

# Fisherman's Herald

## The Thirty-Second Sunday of the Year (A) - 12th November 2023

St John Fisher Church

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



### MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

<b>Saturday 11th</b>	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions ( <i>Confessional</i> )
	6:00pm	Tim Daly RIP
<b>Sunday 12th</b> <i>Thirty-Second Sunday (A)</i> <i>Remembrance Day</i>	8:00am	Renato & Soriana Satti RIP Anniversary
	9:30am	People of the Parish
	11:00am	Dead of the Two World Wars
	Noon	<i>Prayer Service Sr Catherine RIP</i>
<b>Monday 13th</b>	6:30pm	Michael Dooley RIP
	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Sr Dorothy Gracias  Peter Healy RIP
<b>Tuesday 14th</b>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Gerry Mulholland RIP  Elianne Patton RIP
<b>Wednesday 15th</b>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Sr Paschal RIP  Robert Collins RIP
	9:30am	<i>Legion of Mary (Day Chapel)</i>
<b>Thursday 16th</b>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Sr Mary RIP  Dooley Family (Thank You to parishioners)
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
<b>Friday 17th</b>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Eamonn Coughlan RIP  Holy Souls
<b>Saturday 18th</b>	9:00am	Marie Feeley
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions ( <i>Confessional</i> )
<b>Saturday 18th</b>  <b>Sunday 19th</b> <i>Thirty-Third Sunday (A)</i> <i>World Day of the Poor</i>	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions ( <i>Confessional</i> )
	6:00pm	William D'Sa Birthday
	8:00am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	David Whelan RIP (8th Anniversary)
	11:00am	Eamonn Coughlan RIP
6:30pm	Ida Britto RIP	

### Archbishop's Appeal 2nd Collection - Today:

There will be a second collection this weekend for the Archbishop's Appeal. The Archbishop's Appeal is a Diocesan second collection that funds key areas of ministry: Youth and Evangelisation, Our Faith in Action (Caritas) and Clergy Care and Formation. Your support will enable the Archdiocese of Southwark to support innovative projects taking place within Catholic parishes and Schools throughout South London and Kent that seek to invest Faith, Hope and Love into the communities they serve. Please be generous to the Archbishop's Appeal 2023. Every gift is welcome. Find out more, or donate online: [www.rcaos.org.uk/archbishops-appeal](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/archbishops-appeal) or:

- Scan QR Code using telephone camera (right)
- Telephone weekdays 9 am – 5 pm: 020 7960 2504
- Cash / Cheque – please use the Archbishop's Appeal envelopes at the back of church.



Thank you for your generosity of heart.

### Parish Business:

Monday 13th November 7pm to 8pm.

### Holy Souls - November - Month of Remembrance:

Cards and envelopes are available at the back of the Church for parishioners. You write the names of your deceased relatives and friends on the card and put your offering for the Holy Souls in the envelopes. The names of the Holy Souls have been placed before the Altar and will be remembered during the month of November.

### Christmas Gifts for Jesus:

We are organising Christmas gifts for Baby Jesus. On behalf of yourself, your family and in memory of your dear ones, you are free to donate any of these Liturgical vessels to Jesus this Christmas: **Chalice, Ciborium, Altar Candle Holders, Sanctuary Candle Holder, Thurible and Incense Boat, Holy Oil Containers for Baptism, Tray with Cruets.** Please speak with any of the priests.

### Confirmation November 2023:

Congratulations to all the young people of our Parish who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. May God bless you on your journey of faith and make you faithful witnesses of the Good News of the Gospel. We thank all the Catechists who have been involved in the confirmation program this year. Thank you for your faithful service to our Parish. We thank the parents for their support without which the program would not have been worthwhile. Thanks also to the musicians who made the liturgy very colourful and to everyone who did something to make this day enjoyable to all who attended. May God bless you all and reward you accordingly.

**Sister Catherine RIP - Prayer Service - Today:**

Sunday 12th November after the 11am Mass: Prayer service to keep alive the memory Sr Catherine RIP.

**Church Parade & Cake Sale:**

After the 9:30am Mass next Sunday, 19th November to raise money for the scouts.

**Funeral:**

Please remember the family in your prayers.

**Maria Rodgers RIP:**

Requiem Mass - Monday 13th November at 12:30pm.

**Parish Advisory Council:**

The next PAC meeting will take place on Monday 27th November 2023 at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall.

**NEW Post - Confirmation Programme**

Our parish Alpha Youth course begins on Sunday 3rd Dec and continues on Sun 10th and Sun 17th Dec in the parish hall from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Ten further sessions will take place in the Spring 2024 term. The programme is free and aims to create a vibrant, active section of the parish in which the children feel part of and can contribute to. More information on the course content can be found on the Alpha website at [www.alpha.org.uk](http://www.alpha.org.uk) Please download a registration form from our website and return to the parish office if your child would like to attend ASAP: [www.stjohnfishermerton.co.uk/alpha-youth-course-reply-slip-2023.pdf](http://www.stjohnfishermerton.co.uk/alpha-youth-course-reply-slip-2023.pdf)

**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.

**Senior Citizens - Christmas Party:**

The Christmas celebration for our senior citizens takes place on Saturday 2nd December beginning with Mass at 11:30am, followed by lunch in the hall. Anyone who would like to attend please let us know ASAP.

**Father Matthias Kizito:**

Fr Matthias' farewell mass is on Saturday 13th January at 6pm followed by a party in the parish hall. If you wish to contribute to the parish gift, envelopes are available at the back of Church or you can donate at <https://donate.myдона.com/st-john-fisher-rc-church>

**Christmas Cards for persecuted Christians:**

Next weekend the Justice and Peace Group will again be inviting parishioners to send a Christmas Card to someone in prison or persecuted for their faith. We will provide the cards, address and some information. All you need is the greeting and a stamp. Please do not make any political comment in your card. We suggest you express sympathy for their situation and promise prayers.

**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)

**Repository:**

Parish Shop is now open before and after 9.30am Mass every Sunday & accepts all credit cards and cash.

**Time & Talents - Volunteers Appeal:**

Your parish of St John Fisher, Merton needs YOU and your talents and time! Please pick up a form as you leave Church if you are able to help.

**Parish Volunteers Get Together - Thurs 23rd Nov:**

Father Francis would like to invite all who are actively involved in the work and activities of the parish, to a get together in the hall after the 6pm Mass, to enjoy some food and wine. This is a way of saying: 'Thank you' to all volunteers. Please add your name to the list at the back of Church if you are able to attend.

**Christian CARE (CCA) Vacancy - Executive Manager:**

to oversee the day to day running of CCA. This will be its first paid employee and in the first instance a one year contract is on offer, at the rate of £24 per hour for a 21 hour week spread over 3-5 days. Closing date 23 Nov 23. Visit: <http://christiancaremerton.org.uk> for details.

**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 remember in your prayers the sick and housebound of our parish **Kate Colthup, Ravi Aumeerun, Richard Skeehan, Ceris Cook, Charles & Anna Lusack, Grant Cozens, Malcolm Varran, Catherine Yeats, Luca Buttaci, Kitty McVey, Rita Platel, Edward Alvares, Christine Henderson, Johnny Symmonds, Patricia Anderson, Irene McGrenra, Anthony Carter, Richard Sullivan, Joseph McGahren, John Heffron, Jim Cosgrove and Natalie Williams.**



**PLEASE COMPLETE A SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE SLIP**

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