

**Fisherman's Herald**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter (A) - 7th May 2023**

**St John Fisher Church**

**207 Cannon Hill Lane, Merton, London, SW20 9DB.**  
Tel: **020 8542 6355** Email: [merton@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:merton@rcaos.org.uk)  
[www.stjohnfishermerton.co.uk](http://www.stjohnfishermerton.co.uk)

Part of the R. C. Archdiocese of Southwark Charity No: 1173050

Fr Matthias Kizito, Fr Francis Nonyelu, Deacon Tom Kavanagh

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



**MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK**

<b>Saturday 6th</b>	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions ( <i>Confessional</i> )
	6:00pm	George & Leonilda Hills RIP Anniversary
<b>Sunday 7th</b>	8:00am	Daniel McKay RIP Anniversary
	9:30am	People of The Parish
<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>	11:00am	Anne & Margaret Jennings
	4:00pm	<i>Procession &amp; Crowning of Our Lady</i>
	6:30pm	Canon Acton RIP
<b>Monday 8th</b> <b>Bank Holiday</b>	9:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	<b>10:00am</b>	Fr David Gummett Thanksgiving
<b>Tuesday 9th</b>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Beatrice Acton RIP Michael Glynn RIP
<b>Wednesday 10th</b>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Derek Kean RIP Nelson Crispin (Intentions)
<b>Thursday 11th</b>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Aluriano RIP Maria Addeh
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
<b>Friday 12th</b>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Marie Lourde Chedembrun Jose Alfredo Crispin (Intentions)
<b>Saturday 13th</b>	9:00am	Neil (Intentions)
	No Confessions	( <i>First Holy Communion Candidates - 2nd Confessions at 10am</i> )
<b>Saturday 13th</b>	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions ( <i>Confessional</i> )
	6:00pm	Laura & Joshua (Happy Marriage)
<b>Sunday 14th</b> <b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>	8:00am	Michael Glynn RIP
	9:30am	People of The Parish
	11:00am	Year 11 RE GCSE Students (From Talissa)
	2:00pm	<i>Prayer Service (Sr Catherine)</i>
	6:30pm	Philomena Canavan RIP

**May Marian Procession in honour of Our Lady:**

There will be a Procession and Crowning of her Statue today **Sunday 7th May at 4pm.**


**Bank Holiday - Monday 8th May:**

Please note that Mass will be at 10am due to the bank holiday.

**Parish Business:**

No parish business this week.

**Food Collection - Wimbledon Foodbank - Today:**

This weekend we are collecting for the Wimbledon Foodbank. They appreciate: Carrier bags, Cup-a-soups / chunky soups, Sweets / chocolate  treats, Crisps for packed lunches, "mug shot" / "pasta n sauce" micro meals, Rice / microwaveable rice, Ketchup / table sauces, Tinned meats, Tinned vegetable, Tinned fruit / dried fruit, Tinned tomatoes / pasta sauces, Long life fruit juice / squash, Jam / sandwich spreads, Tinned rice pudding / custard.

Please bring donations to the hall before Mass.

**King Charles III Coronation Street Party - 8th May:**

We are holding a street party for all our parishioners and the local community on **Bank Holiday Monday, 8th May** from **1pm-5pm** in the church car park. **No invitation required.** Please come and bring your family and friends. We will provide the tables and chairs, just bring a picnic!



There will be music (from our very own DJ Canute) and lots of activities for the children. Beer/Wine and Soft drinks will be available to purchase from the bar and Tea/Coffee/Cake and Ice Cream will also be on sale.

**\*\* We welcome donations of Cakes/Cupcakes to sell at our street party. Please bring donations to the hall on Monday morning from 10am. \*\***

**Confirmation - Saturday 11th November 2023:**

Please download a registration form from [www.stjohnfishermerton.co.uk/confirmation.php](http://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). **Closing date for applications is Sunday 28th May.**

**Funerals:**

Please remember the families in your prayers.

**Alan Cross RIP:**

Requiem Mass on Friday 12th May at 11am.

**Giovanni Fugaccia RIP:**

Requiem Mass on Monday 15th May at 12 noon.

**Mary Cole RIP:**

Requiem Mass on Thursday 25th May at 12 noon.

**Cuthbert Alphonse RIP:**

Requiem Mass on Friday 26th May at 12:30pm.

### **First Holy Communion Candidates - June 2023:**

Rite of Election for first holy communion candidates next Sunday 14th May at the 9:30am Mass.

### **Confessions:**

Confessions now take place in the Confessional.

### **2nd Confessions - First Holy Communion Candidates:**

Saturday 13th May for those in Group 1 at 10am and on Saturday 20th May at 10am for those in Group 2.

### **Over 60's Club:**

Thursday 11th May from 1-3pm in the Church hall.

### **Sr Catherine RIP:**

Come along and Join us for a short Prayer service (about 30 minutes) to keep alive her memory. Next SUNDAY 14th May 2023 @ 2pm and every 2nd Sunday of the month.

### **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.

### **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/firstholycommunion.php>

**Closing date for applications is Sunday 11th June.**

### **Holy Spirit Novena:**

The parish Novena to the Holy Spirit begins on Friday 19th May and concludes on Saturday 27th May 2023, from 7:30pm - Novena prayers before the Blessed Sacrament. There will be Mass of the Holy Spirit after the novena on weekdays of the 9 days.

### **Canon Acton RIP - Memorial Stone:**

We will soon be placing an order for a memorial stone in memory of Canon Acton. The stone will be installed on the front wall of the Church next to the existing memorial stone for Canon O'Donnell. The cost of the stone will be approx. £1500. We welcome any contributions towards the cost of this memorial. Donations can be made by cash/cheque (payable to 'RCAS Merton') please mark envelopes 'Memorial Stone' and post to the parish office. You can also make payments by card using the contactless machine in Church (please ensure you select 'Fundraising' on the payment screen).

### **Legion of Mary:**

There is a change in the dates when the Legion of Mary Peregrinatio team will be visiting our parish, not from the 3rd June - 10th June as previously scheduled but from the 10th - 17th June.

### **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](mailto: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 on the poster at the back of Church or the Hall.
4. Donate to our parish justgiving page:

**[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-john-fisher-merton](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-john-fisher-merton)**

### **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.

### **Christian Care Merton:**

Christian Care Merton are looking to recruit volunteer drivers to take and collect families to Butlins, Bognor Regis and teenagers to and from summer camps. We are specifically looking at - 31st July 3rd, 4th, 6th and 7th August from Merton to Wokingham or Bognor Regis. It should only be one journey. There are also opportunities to help with other transport needs during the year if you want but not compulsory. If you are able to help please email [canute.daguiar@christiancaremerton.org.uk](mailto:canute.daguiar@christiancaremerton.org.uk) or call 07944 692920 for further information.

**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.** **Catholic Chaplains** at ST GEORGE'S, Tooting, their number is: **020 8725 3069** email [catholicchaplains@stgeorges.nhs.uk](mailto:catholicchaplains@stgeorges.nhs.uk)

Please remember in your prayers the sick and housebound of our parish **Roberto Mendoza, Ravi Aumeerun, Richard Skeehan, Ceris Cook, Diana Maginnis, Anna Lusack, Malcolm Varran, Catherine Yeats, 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, John Heffron, Jim Cosgrove and Natalie Williams.**



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