

Fisherman's Herald
The Nineteenth Sunday of the Year (A) - 13th August 2023

St John Fisher Church

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Parish Office: **Closed during school holidays**



MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 12th	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	6:00pm	Clyde Tong RIP
Sunday 13th <i>Nineteenth Sunday (A)</i>	8:00am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	Helen Daly RIP
	11:00am	Stewart James Finch RIP
	6:30pm	Robin Fuentes
Monday 14th <i>St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest & Martyr</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Jack Lonergan
	6:00pm	McCarthy & Sheahan Families
Tuesday 15th <i>The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Peggy Farrelly (Birthday)
	7:30pm	John Davis RIP (From St John Fisher School)
Wednesday 16th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Jack Britto RIP
Thursday 17th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Julie & Tony (60th Wedding Anniversary)
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
Friday 18th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Milag Parents RIP
Saturday 19th	9:00am	Sheahan Family (Thanksgiving)
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
Saturday 19th	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	6:00pm	Alex & Ana Severina Fernandes
Sunday 20th <i>Twentieth Sunday (A)</i>	8:00am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	Helen Daly RIP
	11:00am	All Souls in Purgatory
	6:30pm	Laura

Legion of Mary:

We are starting the Legion of Mary here in the parish. The first meeting is on Wednesday 6th September 2023 at 9:30am in the Day Chapel. You are encouraged to join by adding your contact details to the sign up sheet which can be found on the table in the narthex.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday 15th August is a Holy Day of Obligation. Fit and able Catholics attend Holy Mass out of Love, devotion and obligation.

Vigil Mass at 6pm on Monday 14th August.

Holy Mass at 9am and 7.30pm on Tuesday 15th August.

At the end of her earthly life, Mary of Nazareth, because she was the Sinless Mother of God who gave her flesh and blood to Jesus, did not suffer bodily decay but was "Assumed", body and soul, into the glory of heaven. Sin, decay and death had no victory over her, but had been conquered by Christ's victory over sin and death through his cross and resurrection. Ave Maria!

Parish Business:

No parish business this week.

Parish Office:

The parish office is closed until the end of August. If you need to speak to a priest urgently please call 02085426355

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
 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.

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.

A Day with Mary:

Please see posters on the Church noticeboard or visit www.adaywithmary.org for more information.

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.

Sancta Familia Catholic Academy Trust:

A group of 15 schools, including St John Fisher R C Primary School, are currently consulting on conversion to Academy Status. The school proposes to join a newly established Catholic Academy Trust called Sancta Familia. You can read about the proposals and respond to the consultation at the following website: www.sanctafamilia.co.uk

Confirmation - Saturday 11th November 2023 and First Holy Communion Programme - June 2024:

Applications for Confirmation in November 2023 and Holy Communion in June 2024 have now closed. If you have registered for either of these programmes you should have received an email to confirm that your child has been allocated a place. Please contact the parish office if you have applied but not received an email.

Christian Care - Vacancy:

We are looking for two leaders with a real concern for, and some experience of, working alongside those in poverty. These are key roles in the charity as the CARE Coordinator and Assistant CARE Coordinator will have overall supervision of all volunteers and will be the first point of contact for many clients. For more information please visit: <https://christiancaremerton.org.uk>

Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion in Our Parishes, Schools and Communities Seminar:

Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Southwark, from 9.30am to 4.00pm on Saturday 28 October 2023. You are all welcomed to this archdiocesan initiative by the *Commission for Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion* chaired by Canon Victor Darlington, Episcopal Vicar for the Southeast. On the day there will be contributions from a range of speakers. For more information and registration, please use this link <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/commission-for-promoting-racial-and-cultural-inclusion/what-we-do/> or email us: racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk. Please join us for a stimulating and hope-filled day of discussion. Registration is FREE.

Praying for you all to have a joyful and refreshing Summer holiday - The Parish Clergy

Please remember in your prayers the sick and housebound of our parish **Victor Pierson, Roberto Mendoza, Ravi Ameerun, 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.**

Church Attendance Slips - Term Time Only:

Church attendance slips return on Sunday 10th September.

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 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

Southwark Justice & Peace Commission

Autumn Assembly:

23rd September 2023 at St Edmund Catholic Church, Beckenham. Mass 10am continuing 10.20am in the parish hall. Entitled 'The Right to Stay: Free to Choose'.

Entrance free. Lunch provided. Everyone welcome.

Keynote speaker Bishop Paul McAleenan.

To reserve a place email justiceandpeace@rcaos.org

Our Lady Queen of Peace - Walsingham Pilgrimage:

Monday 28th August 2023 from 1.15pm to 5:30pm at the Catholic National Shrine led by Fr Zvonimir Pavičić OFM parish priest of St James, Medjugorje

Our Lady Queen of Peace - Evening of Prayer:

Wednesday 30th August 2023 6:30pm to 9:30pm at St Patrick's Church, 21A Soho Square, W1D 4N

Summer Break:

Please note the following groups will be closed for the summer break:

- ⇒ **Parent & Toddlers** - returns on Thursday 7th Sept.
- ⇒ **Senior Citizens** - returns on Thursday 5th October.
- ⇒ **Children's Liturgy** - returns on Sun 17th September.
- ⇒ **Youth Club** - returns on Friday 15th September.
- ⇒ **9:30am Choir** - returns on Sunday 10th September.

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



NO SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE SLIPS THIS WEEK DUE TO THE SUMMER HOLIDAY