



Fisherman's Herald
The Second Sunday of Lent (C) - 13th March 2022
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 Parish Office: **Monday & Thursday - 9am to 2pm**

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 12th	6:00pm	Alan Langley RIP
Sunday 13th	8:00am	People of The Parish
Second Sunday of Lent (C)	9:30am	Tony Stevenage
	11:00am	Marlene Saldanha RIP
	2:00pm	Prayer Service - Sr Catherine
	4:00pm	<i>Stations of The Cross</i>
	6:30pm	Edward Platel
Monday 14th	6:45am	Leo Coughlin
	9:00am	Margaret Donegan RIP
Tuesday 15th	6:45am	Maureen Gaughan
	9:00am	Joseph Paul Fernandes
Wednesday 16th	6:45am	Margaret Courten
	9:00am	Pat Igoe RIP
	7:30pm	<i>Stations of The Cross</i>
Thursday 17th <i>St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland</i> 	6:45am	Mary Walsh
	9:00am	Mrs McLoughlin RIP
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
Friday 18th	6:45am	Mary Belmonte
	9:00am	Clara D'Sa - Birthday
Saturday 19th <i>St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of the Universal Church</i>	9:00am	Father Joseph
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Confessions (Hall)</i>
Saturday 19th	6:00pm	Rita Aguiar - 90th Birthday
Sunday 20th Third Sunday of Lent (C)	8:00am	Sarah Shanahan RIP
	9:30am	People of The Parish
	11:00am	Margaret Scurry RIP
	4:00pm	<i>Stations of The Cross</i>
	6:30pm	Joe Grant RIP

Covid 19- New Guidelines from the Catholic Bishops of England & Wales:

The following guidance is offered by the Bishops of England and Wales for Lent and Easter 2022.

- Hand sanitiser should be available for all to use at places of entry and exit to our churches.
- The necessity for social distancing is removed, churches should operate up to normal capacity.
- Those who wish to wear a face covering may do so during the celebration of Mass.
- The use of hymn books and other worship aids are permitted as part of the liturgy. Servers and their various ministries (acolyte, book-bearer, incense) are to be encouraged to return.
- The vessels containing the altar breads for consecration at Mass should remain covered until the moment of distribution of Holy Communion to the faithful.
- Holy Communion is to be distributed to the faithful under one kind only (i.e. the Sacred Host).
- Those who distribute Holy Communion should wear a face covering and sanitise their hands before doing so.
- Singing can occur and there is a general encouragement to wear face coverings while singing. However, it is recognised that not everyone will feel able to do this.
- Contact tracing ended on 24th February and so there is no need for track and trace QR codes or Mass booking systems in our churches.

Masses during Lent:

During Lent there will be two daily Masses on Monday to Friday, at 6.45am and at 9am.

Lent Course: Strength to Strength

the practical benefits of daily prayer:

This six session DVD series will be shown in the Church hall on Mondays in Lent continues on 14th March at 7.30pm: each session will last about one hour. The series is designed to give practical help to those wishing to pray more in their daily lives.

RCIA:

Tuesday 15th March at 8pm in the presbytery.

RCIA Candidates:

Presentation of the Creed to the RCIA Candidates at the 9:30am Mass today.

Stations of The Cross during Lent:

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

CAFOD - Second Collection This Weekend:

Friday 11th March was Lenten fast day. There will be a second collection for CAFOD this weekend.

Sister Catherine RIP - Today (13th March) at 2pm:

A short Prayer service of about 30 minutes to keep alive Sr Catherine's memory. Join us to pray for our own intentions along with family and friends.

Confessions: (for parishioners):

Saturday 19th March, 9:30am to 10:30am in the Hall.

Lenten lunch:

Join us 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 25th March, 1st April, 8th April and finishing with Maundy Thursday 14th April.

Please note there will be No lunch on Fri 18th March.

Gift Aid envelopes:

Boxes of envelopes for the coming financial year will be available at all Masses this weekend. If you are in the scheme, please collect yours. You will need to give your Gift Aid number which you can find on your current envelopes.

Funerals:

Please remember the families in your prayers.

Sheila Lawlor RIP:

Requiem Mass on Friday 18th March at 10am.

Idalina Santos RIP:

Requiem Mass on Wednesday 30th March at 1pm.

Parent & Toddler Group:

Thurs 17th March, 9:30am-11:30am in the Church Hall.

Senior Citizens Group:

Thursday 17th March, 1pm to 3pm in the Church Hall.

Please come along and celebrate St Patrick's day!

Youth Club:

Friday 25th March from 7:30pm to 9pm in the Church hall for those in School Year 6 and above. Admission £2. Please speak to one of the leaders if you are able to help. Volunteers also needed to help set up/ put away equipment.

First Holy Communion Candidates:

There will be a service of commitment for the First Holy Communion candidates at the 9:30am Mass on Sunday 20th March.

Meeting for the parents of First Communion candidates:

Group 1 on Tues 15th March, Group 2 on Weds 16th March. Both meetings take place at 8pm in Church.

St John Fisher - SVP:

If you know anyone needing help with utility bills, please speak to one of the priests on 020 8542 6355.

My Day by Day Lent Books:

Available from the back of Church, cost 70p.

Big Jubilee Lunch - Save the Date:

On Sunday 5th June 2022 we are planning to hold a community lunch/party to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. If you are interested in helping out at the event, please email the parish office.

Mothers Prayers Group:

Friday 18th March at 9.30am in the Day Chapel.

Confirmation - Saturday 26th November 2022:

Please download a registration form from www.stjohnfishermerton.co.uk/confirmation.php and return it to the parish office with a copy of the baptism certificate.

Children's Liturgy - Helpers:

Please contact the parish office if you are able to help on a rota basis with the Children's liturgy at the 9:30am Mass.

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.

DBS Checks:

Those who missed out on having their DBS Check done in December last year should contact Ursula O'Byrne the Parish Safeguarding Representative as soon as possible.

Weekly Offertory Donations:

Thank you to those parishioners who contribute generously towards the running costs of the Parish. In case anyone wishes to make donations in this regard, please use any of the following 3 ways:

1. Please email merton@rcaos.org.uk for a pledge form
2. Continue to use your weekly gift aid envelopes
3. Donate to our parish justgiving page:

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

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

Talkabout:

Our parish magazine will be available next weekend.

Sid Miles RIP - Thank You:

"The family of the late Sid Miles would like to express our gratitude to all those who sympathised on our recent sad loss. Whether it was a kind word, a hug, a card, or prayers. The support was much appreciated. Thanks also to Father Matthias for the lovely service and Melissa's help with organisation and to all those who came to the funeral service. The holy sacrifice of the Mass will be offered in thanksgiving."

Fundraising for Ukraine:

Joint project between St. John Fisher School and Parish (for details refer to the Newsletter Supplement).

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

NO SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE SLIPS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE