

Fisherman's Herald
The Sixth Sunday of The Year (A) - 12th February 2023
St John Fisher Church

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 Parish Office: **Closed until Monday 20th February.**



MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 11th	6:00pm	Emmanuel Chiejina
Sunday 12th	8:00am	People of the Parish
Sixth Sunday (A)	9:30am	The Brierly Family
	11:00am	Francis Gracias RIP
	2:00pm	<i>Sr. Catherine Prayer Service</i>
	6:30pm	Joe Grant RIP
Monday 13th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Michael, Bernie & Family Deacon Fred Carter RIP
Tuesday 14th <i>Sts Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop, Patrons of Europe</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	John Shanahan RIP (41st Anniversary) Charlotte - Thanksgiving & Wellbeing
Wednesday 15th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Pamela Grostate RIP Kathleen Duggan - Intentions
Thursday 16th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Neil & Hazel Intentions Deceased members of the Floody Family
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
Friday 17th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Mr & Mrs Maestri RIP Manolo Marinas RIP & Elegino Family
Saturday 18th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Roland Helene RIP
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Confessions (Day Chapel)</i>
Saturday 18th	5:00-5:50pm	<i>Confessions (Day Chapel)</i>
Sunday 19th Seventh Sunday (A)	6:00pm	Max Fernandes RIP
	8:00am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	Deacon Fred Carter RIP
	11:00am	Gladys Peacock RIP
	6:30pm	Salvatore Maniscalchi RIP (1st Anniversary)

Sister Catherine RIP:

Today, SUNDAY 12th February @ 2pm Come along to a short Prayer service to keep alive the memory of dear Sr Catherine RIP. in Church or online at:
www.churchservices.tv/merton

Parish Business:

No parish business this week.

Parish Office:

The parish office is closed until Monday 20th February. If you need to speak to a priest, please call 020 85426355.

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.

Ash Wednesday & Masses during Lent:

There will be two Masses on Ash Wednesday, at 9am and 7.30pm. After Ash Wednesday there will be two daily Masses during Lent on Monday to Friday, at 6.45am and at 9am.

Lenten lunch:

Join us in the parish hall for a Lenten lunch of soup and a roll, tea or coffee between noon and 2pm on Fridays in Lent. Any money raised will go to Wimbledon food bank. Lenten lunch dates **Friday 24th Feb**, Friday 3rd March, Friday 10th March, Friday 17th March, Friday 24th March, Friday 31st march and Thursday 6th April.

Stations of The Cross during Lent:

Wednesdays at 7:30pm and on Sundays at 4pm.

CAFOD Family Fast Day - Friday 3rd March:

Please take an envelope from the back of Church and support CAFOD's Family Fast Day on Friday 3rd March. For more information or to donate online, please visit: www.cafod.org.uk/lent

Funeral:

Please remember the family in your prayers.

Brenda Muggeridge RIP:

Requiem Mass - Wednesday 1st March at 12:30pm.

Thank You:

Thank you to all the Parishioners who assisted at the funeral of Deacon Fred both on Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th February. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Justice & Peace:

The Justice and Peace group would like to thank parishioners for the magnificent response to the food collection. We filled two cars with donations to take to the Foodbank who were most appreciative.

First Holy Communion Parents Meetings:

There will be a meeting for the parents of First Holy Communion candidates on Tuesday 21st February (Group 1) and on Thursday 23rd February (Group 2). Meetings start at 8pm in the Church Hall.

Youth Club:

Parent volunteers are **urgently** needed in order for our parish youth club to continue. If you are able to help on a rota basis, please speak to one of the leaders. The next meeting is on Friday 24th February from 7:30pm-9pm in the hall for those in school year 6 and above.

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.

Used Stamps:

Jesuit Missions are very grateful for all donations of stamps. Please continue to collect your used stamps and put them in the box at the back of Church.

CAFOD Syria-Turkey Earthquake Appeal:

CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike. For more details visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>

Over 60's Club:

Thursday 16th February from 1pm to 3pm in the Church hall, all welcome

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

Childrens' & Families' Activities Coordinator:

Do you have a heart for children? Do you have the vision to develop the work our team already does through carefully chosen birthday presents, outings, Polka Theatre workshops, activity camps and holidays to give these youngsters new opportunities and to help them know that they are special? To find out more go to:

<https://www.christiancaremerton.org.uk/volunteering> or phone the CARE Coordinator on: 07932 628840

Grief in Loss, Hope in Christ:

If you are mourning the death of a loved one, this weekend may be for you. It's being held at Aylesford Priory from March 24-26; cost £230 single, £210 shared. For more details phone 01622 717272 or email reception@thefriars.org.uk

Marriage Week:

This annual event takes place from February 7-14. If you are fortunate enough to be in a marriage you should look after it – and there are several ways of doing just that: visit <https://marriage-week.org.uk/>

Radio Maria - 'A Christian Voice in your Home':

Radio Maria England broadcasts Christian music, prayer and teaching, on digital radio (in Cambridge and London) and online. They have no commercial advertising or funding and their existence is dependant on the generosity of their listeners and grants. Please visit their website to find out more at www.radiomariaengland.uk or see the Church noticeboard for more information.

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 **Michael Glynn, Anna Lusack, Malcolm Varran, Catherine Yeats, Giovanni Fugaccia, James Johnson, 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 and John Heffron.**

