

Fisherman's Herald
The Twenty-Eighth Sunday of The Year (C) - 9th October 2022
St John Fisher Church

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



MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 8th	6:00pm	Sister Catherine RIP
Sunday 9th	8:00am	People of The Parish
Twenty-Eighth Sunday (C) <i>Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their Families</i>	9:30am	Melba Hall - Birthday
	11:00am	Frank & Joseph Lally RIP
	2:00pm	Prayer Service - Sr Catherine
	6:30pm	Baby Loss Remembrance
Monday 10th	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Dr Lawrence John & Sophia Lobo & Children
		Irene McGrenra
Tuesday 11th	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Edward Platel RIP Gerry Mulholland RIP Anniv.
Wednesday 12th	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Daniel Hickey RIP
		Peter Raw RIP
Thursday 13th <i>St Edward the Confessor, King</i>	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Bernard Moran RIP (12th Anniversary) Michael & Kate Igoe RIP
	9:30-10:30am	Weekly Adoration
Friday 14th	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	John & Betty Gleeson RIP Christopher Deane RIP
Saturday 15th <i>St Teresa of Jesus (of Avila) Virgin & Doctor of the Church</i>	9:00am	Domnic Fernandes RIP
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions (Day Chapel)
Saturday 15th	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (Day Chapel)
	6:00pm	Daniele Maestri RIP Anniv.
Sunday 16th Twenty-Ninth Sunday (C)	8:00am	People of The Parish
	9:30am	Dr Antonio Noronha & Leoncdia Fernandes
	11:00am	Cecilia & Stan Imber RIP
	6:30pm	Daniel & Alice Hickey RIP

Baby Loss Remembrance:

Throughout October there will be a Baby Loss Memorial in Church to commemorate the lives of those lost before, during, or shortly after birth for any reason. The memorial space includes prayer cards, as well as details of support services for anyone who needs them. A prayer will be said at all Sunday Masses in October and a special Mass will be said today, **Sunday 9th October at 6.30 pm** for all affected by baby loss.



Prayer Service - Sister Catherine RIP:

Join us for a short Prayer service - about 30 minutes to keep alive the memory of Sr Catherine today, **Sunday 9th October @ 2pm** and every 2nd Sunday of the month. Or join us online at <https://www.churchservices.tv/merton>. Call 020 8543 7721 or 07944 692920 for further details. 3rd Anniversary Mass on the evening of Thursday 8th December.

Daily Rosary:

There is a daily rosary (Monday to Friday) at 8:30am. If you are able to lead the rosary even if just for one day a week, please sign up at the back of Church.

Parish Business:

Monday 10th October from 7pm to 8pm.

Confessions in the Day Chapel:

Confessions now take place in the Day Chapel. Times remain the same: Saturday morning from 9:30am to 10:30am and Saturday evening from 5:00pm to 5:50pm.

RCIA Program - 2022:

If you wish to register for the RCIA Program, please go the Parish website: <http://www.stjohnfishermerton.co.uk/sacramental-life.php> The program is meant for adults who wish to be baptized or receive any of the Sacraments of Christian Initiation, i.e., Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation.

Prisoners' Sunday:

Today is Prisoners' Sunday. Envelopes are available at the back of Church for donations.

CAFOD Envelopes:

Friday 7th October was CAFOD Harvest fast day. Please return your family fast day envelopes as soon as possible.

Bishop Howard Tripp RIP:

Bishop Howard Tripp sadly passed away on Monday 3rd October. We remember with gratitude all the work he did in our Parish, first as the Area Bishop of the Southwest Pastoral Area, and then after his retirement when he was residing at St. Catherine's Close. The details of his funeral will be communicated soon. May his soul rest in peace

Funerals:

Please remember the families in your prayers.

Eileen Bethell RIP:

Requiem Mass on Thursday 13th October. at 12:30pm.

John Baldacchino RIP:

Requiem Mass on Friday 14th October. at 12:30pm.

Parish Advisory Council Meeting:

The next meeting for members of the PAC takes place on Monday 17th October at 7:30pm in the hall.

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.

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 to use your weekly gift aid envelopes
3. Donate on our website or scan the QR code which can be found on the poster at the back of Church or in the Hall.
4. Donate to our parish justgiving page:

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-john-fisher-merton

Thanksgiving Celebration for Parish Volunteers:

Saturday 29th October after the 6pm Mass in the hall. The clergy of our parish invite any volunteers who help our parish in any way to this thanksgiving celebration: Mass Servers, Sacristans, Stewards, Cleaners, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Collectors, Counters, Church decorators, Catechists, Uniform group leaders, those involved in the children's liturgy, toddler and senior citizens group, those who help with the maintenance of our Church and grounds and members of parish groups such as Justice & Peace and SVP are all welcome. Please add your name to the list at the back of Church if you are able to attend.

First Holy Communion Clothing - Request for Help:

St Vincent's Parish in Hull are looking for any white first holy communion dresses or boys suits that could be given to children whose families can not afford to buy them. If you have any first communion dresses/suits/shoes etc that you no longer need, please consider donating them to St. Vincent's for their children to wear. Items can be dropped off at the presbytery. Please email the parish office merton@rcaos.org.uk if you have any questions.

Over 60's Club:

Thursday 13th October from 1pm to 3pm in the Church hall, all welcome.

Confirmation - November 2022:

Presentation of the Our Father to the Confirmation candidates at the 9:30am Mass next Sunday, 16th October.

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. 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.

Novena for Home Mission:

Following on from Home Mission Sunday all parishioners are being invited by the Archdiocese to pray a Novena for the return of people who have yet to come back to church. Novena Cards can be found at the back of the church.

Diocesan Day for Catechists - Saturday 12th Nov:

The annual diocesan day for catechists will take place on **Sat. 12th Nov 2022** Amigo Hall and St George's Cathedral, starting with registration from 10.00am and ending with Mass at 4pm. This event is for all the catechists of the Archdiocese. Please email the parish office by Monday 31st October if you are able to attend so that we can complete the registration process.

St John Fisher Youth Club:

Friday 4th November from 7:30pm to 9pm in the hall for school year 6 and above.

INFANT BAPTISMS: First Sunday of the month at 3pm. 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

Please remember in your prayers the sick and housebound of our parish : **Canon Acton, Giovanni Fugaccia, Deacon Fred Carter, James Johnson, Tony Brook, Maura Chubbra, Luca Buttaci, Kitty McVey, Rita Platel, Teresa Daly, Edward Alvares, Christine Henderson, Naomi Whetton, Johnny Symmonds, Kathy Metcalf, Patricia Anderson, Jenny Ryan, Ave (Eve) Leccacorvi, Irene McGrenra, Anthony Carter, Charles Ducker, Richard Sullivan, Joseph McGahren, Tommy & John Heffron.**

