

Fisherman's Herald
The Fourth Sunday of Lent (A) - 19th March 2023
St John Fisher Church

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



MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 18th	6:00pm	Clara D'Sa - Birthday
Sunday 19th Fourth Sunday of Lent (A) <i>Laetare Sunday</i>	8:00am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	Cynthia Addeh
	11:00am	Rita Aguiar - Intentions
	4:00pm	<i>Stations of The Cross</i>
	6:30pm	Pat Igoe RIP
Monday 20th <i>St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	6:45am	Syjud Family - Intentions
	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Tom Diffley RIP Anniversary
Tuesday 21st	6:45am	Canon Acton RIP
	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Mr Lionel Oliver Simpson RIP
Wednesday 22nd	6:45am	Joyce Morrell RIP
	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Michael O'Brien RIP Anniversary
	7:30pm	<i>Stations of The Cross</i>
Thursday 23rd	6:45am	Paul Riley RIP
	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Wedlock Blessings - M & R
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
Friday 24th	6:45am	Sean Tracey - Welfare
	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Patrick D'Sa - Birthday
Saturday 25th <i>The Annunciation of The Lord</i>	9:00am	Irmi Stuehler RIP
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Confessions (Day Chapel)</i>
Saturday 26th	5:00-5:50pm	<i>Confessions (Day Chapel)</i>
	6:00pm	Jean Claude Lam-Kin-Teng
Sunday 27th Fifth Sunday of Lent (A)	8:00am	Karen Cummins RIP (nee Grimshaw)
	9:30am	People of the Parish
	11:00am	Philip (Pip) McVey
	4:00pm	<i>Stations of The Cross</i>
	6:30pm	Beverly Gracias

Poor Parishes - Second Collection Today:

This weekend there is a second collection for Poor Parishes: formerly the Needs of the Diocese collection, this collection enables the Archbishop to make grants to some of the poorer parishes in the diocese.

First Holy Communion - June 2023:

Service of Commitment for First Holy Communion Candidates today, Sunday 19th March, during the 9:30am Mass.

Parish Business:

Monday 20th March from 6pm-7pm.

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.

Masses during Lent:

During Lent there are two daily Masses on Monday to Friday, at 6.45am and at 9am.

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>

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.

Stations of The Cross during Lent:

Wednesdays at 7:30pm and on Sundays at 4pm.

Funerals:

Please remember the families in your prayers.

Philomena Canavan RIP:

Requiem Mass on Tuesday 28th March at 11:45am

Michael Glynn RIP:

Requiem Mass on Monday 3rd April at 12:30pm.

Church Parade - Uniform Groups:

At the 9:30am Mass next Sunday, 26th March.

Lenten lunch:

Join us in the parish hall for a Lenten lunch of soup and a roll, tea or coffee between noon and 2pm on Fridays in Lent. Any money raised will go to Wimbledon food bank. Lenten lunch dates **Friday 24th March**, Friday 31st March and Thursday 6th April.

Lent Course:

This continues on Monday 20th March with two 30 minute DVDs:

The last in the series on St Paul covering his journey from Jerusalem to Rome.

One on St Bernadette of Lourdes and the Holy Rosary.

Over 60's Club:

Thursday 23rd March from 1pm to 3pm in the Church hall, all welcome.

Youth Club:

The last meeting before the Easter break will be on Friday 24th March from 7:30pm-9pm in the hall for those in school year 6 and above.

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.

Gift Aid envelopes:

Boxes of envelopes for the coming financial year are available at all Masses. If you are in the scheme, please collect yours from the table in the narthex. You will need to give your Gift Aid number which you can find on your current envelopes.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage - 9th to 16th May 2023:

Jane Gracias is organising a pilgrimage to Medjugorje from the 9th to 16th May. If you are interested in joining the pilgrimage, please add your name to the sheet at the back of Church or contact Jane on 07915 697 340 or email jane.gracias@btinternet.com for more information.

Fr Luke's HCPT Pilgrimage to Lourdes:

15th September – 22nd September 2023. Cost: £819 pp . For more information, please contact sandra@sfernandes.com Tel: 07768080537

Legion of Mary:

A Legion of Mary Peregrinatio team will be working in our parish from the 3rd to 10th June 2023 visiting every door. Would you be willing to provide accommodation for them on a bed & breakfast basis for that week? The breakfast only needs to be simple. They will cover all their expenses. If you feel you can help, please contact Fr Matthias. Please pray for the success of the Peregrinatio, that many souls will come to encounter Christ or enter into a deeper encounter through this work of evangelisation.

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

Job Vacancy:

One of our parishioners is looking to employ a Personal Assistant to help with everyday tasks (charity work and everyday accounts). Rate of pay is £11.84 an hour 31 hours per week. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday hours 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Thursday 7 hours' 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. To be considered. Please email pjpdaly@outlook.com for more information

Notice to all parishioners:

Please be aware that at the start of and from the end of mass there are some parishioners who wish to pray in peace and quiet for a while. This means to avoid distractions, any conversations should only take place outside the body of the church in the narthex with the doors closed or preferably outside the building. By all means greet one another but please do not enter into conversation during this time.

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 **Adrian Donoghue, 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 and John Heffron.**



PLEASE COMPLETE A SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE SLIP
(SLIPS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF CHURCH FOR THOSE IN SCHOOL YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6)