

Fisherman's Herald

The Transfiguration of the Lord - 6th August 2023

St John Fisher Church

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Parish Office: **Closed during school holidays**



MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 5th	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	6:00pm	Lionel Paul RIP Anniversary
Sunday 6th <i>The Transfiguration of The Lord</i>	8:00am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	Jennifer Grewer RIP (2nd Anniversary)
	11:00am	Thanksgiving to friends and relatives of Francis Gracias RIP
	6:30pm	Dr Lawrence John Lobo
Monday 7th	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Cynthia Crowe RIP
Tuesday 8th <i>St Dominic, Priest</i>	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Paul Patrick D'Sa RIP
Wednesday 9th <i>St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross [Edith Stein], Virgin & Martyr</i>	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Dawid Syjud (9th Birthday)
Thursday 10th <i>St Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr</i>	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Jane & Francis Gracias
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
Friday 11th <i>St Clare, Virgin</i>	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Ryan (Intentions)
Saturday 12th	9:00am	Janet Fernandes RIP
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
Saturday 12th	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	6:00pm	Clyde Tong RIP
Sunday 13th <i>Nineteenth Sunday (A)</i>	8:00am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	Helen Daly RIP
	11:00am	Stewart James Finch RIP
	6:30pm	Robin Fuentes

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.

Food Collection - Today:

This weekend we are collecting for the Wimbledon Foodbank.



They appreciate: Long Life / UHT Milk, Tinned Soups, Tinned Vegetables, Pasta Sauce, Rice Pudding / Custard. *Please bring donations to the Church hall before Mass.*

Parish Business:

No parish business this week.

Parish Office:

The parish office is closed until the end of August. If you need to speak to a priest urgently please call 02085426355

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.

Confirmation - Saturday 11th November 2023 and First Holy Communion Programme - June 2024:

Applications for Confirmation in November 2023 and Holy Communion in June 2024 have now closed. If you have registered for either of these programmes you should have received an email to confirm that your child has been allocated a place. Please contact the parish office if you have applied but not received an email.

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:

Please see posters on the Church noticeboard or visit www.adaywithmary.org for more information.

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

Love Heals Body Mind & Spirit Ministry:

Welcome you to come to a half-day Retreat of quiet Reflection at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Edge Hill, Wimbledon, SW19 4LU

Saturday 12th July 2023 10:30am – 1:00pm

Christian Care - Vacancy:

After more than 45 years volunteering with Christian CARE, including in leading roles, our CARE Coordinator Gillian Thick will be stepping down at the end of the year. We are looking for two leaders with a real concern for, and some experience of, working alongside those in poverty. These are key roles in the charity as the CARE Coordinator and Assistant CARE Coordinator will have overall supervision of all volunteers and will be the first point of contact for many clients. Each role will take the equivalent of 2 days a week, but with flexibility to meet personal requirements. For more information please see the leaflets available at the back of the church or visit: <https://christiancaremerton.org.uk>

Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion in Our Parishes, Schools and Communities Seminar:

This seminar will take place at the **Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Southwark, from 9.30am to 4.00pm on Saturday 28 October 2023.** You are all welcomed to this archdiocesan initiative by the *Commission for Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion chaired by Canon Victor Darlington, Episcopal Vicar for the Southeast.* On the day there will be contributions from a range of speakers, including the Most Reverend John Wilson, the Metropolitan Archbishop of Southwark. For more information and registration, please use this link or scan the QR Code above; <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/commission-for-promoting-racial-and-cultural-inclusion/what-we-do/>. Or write us: racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk. Please join us for a stimulating and hope-filled day of discussion. Registration is FREE.

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children:

SPUC needs volunteers to help with labelling and packing letters and other office duties at their HQ office in Kennington, London. Suit all aged 16 and above. Lunch is provided and fares will be refunded. Please contact Elizabeth Foody 02070917091 or lizfoody@spuc.org.uk

Praying for you all to have a joyful and refreshing Summer holiday - The Parish Clergy

Please remember in your prayers the sick and housebound of our parish **Victor Pierson, Roberto Mendoza, Ravi Ameerun, Richard Skeehan, Ceris Cook, Anna Lusack, Grant Cozens, Malcolm Varran, 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.**

Church Attendance Slips - Term Time Only:

Church attendance slips return on 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

Southwark Justice & Peace Commission

Autumn Assembly:

23rd September 2023 at St Edmund Catholic Church, Beckenham. Mass 10am continuing 10.20am in the parish hall. Entitled 'The Right to Stay: Free to Choose'.

Entrance free. Lunch provided. Everyone welcome.

Keynote speaker Bishop Paul McAleenan.

To reserve a place email justiceandpeace@rcaos.org

Our Lady Queen of Peace - Walsingham Pilgrimage:

Monday 28th August 2023 from 1.15pm to 5:30pm at the Catholic National Shrine led by Fr Zvonimir Pavičić OFM parish priest of St James, Medjugorje

Our Lady Queen of Peace - Evening of Prayer:

Wednesday 30th August 2023 6:30pm to 9:30pm at St Patrick's Church, 21A Soho Square, W1D 4N

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



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