

Fisherman's Herald
Sixth Sunday of Easter (A) - 14th May 2023

St John Fisher Church

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



MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 13th	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	6:00pm	Laura & Joshua (Happy Marriage)
Sunday 14th <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter (A)</i>	8:00am	Michael Glynn RIP
	9:30am	People of The Parish
	11:00am	Year 11 RE GCSE Students (From Talissa)
	2:00pm 6:30pm	<i>Prayer Service (Sr Catherine)</i> Philomena Canavan RIP
Monday 15th <i>St John Stone, Priest and Martyr</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Theresa McKay (Welfare) Mary & George Donaghue RIP
Tuesday 16th <i>St Simon Stock, Priest</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Private Intention Adrian - Thanksgiving
Wednesday 17th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Deacon Fred Carter RIP Anthony Wallis (Wellbeing)
	6:00pm	Mary Walsh (Galway)
Thursday 18th <i>The Ascension of the Lord (A)</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Rose Sothinathan (Thanksgiving)
	9:30-10:30am 7:30pm	<i>Weekly Adoration</i> Simona & Family - Wellbeing
Friday 19th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Canon Acton RIP
	7:30pm	Holy Spirit Novena Prayers
	8:00pm	Oliver Hughes RIP
Saturday 20th	9:00am	Richard Debono
	No Confessions	<i>(First Holy Communion Candidates - 2nd Confessions at 10am)</i>
Saturday 20th Sunday 21st <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter (A)</i>	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	6:00pm	Year 11 RE GCSE Students (From Talissa)
	8:00am	Michael Glynn RIP
	9:30am	People of The Parish
	11:00am	Malcolm Desmier RIP
	6:30pm	Sean Conneely RIP

First Holy Communion Candidates - June 2023:

Rite of Election for first holy communion candidates today at the 9:30am Mass.

Sr Catherine RIP:

Come along and Join us for a short Prayer service (about 30 minutes) to keep alive her memory. Today at 2pm and every 2nd Sunday of the month.

Parish Business:

Parish business on Monday 15th May from 7pm to 8pm.

ASCENSION THURSDAY - THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD:

Thursday 18th May is Ascension day. It is a Holy Day of Obligation and we are expected to go to Mass as we do on Sundays. Holy Masses: **Wednesday 17th May at 6pm. (Vigil) Thursday 18th May at 9am and 7:30pm.**

Confirmation - Saturday 11th November 2023:

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 (for those currently in school year 7).

Closing date for applications is Sunday 28th May.

Funerals:

Please remember the families in your prayers.

Giovanni Fugaccia RIP:

Requiem Mass on Monday 15th May at 12 noon

Mary Cole RIP:

Requiem Mass on Thursday 25th May at 12 noon

Cuthbert Alphonse RIP:

Requiem Mass on Friday 26th May at 12:30pm.

Holy Spirit Novena:

The parish Novena to the Holy Spirit begins on Friday 19th May and concludes on Saturday 27th May 2023, from 7:30pm - Novena prayers before the Blessed Sacrament. There will be Mass of the Holy Spirit after the novena on weekdays of the 9 days.

Second Collection - Next Sunday to support CCN:

CCN is The Catholic Communications Network

This collection supports the work of the Catholic Communications Network (CCN), the media office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The CCN seeks to be of service both to the Church and the world in offering professional channels of communication, and provides support for the Bishops of England and Wales and the wider Church in promoting the Gospel through the media on current issues. The CCN provides up-to-date news releases, features and podcasts, information from the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, and trains spokesmen and women.

Church Parade:

Church parade for the uniform groups next Sunday at the 9:30am Mass.

2nd Confessions - First Holy Communion Candidates:

Saturday 20th May at 10am for those in Group 2.

Over 60's Club:

Thursday 18th May from 1-3pm in the Church hall.

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.

First Holy Communion Programme - June 2024:

Please download the registration form on our website to register for First Holy Communion next year (for those children currently in school year 2)

<http://www.stjohnfishermerton.co.uk/firstholymass>

Closing date for applications is Sunday 11th June.

Canon Acton RIP - Memorial Stone:

We will soon be placing an order for a memorial stone in memory of Canon Acton. The stone will be installed on the front wall of the Church next to the existing memorial stone for Canon O'Donnell. The cost of the stone will be approx. £1500. We welcome any contributions towards the cost of this memorial. Donations can be made by cash/cheque (payable to 'RCAS Merton') please mark envelopes 'Memorial Stone' and post to the parish office. You can also make payments by card using the contactless machine in Church (please ensure you select 'Fundraising' on the payment screen).

Legion of Mary:

The Legion of Mary Peregrinatio team will be visiting our parish from the 10th - 17th June. We are expecting a team of 6-10 members who will visit every home in the parish.

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.

Confessions:

Confessions now take place in the Confessional.

King Charles III Coronation Street Party - 8th May:

Thank you to all those who came to our Street party and to those who donated prizes for our raffle and volunteered on the day. We raised a total of **£1476.73** towards the repairs needed to our church hall.

Empowering Vulnerable Children (EVC) Uganda -

Appeal 27/28 May:

This Charity provides a future through education for some of the poorest children in the world. Judi Fawcett, Founder and a Trustee, will speak briefly at all the Masses that weekend. For further information about their work please look at their website at <http://www.evcuganda.org>

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 on the poster at the back of Church or the Hall.
4. Donate to our parish justgiving page:

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

Christian Care:

Can you spare a few hours once a month or even a year. Christian Care Merton are looking to recruit volunteer drivers. There are also opportunities to help with regular transport needs during the year if you are interested. Please email christiancaremerton@gmail.com or call 07944 692920 for further information

A Day with Mary:

- Saturday 27th May at St Mary of the Crays, 111 Old Road, Crayford, DA1.
 - Saturday 3rd June at St Bede's, Thornton Road, SW12.
- Please see poster on the Church noticeboard or visit www adaywithmary.org for more information.

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.** **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 **Roberto Mendoza, Ravi Ameerun, Richard Skeehan, Ceris Cook, Diana Maginnis, Anna Lusack, Malcolm Varran, Catherine Yeats, 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, John Heffron, Jim Cosgrove, Abbey Counsell and Natalie Williams.**



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