
	9:30am	Michael Martin
	11:00am	Naomi Whetton (Thanksgiving)
	6:30pm	People of the Parish
Monday 4th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Paddy Loughran RIP (4th Anniversary)
Tuesday 5th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Michael Dooley RIP
Wednesday 6th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Thanksgiving
	9:30am	<i>Legion of Mary (Day Chapel)</i>
Thursday 7th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Larché Family
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
Friday 8th <i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Leslie D'Sa RIP
Saturday 9th	9:00am	Thanksgiving
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
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	6:00pm	Manuel & Jose Manuel Torres
Sunday 10th <i>Twenty-Third Sunday (A)</i> <i>Education Day</i>	8:00am	Father Francis Nonyelu
	9:30am	People of The Parish
	11:00am	Mrs Connie Saldanha
	Noon	<i>Sister Catherine Prayer Service</i>
	6:30pm	John Dias RIP

Food Collection - Christian Care - Today:

This weekend we are collecting for **Christian Care**. They would appreciate: Kingswood tinned hot dogs, Corned beef, Basmati Rice (1kg bags if possible please), Tuna, Tinned fruits (no peaches please), Sunflower Oil.
Please bring donations to the hall before Mass.

Legion of Mary:

We are starting the Legion of Mary here in the parish. The first meeting is on Wednesday 6th September 2023 at 9:30am in the Day Chapel. You are encouraged to join by adding your contact details to the sign up sheet which can be found on the table in the narthex.

Parish Business:

No parish business this week.

RCIA Program - September 2023:

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

Father Matthias Kizito:

This weekend is Fr Matthias' last as a member of the parish clergy. We will celebrate his farewell Holy Mass and appreciation on Saturday 13th January 2024 at the 6pm Mass followed by a farewell party in the parish hall. Please remember Father Matthias in your prayers as he prepares to go back to his home diocese in Uganda.

If you wish to contribute to the parish gift which will be presented to him at his farewell in January, envelopes are available at the back of Church or you can donate using the contactless machine or online at <https://donate.mydona.com/st-john-fisher-rc-church>

Sister Catherine RIP - Prayer Service:

Sr Catherine RIP Join us for a short Prayer service to keep alive her memory. Next SUNDAY 10th September 2023 soon after the 11am Mass.) Approx 12.00 noon.

Father Joseph Edem:

We welcome Father Joseph Edem, the new Assistant priest to our parish. We are glad to have him in our parish to serve the parish community. Welcome Father Joseph!

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 Paul Moger, the new Auxiliary Bishop of Southwark Archdiocese will preside at the Holy Mass.

Second Collection - Next Weekend:

There will be a second collection next weekend for the Catholic Education Service. The CES acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishop's Conference to support Catholic education. They are the chief negotiating and advisory body on matters affecting all aspects of Catholic education, and it also provides financial assistance for school transport in rural areas.

Saint John Fisher Justice and Peace Group:

The Justice and Peace group is organising a prayer service and talk on the situation in Palestine at 7.15pm on Thursday 21st September to mark the World Council of Churches Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel and the United Nations international Day of Peace. Further details are on the A4 poster on the J&P notice board at the back of the church.

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

NEW Post-Confirmation Programme:

This is a call to all parents of children who are to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in the parish this November and also to parents of children who received the sacrament of Confirmation during the pandemic. A new post-confirmation programme is being put in place starting at the end of November. The parish has received funding from the Archbishop's Appeal Grant Fund to run an Alpha Youth course. The course will encourage the children to continue exploring their faith in an active and dynamic way and experience a sense of belonging in the parish community. Invitations and more information to follow.

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 - Two Volunteers Needed:


We need 2 volunteers for about an hour or two, once a month before and after 9.30am Sunday Mass to help in the Repository. Full training and support offered. Please send your name to the Parish office or speak to a Priest.

Church Attendance Slips - Term Time Only:

Church attendance slips return next Sunday 10th September.

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

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies:

is a knowledge based, internationally recognised qualification that provides participants with an understanding of the Catholic faith. For anyone interested in learning more about the CCRS qualification, please visit www.aec.rcaos.org.uk/ccrs for more information or contact ccrs@rcaos.org.uk

The Archbishop's Certificate (ArchCert):

is a two year online course for all in the Archdiocese of Southwark who wish to understand their faith in a more profound way and be able to share it with both confidence and joy. The course will commence on 7th October 2023 from 10am to 12pm. Please visit <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert> for more information.

Summer Break:

Please note the following groups will be closed for the summer break:

- ⇒ **Parent & Toddlers** - returns on Thursday 7th Sept.
- ⇒ **Senior Citizens** - returns on Thursday 5th October.
- ⇒ **Children's Liturgy** - returns on Sun 17th September.
- ⇒ **Youth Club** - returns on Friday 15th September.
- ⇒ **9:30am Choir** - returns on Sunday 10th September.

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, Mary Yeats, Catherine Yeats, Luca Buttaci, Kitty McVey, Rita Platel, Edward Alvares, Christine Henderson, Johnny Symmonds, Kathy Metcalf, Patricia Anderson, Irene McGrenra, Anthony Carter, Richard Sullivan, Joseph McGahren, John Heffron, Jim Cosgrove and Natalie Williams.**



NO SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE SLIPS THIS WEEK DUE TO THE SUMMER HOLIDAY