

Fisherman's Herald
The Second Sunday of Lent (A) - 5th March 2023
St John Fisher Church

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



MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 4th	6:00pm	Francis Saldanha
Sunday 5th	8:00am	Eileen Thompson - Wellbeing
Second Sunday of Lent (A)	9:30am	Deacon Fred Carter RIP (Staff at SJF School)
	11:00am	Francis Gracias RIP
	4:00pm	<i>Stations of The Cross</i>
	6:30pm	People of the Parish
Monday 6th	6:45am	James McCarthy
	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Laurence Lally (Wellbeing)
Tuesday 7th	6:45am	Alma Culleton
	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Mary Lally (Wellbeing)
Wednesday 8th	6:45am	Theresa Sterton
	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Karen Cummins RIP
	7:30pm	<i>Stations of The Cross</i>
Thursday 9th	6:45am	Deacon Fred Carter RIP
	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Adrian (Thanksgiving)
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
Friday 10th	6:45am	Canon Acton RIP
	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Eileen (Intentions)
Saturday 11th	9:00am	John Leneghan RIP
Saturday 11th	5:00-5:50pm	<i>Confessions (Day Chapel)</i>
	6:00pm	St Anthony (Thank you)
Sunday 12th Third Sunday of Lent (A)	8:00am	Peter Lepcha RIP
	9:30am	Karen Cummins RIP (nee Grimshaw)
	11:00am	Dorothy (Dot) Ridge
	2:00pm	<i>Prayer Service - Sr Catherine</i>
	4:00pm	<i>Stations of The Cross</i>
	6:30pm	People of the Parish

Parish Business:

Monday 6th March from 6pm-7pm.

CAFOD - Second Collection - This Weekend:

There is a second collection for CAFOD this weekend. **Friday was Family Fast Day.** Please return your envelope and support CAFOD's Family Fast Day. For more information or to donate online, please visit: www.cafod.org.uk/lent

Food Collection - Christian Care - Today:

This weekend we are collecting for Christian Care. They appreciate: Corned beef, Tinned ham, Hot Dogs, Sunflower oil, Biscuits, Toothpaste and Shower gel. *Please bring donations to the Hall before Mass.*

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. Please note that there be **NO** morning confessions on Saturday 11th and Saturday 18th March due to the first reconciliations.

Masses during Lent:

During Lent there will be two daily Masses on Monday to Friday, at 6.45am and at 9am.

Sister Catherine RIP:

Next SUNDAY 12th March @ 2pm Come along to a short Prayer service to keep alive the memory of dear Sr Catherine RIP. in Church or online at: www.churchservices.tv/merton

First Holy Communion 2023 Candidates:

First confessions for the Holy Communion candidates takes place on:
 Saturday 11th March at 10am - Group 1
 Saturday 18th March - Group 2

First Holy Communion Programme - June 2024:

Please download the registration form on our website to register for First Holy Communion next year (for those children currently in school year 2)
<http://www.stjohnfishermerton.co.uk/firstholymunion.php>

Confirmation - Saturday 11th November 2023:

Please download a registration form from www.stjohnfishermerton.co.uk/confirmation.php and return it to the parish office with a copy of the baptism certificate (for those currently in school year 7).

My Day by Day Lent Books:

Available from the back of Church, cost £1.

Stations of The Cross during Lent:

Wednesdays at 7:30pm and on Sundays at 4pm.

Lent Course:

During Lent a series of DVDs is being shown in the Church hall on Mondays at 7.30pm continuing on **Monday 6th March** lasting about an hour.

The first three will offer insights into the life and spirituality of St Paul by tracing his missionary journeys and how these impacted on his life and teachings.

Lenten lunch:

Join us in the parish hall for a Lenten lunch of soup and a roll, tea or coffee between noon and 2pm on Fridays in Lent. Any money raised will go to Wimbledon food bank. Lenten lunch dates **Friday 10th March**, Friday 17th March, Friday 24th March, Friday 31st March and Thursday 6th April.

Youth Club:

The next meeting is on Friday 10th March from 7:30pm-9pm in the hall for those in school year 6 and above.

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.

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.

Fairtrade fortnight:

Fairtrade fortnight is from 27th February to 12th March. Please support Fairtrade by buying Fairtrade products such as tea, coffee, sugar, chocolate and fruit. Fairtrade means workers' rights, safer working conditions and fairer pay. For shoppers it means high quality, ethically produced products



Father Luke - HCPT Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023:

Annual reunion of the Lourdes group on Saturday 18th March at Holy Cross Church, 46 North Street Carshalton, SM5 2JD, starting with Mass at 12:30pm.

If you are interested in joining the pilgrimage this year (date TBC), please contact Sandra Allen sandra@sfernandes.com or 07768080537.

Gift Aid envelopes:

Boxes of envelopes for the coming financial year are available at all Masses. If you are in the scheme, please collect yours from the table in the narthex. You will need to give your Gift Aid number which you can find on your current envelopes.

Over 60's Club:

Thursday 9th March from 1pm to 3pm in the Church hall, all welcome.

Legion of Mary:

A Legion of Mary Peregrinatio team will be working in our parish from the 3rd to 10th June 2023 visiting every door. Would you be willing to provide accommodation for them on a bed & breakfast basis for that week? The breakfast only needs to be simple. They will cover all their expenses. If you feel you can help, please contact Fr Matthias. Please pray for the success of the Peregrinatio, that many souls will come to encounter Christ or enter into a deeper encounter through this work of evangelisation.

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

Medjugorje Pilgrimage - 9th to 16th May 2023:

Jane Gracias is organising a pilgrimage to Medjugorje from the 9th to 16th May. If you are interested in joining the pilgrimage, please add your name to the sheet at the back of Church or contact Jane on 07915 697 340 or email jane.gracias@btinternet.com

A Day With Mary:

Saturday 1st April at St Dunstan's, Southborough, Kent. Please the poster on the church noticeboard or visit www.adaywithmary.org for more information.

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

Please remember in your prayers the sick and housebound of our parish **Michael Glynn, Anna Lusack, Malcolm Varran, Catherine Yeats, Giovanni Fugaccia, James Johnson, 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 and John Heffron.**



PLEASE COMPLETE A SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE SLIP
(SLIPS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF CHURCH FOR THOSE IN SCHOOL YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6)