

Fisherman's Herald

Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday (A) - 16th April 2023

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



MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 15th	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	6:00pm	Colman & Maureen Flaherty Intentions
Sunday 16th <i>Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)</i>	8:00am	People of The Parish
	9:30am	Robert Brierly RIP
	11:00am	Adrian (Our Lady of Perpetual Help)
	3:00pm	<i>Service</i>
Monday 17th	6:30pm	Milag - Intentions
	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
Tuesday 18th	9:00am	Michael Tully - Intentions
	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
Wednesday 19th	9:00am	Eddie & Susan Gallagher
	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
Thursday 20th	9:00am	Patrick Betts RIP Anniversary
	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
Friday 21st <i>St Anselm, Bishop & Doctor of the Church</i>	9:00am	Catherine Yeats
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
Saturday 22nd	9:00am	Mr & Mrs Claude Sew Foo Lun
	9:30-10:30am	Angela D'Silva RIP
Saturday 22nd	9:00am	Canon Acton RIP
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Confessions (Confessional)</i>
Sunday 23rd <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	6:00pm	Cadence D'Aguiar (Thanksgiving)
	8:00am	Tony Stevenage
	9:30am	Michael Glynn RIP
	11:00am	People of The Parish
	6:30pm	Nesta Garson

Fr. Matthias:

After spending 8½ years working outside my home diocese of Kampala in Uganda, my Bishop and I have now come a mutual agreement that I should return to Uganda at the end of August 2023 to work for some time in my home Diocese before continuing with my ministry abroad. This is to avoid losing touch with the clergy in Kampala Archdiocese and the conditions of life in Uganda. I will be hoping to come back quite often to St. John Fisher Parish to assist, when my help is needed. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parishioners for the love and support you have given me throughout the years I have served in the Parish. A huge thank you to all with whom I have worked closely in the exercise of my priestly ministry in this Parish, first as Curate, and then as Parochial administrator. Although I will leave the Parish at the end of the Summer, my heart will always remain here.

Easter Offerings - Thank You:

Fr. Francis and Fr. Matthias would like to thank all Parishioners for their generous Easter offerings and other gifts. May the Lord reward you all for your generosity.

Divine Mercy Sunday - 16th April:

Divine Mercy Sunday, the Second Sunday of Easter, "Low Sunday", the eighth, the last and greatest day of the Easter Solemnity and Feast this year; The Lord is really trying to help us to learn to put our trust in Him: "JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU."

A devotion with many elements to help us, and our loved ones, rediscover His Divine Mercy.

There will be a service at 3pm.

Parish Business:

Monday 17th April from 7pm to 8pm.

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/firstholychommunion.php>

Lent Lunches - Thank you:

Thank you to Graham & Ann Bennett for organising a delicious lunch every week during lent. A total of **£535.26** was raised for the Wimbledon Foodbank.

Maintenance of St George's Cathedral

Second Collection - Next Weekend:

Next weekend there will be a second collection for the maintenance of St George's Cathedral, Southwark, the mother Church of the diocese. This collection helps meet with the cost of the upkeep of the Cathedral.



Holy Places Collection:

We received **£710.20** for the Holy Places of Palestine collection on Good Friday. The places connected with Our Lord's Passion have always been centres of veneration and pilgrimage. This Good Friday collection is sent for their upkeep, and to help maintain Christian schooling in the area.

Parish AGM- Sunday 23rd April:

The Parish Annual General Meeting will take place in the Parish Hall on Sunday 23rd April after the 6.30pm Mass. Light refreshments will be available before the Meeting at 7.15pm. Please note, the Meeting is open to all Parishioners.

Legion of Mary:

A Legion of Mary Peregrinatio team will be working in our parish from the 3rd to 10th June visiting every door.

King Charles III Coronation Street Party - 8th May:

We are holding a street party for all our parishioners and the local community on

Bank Holiday Monday, 8th May

from **1pm-5pm** in the church car park.



No invitation required. Please come and bring your family and friends. We will provide the tables and chairs, just bring a picnic!

We are planning to hold a raffle at the street party to raise funds for the repairs needed to our parish hall and would appreciate donations of prizes. Please drop off donations to the parish office.

A Day with Mary:

Saturday 22nd April at The Shine of St Augustine, Ramsgate, Kent. Please see the poster on Church notice-board for more information or visit:

www adaywithmary.org

Youth Club:

Youth club returns on Friday 21st April from 7:30pm to 9pm for those in School year 6 and above.

Over 60's Club:

Returns on Thursday 20th April from 1-3pm in the Church hall. All Welcome.

First Holy Communion Candidates - June 2023:

- Presentation of the Gospel to the first holy communion candidates at the 9:30am Mass next Sunday, 23rd April.
- Parents meeting for those in Group 1 on Thursday 20th April and on Thursday 27th April for those in Group 2. Both meetings begin at 8pm in the Church Hall.

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). We need more Confirmation Catechists, if you are interested in becoming a Confirmation Catechist, please speak to Father Francis.

Confessions:

Confessions now take place in the Confessional.

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

Mary's Meals - Foreign Currency Appeal:

Please return your Mary's Meals envelopes today.

Mary's Meals wants to collect all your foreign currency and turn it into cash to feed hungry children in the 18 countries it works in.

Mary's Meals feeds children for only 10p per meal so a little goes a long way. Thank you for your support.



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.

Legion of Mary Coach to Aylesford:

The Legion of Mary is running a coach to the shrine at Aylesford on Saturday 13th May. It leaves from outside the church at 8:45am, returning around 6pm. Seats £15. Children £5. Contact Questa or Philip Newill 0208 5408091 / 07787334586.

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 **Ravi Aumeerun, Richard Skeehan, Ceris Cook, Diana Maginnis, Anna Lusack, 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 John Heffron and Natalie Williams.**

