

# Fisherman's Herald

## The Fourteenth Sunday of the Year (A) - 9th July 2023

**St John Fisher Church**

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

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



### MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

<b>Saturday 8th</b>	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions ( <i>Confessional</i> )
	6:00pm	Joey (Intentions)
<b>Sunday 9th</b> <i>Fourteenth Sunday (A)</i>  <i>Sea Sunday</i>	8:00am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	Thanksgiving from the Glynn Family
	11:00am	John & Elizabeth Flynn RIP
	Noon	<i>Prayer Service - Sr Catherine</i>
<b>Monday 10th</b>	6:30pm	Catherine & John Grace RIP (Anniversary)
	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Deacon Fred Carter RIP  Jacinta Macris (Wellbeing)
<b>Tuesday 11th</b> <i>St Benedict, Abbot</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Celia McQuade RIP  Helen Daly RIP
<b>Wednesday 12th</b>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Alice Maria & Victor DeSouza  Helen Purton (Wellbeing)
<b>Thursday 13th</b>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Michael Bruton RIP  Anne Delaney RIP
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
<b>Friday 14th</b>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Thanksgiving  Geraldine Human RIP
<b>Saturday 15th</b> <i>St Bonaventure, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church</i>	9:00am	Conroy Family
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions ( <i>Confessional</i> )
<b>Saturday 15th</b>  <b>Sunday 16th</b> <i>Fifteenth Sunday (A)</i>	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions ( <i>Confessional</i> )
	6:00pm	Patricia Josephine Benn RIP
	8:00am	Deceased Members of Wilson Family
	9:30am	People of the Parish
	11:00am	Margaret Clancy RIP
	6:30pm	Bill Johnson RIP

### Parish Business:

Parish business on Monday 10th July from 7pm to 8pm.

### Talkabout:

Our parish magazine is available to download from our website. Copies are also available at the back of Church. Suggested donation of £1 towards printing costs is much appreciated.

### Church Parade - Today:

At the 9:30am Mass for the uniform groups.

### Stella Maris Second Collection - This Weekend:

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health. Sea Sunday is Sunday 9th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate), or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) to continue its important work - so please give generously. Thank you.

### Prayer Service - Sister Catherine RIP:

Join us for a short Prayer service to keep alive her memory. Today, SUNDAY 9th July 2023 soon after the 11am Mass. There will be no Prayer service in August.

### 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](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 will 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.

### The Wimbledon Friends of LIFE Group:

thank all those who completed the London 10 Bridges Walk in record temperatures last Sunday. We also thank all our sponsors, and will be collecting promised donations shortly.

**Over 60's Club:**

Thursday 13th July from 1-3pm in the Church hall.

**Funeral:**

Please remember the family in your prayers.

**John Davis RIP:**

Requiem Mass on Tuesday 25th July at 12 noon.

**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.

**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](http://www.sanctafamilia.co.uk)

**Wimbledon College - Job Vacancies:**

- PA to Headteacher (with HR) vacancy.
- Finance Admin Officer

Further information at: [www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk](http://www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk)



**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>

Please remember in your prayers the sick and housebound of our parish **Victor Pierson, Roberto Mendoza, 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, Kathy Metcalf, Patricia Anderson, Irene McGrenra, Anthony Carter, Charles Ducker, Richard Sullivan, Joseph McGahren, John Heffron, Jim Cosgrove and Natalie Williams.**

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

**A Day with Mary:**

Please see posters on the Church noticeboard or visit [www adaywithmary.org](http://www adaywithmary.org) for more information.

**Fatima & Lisbon Pilgrimage:**

2nd to 7th Oct 2023. Please see poster on Church noticeboard or visit [www.stpeterspilgrimages.com](http://www.stpeterspilgrimages.com)

**Padre Pio Pilgrimage:**

San Giovanni Rotondo - 22nd - 26th Sept 2023

Please see poster on Church noticeboard or visit [www.stpeterspilgrimages.com](http://www.stpeterspilgrimages.com) for more information.

**Catholic Association Lourdes Pilgrimage:**

18th to 25th August 2023. For more information visit [www.catholicassociation.co.uk](http://www.catholicassociation.co.uk)

**Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage:**

23rd September, 3pm, at St George's Cathedral. If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + wedding anniversary this year, please contact the parish office as soon as possible so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during the Mass. Spaces are limited.

**Pilgrimage to Medjugorje - 17th to 24th Sept. 2023:**

Flying from Gatwick to Split (Pilgrims will need to arrange their own flights). Accommodation in Medjugorje is Half Board in shared accommodation 275 Euros pp which includes transport to/from Split Airport. Transfers to/from Gatwick Airport are not included. If you are interested in joining us please contact Jane Gracias on 0791569734.

**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](mailto:catholicchaplains@stgeorges.nhs.uk)

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