

Fisherman's Herald
The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary (C) - 14th August 2022
St John Fisher Church

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Parish Office: **Closed until Monday 5th September**



MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 13th	6:00pm	John Grace RIP
Sunday 14th <i>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	8:00am	People of The Parish
	9:30am	Jack Lonergan RIP
	11:00am	Peggy Farrelly
	2:00pm	<i>Prayer Service - Sr Catherine</i>
	6:30pm	Robin Fuentes
Monday 15th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Thomas O'Sullivan RIP
Tuesday 16th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Jack Britto <i>Requiem: John Grace RIP</i>
Wednesday 17th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	John Golden RIP (1st Anniversary)
Thursday 18th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Canon Acton
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
Friday 19th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Jegorova, Bondarevica & Ovchinikov Families
Saturday 20th <i>St Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church</i>	9:00am	Marjorie Stevenage
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Confessions (Hall)</i>
Saturday 20th	6:00pm	Alex & Anna Severina Fernandes
Sunday 21st <i>Twenty-First Sunday (C)</i>	8:00am	Jim, Pat & Peter Nolan RIP
	9:30am	Ann Culleton RIP
	11:00am	Julie & Tony Brook (59th Wedding Anniversary)
	6:30pm	People of The Parish

Prayer Service - Today:

Sunday 14th August 2022 @ 2pm and every 2nd Sunday. A short Prayer service - about 30 minutes. Join us to keep alive the memory of dear Sr Catherine RIP. Call 020 8543 7721 or 07944 692920 if you need further information. Feel free to inform family and friends on social media. Or join us online at: <https://www.churchservices.tv/merton>

Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary - Solemnity:

This year the solemnity will be celebrated on a Sunday and will take place of the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C. Vigil Mass on Saturday 13th August at 6pm. Holy Mass at 8am, 9:30am, 11am and 6:30pm on Sunday 14th 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!

Funerals:

Please remember the families in your prayers.

John Grace RIP:

Requiem Mass on Tuesday 16th August at 9am.

Basil D'Silva RIP:

Requiem Mass on Tuesday 30th August at 12:30pm.

Our Lady of Walsingham:

Pilgrimage to Walsingham on **Sat. 24th September**. Cost of coach travel is £30 per person. If you wish to participate in this pilgrimage, please sign up on the list at the back of Church. Payment can be made by cash or cheque (please make cheques payable to 'RCAS MERTON'). Please post payments through the presbytery letterbox by Sunday 28th August.

Confirmation 2022: Saturday 19th November:

Thank you to all those who have registered for the Sacrament of Confirmation in November. The first parents meeting takes place on Monday 12th Sept. at 8pm in the hall. Please visit www.stjohnfishermerton.co.uk/confirmation.php for more information.

First Holy Communion - June 2023:

Thank you to all those who have registered for our First Holy Communion programme next year. The first meeting will be on Thursday 15th September at 8pm in the Church. There will be a service of enrolment on Sunday 25th September at the 9:30am Mass.

Church Attendance Slips - Term Time Only:

Church attendance slips will return on Sunday 11th September.

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.

Parish Office:

The parish office is closed until Monday 5th September. Please call one of the clergy on 020 8542 6355 for any urgent requests.

HELP Needed for St. John fisher school Eco Garden:

For a long time now SJF school have been trying to get off the ground a project to build an Eco garden on the grounds as place for the children and staff to enjoy and learn about gardening and helping to keep our planet healthy.

A small team from the PTFA are looking to kick start this but need some professional gardening help in particular to help with design and some of the more specialist areas. If you know any one who may be able to help particularly if they can do this at a reduced rate or even better pro Bono. Please get in touch with Victoria Brown 07843252717 or victoria_willmott@hotmail.com

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 3 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

Diocesan Day for Catechists - New Date:

The annual diocesan day for catechists has been rescheduled, it will now take place on **Sat. 12th Nov 2022**. New registration forms will be sent out in September ahead of the new date.

Church Hall Hire:

If you would like to book our Church Hall, please contact Praetorium (our booking management company) www.lowcosthalls.co.uk

St John Fisher Website - Volunteer Required:

We are looking for a volunteer to redesign our parish website. Do you have the time and skills to update our parish website and make it mobile/tablet friendly? Please contact merton@rcaos.org.uk for more information.

RCIA Program-September 2022:

If you wish to register for the RCIA Program which begins in September, please go the Parish website: http://www.stjohnfishermerton.co.uk/sacramental_life.php All applications should be received by the 7th of September. The program is meant for adults who wish to be baptized or receive any of the Sacraments of Christian Initiation, i.e., Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation.

St Bernadette Relic Tour - 2022

In September and October this year, the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage from Lourdes to England, Scotland, and Wales for the very first time. This very special once in a lifetime event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes in a church or cathedral near to their home. Please register your attendance choosing a free, dedicated timeslot at your chosen church or cathedral. The reservation system is now open and can be accessed at: stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour/

New Carpet for the Sanctuary and Day Chapel:

Arrangements have been made to put a new carpet in the Sanctuary and thereafter in the Day chapel, beginning on Monday 22nd August. All weekday Masses from Monday 22nd to Saturday 27th August will be celebrated in the Day chapel. There will be no Exposition on Thursday 25th August.

Summer Break:

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

- ⇒ **Mother's Prayers** - Returns on Fri 9th Sept.
- ⇒ **Parent & Toddlers** - Returns on Thurs 8th Sept.
- ⇒ **Senior Citizens** - Returns on Thurs 6th Oct.
- ⇒ **Children's Liturgy** - Returns on Sun 11th Sept.

Repository:

The repository will be closed until September.

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

NO SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE SLIPS THIS WEEK

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

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