

Fisherman's Herald
The Second Sunday of The Year (A) - 15th January 2023
St John Fisher Church

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Part of the R. C. Archdiocese of Southwark Charity No: 1173050
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 Parish Office: **Monday & Thursday from 9am to 2pm.**



MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 14th	6:00pm	Deceased members of the Keaveney Family
Sunday 15th Second Sunday (A) <i>Peace Day</i>	8:00am	Francis Peters Lepcha RIP
	9:30am	Vincent O'Byrne RIP Anniversary
	11:00am	Carol Counsell RIP
	6:30pm	People of the Parish
Monday 16th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	James, Julie & Little James
Tuesday 17th <i>St Anthony, Abbot</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Eileen Graham & Family
Wednesday 18th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Canon Acton RIP
Thursday 19th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Jim & Angela
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
Friday 20th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Marlene Rehaut RIP
Saturday 21st <i>St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr</i>	9:00am	Deceased Members of the Conroy Family
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Confessions (Day Chapel)</i>
Saturday 21st Sunday 22nd Third Sunday (A) <i>Sunday of the Word of God</i>	5:00-5:50pm	<i>Confessions (Day Chapel)</i>
	6:00pm	Eric Larche RIP
	8:00am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	Josephine Rafael & Family
	11:00am	Barbara Desmier (Thanksgiving)
	2:00pm	Fr Agnelo Mass
	6:30pm	Barry Peck RIP Anniversary

Deacon Fred Carter RIP:

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Deacon Fred Carter on Monday 9th January. Funeral Arrangements:

Tuesday 7th February 2023

- Reception of the Body - 4:30pm

Wednesday 8th February 2023

- Requiem Mass at 12 noon
- Burial at 2pm (Private to Family)

White Flower Appeal - This Weekend:

There is a second collection at all Masses this weekend to support this appeal. For more information about it please read the advert on the notice board at the back of the Church or take a leaflet with you from the back of the Church.

Parish Business:

No Parish Business this week.

Church Unity Octave:

From Wednesday 18th January to Wednesday 25th January the Church observes eight days' prayer for Christian Unity. A prayer for Christian Unity will be said at all Masses during the week of Christian unity.

Funeral:

Please remember the family in your prayers.

Maria Moncado RIP:

Requiem Mass - Monday 6th February at 12:45pm.

Church Parade:

Church parade at the 9:30am Mass today, Sunday 15th January.

Fr Agnelo:

Sunday 22nd January 2023 A Special Mass at 2.00pm to celebrate the Fr Agnelo D'Souza's Birth Anniversary and prayer for his Canonization.. All welcome to join us especially those with any Goan connection. Come to the hall after Mass and bring and share in a hot cup of tea and some snacks.

Canon Acton RIP - Month's Mind Mass:

There will be a special Month's mind Mass for Canon Acton on Friday 27th January at 7pm followed by refreshments in the parish hall.

Thank you to all the parishioners who made a donation in memory of Canon Acton to St Raphael's hospice. We have received a letter of thanks for the £425 collected after the funeral Masses. If you still like to make a donation, this can be done online at:

<https://www.straphaels.org.uk/appeal/donate>

Over 60's Club:

Thursday 19th January from 1pm to 3pm in the Church hall, all welcome.

St John Fisher Youth Club:

Friday 20th January from 7:30pm to 9pm in the hall for school year 6 and above.

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 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

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.

Used Stamps:

Jesuit Missions are very grateful for all donations of stamps. Please continue to collect your used stamps and put them in the box at the back of Church.

St John Fisher - Reception/Nursery Admissions:

Please note that application forms for Reception are due back to Mrs Aldred by 17th Jan and Nursery application forms by 28th Feb.

Christmas Break:

Fr. Matthias and Fr. Francis are taking a Christmas break. During their absence Fr. Pontian will be looking after the Parish. Please use the Parish email address or ring the Parish office in case you need anything.

Receiving Holy Communion - Reminder:

Communicants who prefer to receive Holy Communion on the tongue should come at the end.

Justice & Peace:

The Justice and Peace group thank all those who supported the Peace Service on 1st January and contributed to the collection of £150 for Pax Christi, the international Catholic peace movement. We now look forward to Peace Sunday on 15th January.

Confessions in the Day Chapel:

Confessions now take place in the Day Chapel. Times remain the same: Saturday morning from 9:30am to 10:30am and Saturday evening from 5:00pm to 5:50pm.

Marriage Enrichment Course:

11th and 12th February 2023 at St Joseph's Pastoral Centre, St Joseph's Grove, The Burroughs, Hendon, London, NW4 4TY. The marriage enrichment courses offer a unique opportunity for couples to rekindle their relationships and focus on what is important to them. Our experience helped us to understand each other more and reminded us that we had made a sacramental marriage in front of our families and God. The Marriage Encounter course also helped us with our relationships with our children. For us our experience was a gift from God. Please visit <https://wwme.org.uk> for further information and to book.

Wimbledon College - Vacancies:

Wimbledon College Inclusion Supervisor and Deputy DSL vacancy: Further information available on the school website www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk under 'about us'/ 'job opportunities' or apply by online application form via eteach website.

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

Please remember in your prayers the sick and housebound of our parish : **Malcolm Varran, Catherine Yeats, Giovanni Fugaccia, 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 and John Heffron.**



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