

Fisherman's Herald

The Thirty-First Sunday of the Year (A) - 5th November 2023

St John Fisher Church

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



MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 4th	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	6:00pm	Deceased Members of Aguiar & Fernandes Families
Sunday 5th <i>Thirty-First Sunday (A)</i>	8:00am	Deceased Members of Savini Family
	9:30am	Helen O'Keeffe RIP
	11:00am	Georgina Lobo RIP Anniversary
	6:30pm	People of the Parish
Monday 6th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Holy Souls Kate Colthup (Wellbeing)
Tuesday 7th <i>The Dedication of the Cathedral Church of Saint George</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Antonio, Maria, Jeremias & Justina Noronha
		Sally McGettigan RIP
Wednesday 8th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Deceased Members of Tully & McKay Family Patrick Devers RIP
	9:30am	<i>Legion of Mary (Day Chapel)</i>
Thursday 9th <i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Marcella - Thanksgiving Sid Miles RIP
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
Friday 10th <i>St Leo the Great</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	O'Meara & Treacy Faily and Friends RIP Joshua (Intentions)
Saturday 11th <i>St Martin of Tours, Bishop</i>	NO 9AM	MASS
	10:00am	Confirmation
Saturday 11th Sunday 12th <i>Thirty-Second Sunday (A)</i> <i>Remembrance Day</i>	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	6:00pm	Tim Daly RIP
	8:00am	Renato & Soriana Satti RIP Anniversary
	9:30am	People of the Parish
	11:00am	Dead of the Two World Wars
	Noon	<i>Prayer Service Sr Catherine RIP</i>
	6:30pm	Michael Dooley RIP

Holy Souls - November - Month of Remembrance:

Cards and envelopes are available at the back of the Church for parishioners. You write the names of your deceased relatives and friends on the card and put your offering for the Holy Souls in the envelopes. The names of the Holy Souls have been placed before the Altar and will be remembered during the month of November.

Christmas Gifts for Jesus:

We are organising Christmas gifts for Baby Jesus. On behalf of yourself, your family and in memory of your dear ones, you are free to donate any of these Liturgical vessels to Jesus this Christmas: **Chalice, Ciborium, Altar Candle Holders, Sanctuary Candle Holder, Thurible and Incense Boat, Holy Oil Containers for Baptism, Tray with Cruets.** Please speak with any of the priests.

Rite of Election - Confirmation Candidates:

At the 9:30am Mass today.

Tea / Coffee - After 8am Mass Today:

Today, and on the first Sunday of every month there will be Tea/Coffee served in the Church Hall after the 8am Sunday Mass. Everyone welcome.

Food Collection - Faith in Action - This Weekend:

This weekend, we are collecting for Faith in Action. They appreciate:

Cereal Bars and Protein Bars, Multi-packs of Crisps, Multi-packs of small Juice, Cartons, Sugar, Small ring-pull tins of Sardines, Mackerel fillets, Tins of corned beef, Jars of Jam and Peanut Butter.

Please bring donations to the hall before Mass.

Blessing of Graves - Sunday 5th November at 3pm:

There will be a short service outside the chapel at the Merton and Sutton Joint Cemetery in Garth Road. Following it, clergy will be available to bless individual graves of any relatives or friends of parishioners who are buried there or in the Morden Cemetery/Crematorium. Those who visit a cemetery between 1st and 8th November and pray for the faithful departed may obtain a plenary indulgence applicable to the holy souls.

Parish Business:

Monday 6th November 7pm to 8pm.

Confirmation Ceremony – Saturday 11th November:

Canon Gerard Bradley, the Episcopal Vicar of the Southwest Area will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation in our Parish on Saturday 11th November at 10am. Please note that there will be no 9am Mass or morning Confessions on that day.

There will be a Confirmation practice on Tuesday 7th November at 7pm in the Church. All candidates and their sponsors should attend this important practice.

Repository - Today - 5th November:

The repository will be open today before and after 9.30 Mass and during the Confirmation rehearsal on Tuesday 7th November. Cash and all credit cards are accepted.

Sister Catherine RIP - Prayer Service:

Sunday 12th November after the 11am Mass: Prayer service to keep alive the memory Sr Catherine RIP.

Funerals:

Please remember the families in your prayers.

Victor Pierson RIP:

Funeral Service - Tuesday 7th November at 11am.

Maria Rodgers RIP:

Requiem Mass - Monday 13th November at 12:30pm.

Archbishop's Appeal 2nd Collection - 11th/12th Nov:

The Archbishop's Appeal is a Diocesan second collection that funds key areas of ministry: Youth and Evangelisation, Our Faith in Action (Caritas) and Clergy Care and Formation. Your support will enable the Archdiocese of Southwark to support innovative projects taking place within Catholic parishes and Schools throughout South London and Kent that seek to invest Faith, Hope and Love into the communities they serve. Please be generous to the Archbishop's Appeal 2023. Every gift is welcome. Find out more, or donate online:

www.rcaos.org.uk/archbishops-appeal or:

- Scan QR Code using telephone camera (right)
- Telephone weekdays 9 am – 5 pm: 020 7960 2504
- Cash / Cheque – please use the Archbishop's Appeal envelopes at the back of church.

Thank you for your generosity of heart.

NEW Post - Confirmation Programme:

Our parish Alpha Youth course begins on Sunday 3rd December and continues on Sun 10th and Sun 17th Dec in the parish hall from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Ten further sessions will take place in the Spring 2024 term. The programme is free and aims to create a vibrant, active section of the parish in which the children feel part of and can contribute to. More information on the course content can be found on the Alpha website at www.alpha.org.uk Please download a registration form from our website and return to the parish office if your child would like to attend ASAP: www.stjohnfishermerton.co.uk/alpha-youth-course-reply-slip-2023.pdf

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.

Father Matthias Kizito:

Fr Matthias' farewell mass is on Saturday 13th January at 6pm followed by a party in the parish hall. If you wish to contribute to the parish gift, envelopes are available at the back of Church or you can donate at <https://donate.myдона.com/st-john-fisher-rc-church>

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

Time & Talents - Volunteers Appeal:

Your parish of St John Fisher, Merton needs YOU and your talents and time! Please pick up a form as you leave Church if you are able to help.

Parish Volunteers Get Together - Thurs 23rd Nov:

Father Francis would like to invite all who are actively involved in the work and activities of the parish, to a get together in the hall after the 6pm Mass, to enjoy some food and wine. This is a way of saying: 'Thank you' to all volunteers. Please add your name to the list at the back of Church if you are able to attend.

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.

A Day With Mary:

- Saturday 16th December, St George's Cathedral, SE1
Please see posters on Church noticeboard for more information or visit: www.adaywithmary.org

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 **Kate Colthup, Ravi Aumeerun, Richard Skeehan, Ceris Cook, Charles & Anna Lusack, Grant Cozens, Malcolm Varran, Catherine Yeats, Luca Buttaci, Kitty McVey, Rita Platel, Edward Alvares, Christine Henderson, Johnny Symmonds, 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 HALF TERM HOLIDAY