

Fisherman's Herald

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday of the Year (A) - 8th October 2023

St John Fisher Church

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



MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 7th	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	6:00pm	Clarence Fernandes RIP
Sunday 8th <i>Twenty-Seventh Sunday (A)</i> <i>Day of Prayer for Prisoners & their Families</i>	8:00am	Marlene Saldanha RIP
	9:30am	People of the Parish
	11:00am	Mr Francis Gracias RIP
	Noon	<i>Sister Catherine RIP</i> <i>Prayer Service</i>
	6:30pm	Maureen O'Donnell RIP
Monday 9th <i>St John Henry Newman, Priest</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Thanksgiving
	11:00am	<i>Requiem: Kathy Metcalfe RIP</i>
Tuesday 10th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Dr Lawrence John & Sophia Lobo & Children
Wednesday 11th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Mrs Kathleen Conroy RIP
	9:30am	<i>Legion of Mary (Day Chapel)</i>
Thursday 12th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Jan Pawel Syjud & Ana Irene Crispin (10th Wedding Anniversary)
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
Friday 13th <i>St Edward the Confessor, King</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Bernard Moran RIP (13th Anniversary)
Saturday 14th	9:00am	Daniel Hickey RIP Anniversary
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
Saturday 14th	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	6:00pm	John and Betty Gleeson RIP
Sunday 15th <i>Twenty-Eighth Sunday (A)</i>	8:00am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	Catharine Williams (Wellbeing)
	11:00am	Domnic Fernandes RIP
	6:30pm	Daniele Maestri RIP (30th Anniversary)

The Rosary In October:

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. Those who recite five decades of the Rosary in church, or a family, or as a group may gain a plenary indulgence daily. You can also recite daily the Litany of Loreto and the Prayer to Saint Joseph.

Harvest Collection For Foodbank - 7th-8th Oct:

This weekend there is a special Harvest Food collection for the Wimbledon Foodbank.

They appreciate: Long Life Food, Dried, Tinned and Packaged e.g. Long Life Milk, Soup - (Big/Chunky, Cup-a-Soup), Breakfast Cereals, Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Tomatoes, Rice.



Please bring donations to the hall before Mass.

Legion of Mary:

Meetings continue on Wednesday 11th October 2023 at 9:30am in the Day Chapel.

Parish Business:

Monday 9th October 7pm to 8pm.

CAFOD - Harvest Fast Day:

Friday 6th October was family fast day. Please return your offerings as soon as possible.

Church Parade:

At the 9:30am Mass next Sunday.

Confirmation Candidates:

Presentation of the Our Father to the Confirmation candidates at the 9:30am Mass next Sunday, 15th Oct.

RCIA Program - September 2023:

The RCIA program for adults who wish to be baptised or receive any of the Sacraments of Christian Initiation continues on Tuesday 10th October at 7:30pm in the presbytery.

Father Francis Nonyelu - Mass of Induction:

The Mass of Induction Mass for Father Francis Nonyelu as the new parish priest will take place on **Thursday 19th October 2023 at 6:30pm**. A reception and entertainment will follow in the church hall. Bishop Philip Moger, the new Auxiliary Bishop of Southwark Archdiocese will preside at the Holy Mass.

Friends of LIFE - Baby Loss Awareness:

October brings a period of Baby Loss Awareness. There is a prayer space in a side chapel for those who have lost babies before, during or after birth, to remember & pray

Funeral:

Please remember the family in your prayers.

Kathy Metcalfe RIP:

Requiem Mass on Monday 9th October at 11am.

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.

Sister Catherine RIP:

Prayer service to keep alive the memory Sr Catherine RIP after the 11am Mass today. (Approx 12 noon) Advance Notice 4th Anniversary Mass 8th December @ 7.00pm.

NEW Post - Confirmation Programme:

Our parish Alpha Youth course begins on Sunday 3rd December and continues on Sunday 10th and Sunday 17th December 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 by 10th October: <http://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.

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 at anytime and include a copy of the Baptism certificate. You will be contacted when the form is ready for collection.

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.

Wimbledon College vacancy:

Full-time Finance Officer - Further information available on the school website www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk under 'about us'/'job opportunities' or apply by online application form via eteach website. Application closing date: 10am on Wednesday 11th October 2023.

Parent & Toddler Group:

Helpers needed for setting up and clearing away on Thursday Mornings (9:30am to 11:30am in the Church Hall).

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

Michael Dooley RIP:

The Dooley family would like to express sincere gratitude to Parishioners for the generous donations made to the Care Ministry following the death of Michael Dooley. A total of £920 was received, which will go a long way to improving the lives of orphaned and vulnerable children in the Eastern Cape of South Africa. The monies raised will enable the purchase of a vehicle (scooter) that will assist the nurses in transporting medications and food to those in need. It will also allow for the purchase of much needed resources for our homework and trauma support clubs. Thank you for your generosity and ongoing prayer support of the project

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.mydona.com/st-john-fisher-rc-church>

5th Morden Scouts - Quiz Night Saturday 14th Oct:

St John Fisher Church Hall at 7:30pm. Email jakioneillford@yahoo.co.uk for tickets and more details (Tickets £6).

Justice & Peace Group:

Afternoon tea will be served on Saturday 14th October 3-5pm at 22 Aylward Rd. £6 each Proceeds to Aid to the Church in Need.

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 **Victor Pierson, Ravi Aumeerun, Richard Skeehan, Ceris Cook, 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.**



PLEASE COMPLETE A SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE SLIP

(SLIPS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF CHURCH FOR THOSE IN SCHOOL YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6)