

Fisherman's Herald
The Twenty-Third Sunday of The Year (C) - 4th September 2022

St John Fisher Church

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



MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 3rd	6:00pm	Ellen Daly (Successful Recovery)
Sunday 4th	8:00am	People of The Parish
	9:30am	Patrick (Paddy) Loughran RIP (3rd Anniversary)
Twenty-Third Sunday (C)	11:00am	Desmond Byrne RIP
	6:30pm	Stefan Satora
Monday 5th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Trevor & Brenda Lobo
Tuesday 6th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Antonio Honorato & Anna Maria Fabiana Fernandes
Wednesday 7th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Austin Britto RIP
Thursday 8th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Leslie D'Sa
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
Friday 9th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Shirley Donoghue (Thanksgiving)
Saturday 10th	9:00am	Ann Shanahan RIP
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Confessions (Church)</i>
Saturday 10th	6:00pm	Agnes Vaz RIP
Sunday 11th	8:00am	Angela D'Silva RIP
	9:30am	People of The Parish
Twenty-Fourth Sunday (C)	11:00am	Mary Tully RIP
	Education Sunday 6:30pm	Pat Igoe RIP

Food Collection - Today:

This weekend we are collecting for Christian Care. They appreciate: Cereals, Biscuits, Crisps, Cooking Oil, Tins of Fish/Meat, Tins of Fruit, Lunch Box items and Toiletries.

Parish Business:

Monday 7pm-8pm. After a long spell of Covid, Parish Business will resume on 12th September

Confessions in September:

From the beginning of September, Saturday morning confessions will take place in the Church and not in the Hall. Time remains the same, 9:30-10:30am. Saturday evening confessions will resume on 10th September 2022 (venue will be communicated)

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.

Confirmation 2022: Saturday 19th November:

Thank you to all those who have registered for the Sacrament of Confirmation in November. The first parents meeting takes place on Monday 12th Sept. at 8pm in the hall. Please visit www.stjohnfishermerton.co.uk/confirmation.php for more information.

First Holy Communion - June 2023:

Thank you to all those who have registered for our First Holy Communion programme next year. The first meeting will be on Thursday 15th September at 8pm in the Church. There will be a service of enrolment on Sunday 25th September at the 9:30am Mass.

Funerals:

Please remember the families in your prayers.

Michael Cooke RIP:

Requiem Mass on Thursday 8th Sept at 12:30pm.

Pilar O'Toole RIP:

Requiem Mass on Wednesday 14th Sept. at 10:45am.

Antonietta Proto RIP:

Requiem Mass on Tuesday 20th Sept. at 12:30pm.

Church Attendance Slips - Return Next Week:

Church attendance slips will return next Sunday, 11th September.

Church Hall Hire:

If you would like to book our Church Hall, please contact Praetorium (our booking management company) www.lowcosthalls.co.uk

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.

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.

Apprenticeship at the Archdiocese of Southwark:

The Archdiocese of Southwark are seeking an apprentice to work within the Fundraising & Gift Aid team in their central offices (located Lambeth North). If you, or someone you know, would like to earn a level 3 Business Administrator Standard whilst working within a hardworking and passionate team, supporting the work of the Catholic Church in South London and Kent, please find out more by visiting: <https://www.rcaos.org.uk/fundraising/apprenticeship>

HELP Needed for St. John fisher school Eco Garden:

For a long time now SJF school have been trying to get off the ground a project to build an Eco garden on the grounds as place for the children and staff to enjoy and learn about gardening and helping to keep our planet healthy.

A small team from the PTFA are looking to kick start this but need some professional gardening help in particular to help with design and some of the more specialist areas. If you know any one who may be able to help particularly if they can do this at a reduced rate or even better pro Bono. Please get in touch with Victoria Brown 07843252717 or victoria_willmott@hotmail.com

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 3 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

Diocesan Day for Catechists - New Date:

The annual diocesan day for catechists has been rescheduled, it will now take place on **Sat. 12th Nov 2022**. New registration forms will be sent out in September ahead of the new date.

Mothers Prayers - Friday 9th September:

From 9:30am to 10am in the day chapel. All welcome.

Our Lady of Walsingham:

Pilgrimage to Walsingham on **Sat. 24th September**. Cost of coach travel is £30 per person. If you wish to participate in this pilgrimage, please sign up on the list at the back of Church. Payment can be made by cash or cheque (please make cheques payable to 'RCAS MERTON'). Please post payments through the presbytery letterbox as soon as possible.

St Bernadette Relic Tour - 2022

In September and October this year, the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage from Lourdes to England, Scotland, and Wales for the very first time. This very special once in a lifetime event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes in a church or cathedral near to their home. Please register your attendance choosing a free, dedicated timeslot at your chosen church or cathedral. The reservation system is now open and can be accessed at: stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour/

Over 60's Club:

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

Parent & Toddler Group:

Returns on Thursday 9th September from 9:30 to 11:30am in the Church hall.

RCIA Program-September 2022:

If you wish to register for the RCIA Program which begins in September, please go the Parish website:

http://www.stjohnfishermerton.co.uk/sacramental_life.php

All applications should be received by the 7th of September. 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.

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 and include a copy of the Baptism certificate.

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

SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE SLIPS RETURN NEXT WEEKEND