

**Fisherman's Herald**  
**The Twenty-Fourth Sunday of The Year (C) - 11th September 2022**  
**St John Fisher Church**

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



**MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK**

<b>Saturday 10th</b>	6:00pm	Agnes Vaz RIP
<b>Sunday 11th</b>  <i>Twenty-Fourth Sunday (C)</i> <i>Education Sunday</i>	8:00am	Angela D'Silva RIP
	9:30am	People of The Parish
	11:00am	Mary Tully RIP
	2:00pm	Prayer Service - Sr Catherine
<b>Monday 12th</b>	6:30pm	Pat Igoe RIP
	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	John Redding RIP  Basil D'Silva RIP
<b>Tuesday 13th</b> <i>St John Chrysostom, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church</i>	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Mabel Platel RIP  Marie O'Leary RIP
<b>Wednesday 14th</b> <i>The Exaltation of The Holy Cross</i>	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Rita Aguiar - Thanksgiving  Ann James RIP
<b>Thursday 15th</b> <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Mary Leahy RIP  Lyn Gardner RIP
	9:30-10:30am	Weekly Adoration
<b>Friday 16th</b> <i>Sts Cornelius, Pope &amp; Cyprian, Bishop</i>	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Living & Deceased Members of McVey Family  St Carlo Acutis (In Honour of)
<b>Saturday 17th</b>	9:00am	Alice Hickey RIP
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions (Day Chapel)
<b>Saturday 17th</b>	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (Day Chapel)
	6:00pm	Lionel Paul RIP
<b>Sunday 18th</b>  <i>Twenty-Fifth Sunday (C)</i> <i>Home Mission Sunday</i>	8:00am	People of The Parish
	9:30am	Ken & Margaret Scurry
	11:00am	Dennis Lonergan RIP
	6:30pm	Vera Waters

**Parish Business:**

Monday 7pm-8pm. After a long spell of Covid, Parish Business will resume on 12th September.

**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-September 2022:**

If you wish to register for the RCIA Program which begins in September, please go 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 baptized or receive any of the Sacraments of Christian Initiation, i.e., Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation.

**Second Collection - Today:**

There is a second collection this weekend 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.

**Confirmation 2022: Saturday 19th November:**

The first parents meeting for those who have already registered for the Confirmation programme takes place on Monday 12th September at 8pm in the hall.

All candidates should be represented at this meeting.

**First Holy Communion - June 2023:**

The first parents meeting will be on Thursday 15th September at 8pm in the Church. There will be a service of commitment on Sunday 25th September at the 9:30am Mass.

**Second Collection - Next Weekend:**

Next Sunday is Home Mission Sunday. 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 gospel in our own country. The money collected enables a breadth of work to be done work to be done in support of parish evangelization.

**Sr Catherine RIP:**

Please Join us for a short Prayer service - about 30 minutes to keep alive the memory of Sr Catherine on SUNDAY 10th September 2022 @ 2pm and every 2nd Sunday of the month Or join us online at <https://www.churchservices.tv/merton>

### **Justice & Peace Group:**

The Justice and Peace group meet on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 9.30am in the Presbytery. New members very welcome. For more information talk to Deacon Tom, or come and meet us.

### **Funerals:**

Please remember the families in your prayers.

#### **Pilar O'Toole RIP:**

Requiem Mass on Wednesday 14th Sept. at 10:30am.

#### **Antonietta Proto RIP:**

Requiem Mass on Tuesday 20th Sept. at 12:30pm.

#### **Angela Daphne Cormack RIP:**

Requiem Mass on Wednesday 21st Sept. at 12:30pm.

#### **Edward Platel RIP:**

Requiem Mass on Thursday 22nd Sept. at 12 noon.

### **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.

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

### **Diocesan Day for Catechists - New Date:**

The annual diocesan day for catechists has been rescheduled, it will now take place on **Sat. 12th Nov 2022**. New registration forms will be available soon.

### **Church Hall Hire:**

If you would like to book our Church Hall, please contact Praetorium (our booking management company) [www.lowcosthalls.co.uk](http://www.lowcosthalls.co.uk)

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

Returns on Thurs 6th Oct from 1pm to 3pm in the Church hall, all welcome.

### **Our Lady of Walsingham:**

Places are still available for our parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham on **Sat. 24th September**. Cost of coach travel is £30 per person. If you wish to participate, please sign up on the list at the back of Church. Payment can be made by cash or cheque (please make cheques payable to 'RCAS MERTON'). Please post payments through the presbytery letterbox as soon as possible.

### **St Bernadette Relic Tour - 2022**

In September and October this year, the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage from Lourdes to England, Scotland, and Wales for the very first time. This very special once in a lifetime event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes in a church or cathedral near to their home. Please register your attendance choosing a free, dedicated timeslot at your chosen church or cathedral. The reservation system is now open and can be accessed at: [stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour/](http://stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour/)

### **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.

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

### **Act of Spiritual Communion Prayer**

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You

**PLEASE COMPLETE A SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE SLIP**

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