

# Fisherman's Herald

## The Twenty-Third Sunday of the Year (A) - 10th September 2023

**St John Fisher Church**

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Fr Francis Nonyelu, Fr Joseph Edem, Deacon Tom Kavanagh

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



### MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

<b>Saturday 9th</b>	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions ( <i>Confessional</i> )
	6:00pm	Manuel & Jose Manuel Torres
<b>Sunday 10th</b> <i>Twenty-Third Sunday (A)</i> <i>Education Day</i>	8:00am	Father Francis Nonyelu
	9:30am	People of The Parish
	11:00am	Mrs Connie Saldanha
	Noon	<i>Sister Catherine Prayer Service</i>
	6:30pm	John Dias RIP
<b>Monday 11th</b>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Angela D'Silva
<b>Tuesday 12th</b>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Sally McGettigan RIP
<b>Wednesday 13th</b> <i>St John Chrysostom, Bishop</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Eliane Patton RIP (1st Anniversary)
	9:30am	<i>Legion of Mary (Day Chapel)</i>
<b>Thursday 14th</b> <i>The Exaltation of The Holy Cross</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Samson Agboegbulem
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
<b>Friday 15th</b> <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Jack Britto RIP
<b>Saturday 16th</b> <i>Saints Cornelius, Pope &amp; Cyprian, Bishop</i>	9:00am	Pat & Margaret Donegan
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions ( <i>Confessional</i> )
<b>Saturday 17th</b>	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions ( <i>Confessional</i> )
	6:00pm	Lionel Paul RIP
<b>Sunday 17th</b> <i>Twenty-Fourth Sunday (A)</i> <i>Home Mission Sunday</i>	8:00am	People of The Parish
	9:30am	John Redding RIP
	11:00am	Pat Igoe RIP
	6:30pm	Mary Leahy RIP

### Second Collection - This Weekend:

There is a second collection today for the Catholic Education Service. The CES acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishop's Conference to support Catholic education. They are the chief negotiating and advisory body on matters affecting all aspects of Catholic education, and it also provides financial assistance for school transport in rural areas.

### Legion of Mary:

Meetings continue on Wednesday 13th September 2023 at 9:30am in the Day Chapel.

### Parish Business:

Monday 11th September from 7pm to 8pm.

### 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.

### Father Matthias Kizito:

Fr Matthias has now returned to Uganda. He will return in January and we will celebrate his farewell Holy Mass and appreciation on Saturday 13th January 2024 at the 6pm Mass followed by a farewell party in the parish hall. Please remember Father Matthias in your prayers as he returns to his home diocese in Uganda.

If you wish to contribute to the parish gift which will be presented to him at his farewell in January, envelopes are available at the back of Church or you can donate using the contactless machine or online at <https://donate.mydona.com/st-john-fisher-rc-church>

### Sister Catherine RIP - Prayer Service:

Today Sunday 10th September: Sr Catherine RIP Join us for a Prayer service to keep alive her memory after the 11am Mass. (Approx.: 12 noon start) Advance Notice 4th Anniversary Mass 8th December @ 7.00pm.

### Father Joseph Edem:

We welcome Father Joseph Edem, the new Assistant priest to our parish. We are glad to have him in our parish to serve the parish community. Welcome Father Joseph!

### 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 Paul Moger, the new Auxiliary Bishop of Southwark Archdiocese will preside at the Holy Mass.

### **Confirmation November 2023 - Parents Meeting:**

Meeting for parents of all Confirmation candidates on Monday 11th September at 8pm in the Church Hall.

### **First Holy Communion June 2024 - Parents Meeting:**

Meeting for parents of all First Holy Communion candidates on Thursday 14th September at 8pm in the Church Hall.

### **Funerals:**

Please remember the families in your prayers.

#### **Michael Dooley RIP:**

Reception of Body into Church on Tuesday 19th September at 5pm.

Requiem Mass on Wednesday 20th September at 12:30pm.

#### **Mary Yeats RIP:**

Requiem Mass on Friday 22nd September at 12:30pm.

#### **Stella 'June' Duffy RIP:**

Requiem Mass on Friday 29th September at 12:30pm.

### **NEW Post-Confirmation Programme:**

This is a call to all parents of children who are to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in the parish this November and also to parents of children who received the sacrament of Confirmation during the pandemic. A new post-confirmation programme is being put in place starting at the end of November. The parish has received funding from the Archbishop's Appeal Grant Fund to run an Alpha Youth course. The course will encourage the children to continue exploring their faith in an active and dynamic way and experience a sense of belonging in the parish community. Invitations and more information to follow.

### **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.

### **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.

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, Kathy Metcalf, Patricia Anderson, Irene McGrenra, Anthony Carter, Richard Sullivan, Joseph McGahren, John Heffron, Jim Cosgrove and Natalie Williams.**



### **Second Collection - Next Weekend:**

Next weekend is Home Mission Sunday and there will be a second collection for the Catholic Agency for the Support of Evangelization. This collection provides the bishops of England and Wales with resources to support Home Mission, the spread of the Gospel in our own country. The money collected enables a breadth of work to be done in support of parish evangelization.

### **Saint John Fisher Justice and Peace Group:**

The Justice and Peace group is organising a prayer service and talk on the situation in Palestine at 7.15pm on Thursday 21st September to mark the World Council of Churches Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel and the United Nations international Day of Peace. Further details are on the A4 poster on the J&P notice board at the back of the church.

### **Repository:**

Will open on the 2nd and 4th Sunday each month from about 9am to 11am. Selling Religious cards and Piety Goods for all occasions: e.g. Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation.

### **Mass Intentions:**

We have now received our Mass diary for 2024. If you would like to book a Mass for 2024 or from October to December 2023 please email the parish office or complete a Mass Intention envelope which can be found at the back of the Church and post through the presbytery letterbox with your offering to the clergy.

### **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)

**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)

**PLEASE COMPLETE A SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE SLIP**

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