

Fisherman's Herald
The Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year (A) - 19th November 2023
St John Fisher Church

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



MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 18th	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	6:00pm	William D'Sa Birthday
Sunday 19th <i>Thirty-Third Sunday (A)</i> <i>World Day of the Poor</i>	8:00am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	David Whelan RIP (8th Anniversary)
	11:00am	Eamonn Coughlan RIP Ida Britto RIP
Monday 20th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Christian & Josette Michael Dooley RIP
Tuesday 21st <i>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Ilma & Clyde Tong RIP Alistair Donaghue - Thanksgiving
Wednesday 22nd St Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Sister Catherine RIP Pat Igoe RIP
	9:30am	<i>Legion of Mary (Day Chapel)</i>
Thursday 23rd	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Deva Paul Richard Debono RIP
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
	6:00pm	Parish Volunteer Mass
Friday 24th <i>St Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest & Companions</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Mr & Mrs Paganuzzi RIP Sarah Shanahan RIP (3rd Anniversary)
Saturday 25th	9:00am	Mary Yeats RIP
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
Saturday 25th Sunday 26th <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (A)</i> <i>Youth Day</i>	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	6:00pm	Patrick Lam-Kin Teng RIP (Anniversary)
	8:00am	Ana Crispin Syjud
	9:30am	People of the Parish
	11:00am	Baby Adam Collins RIP (Anniversary)
	4:00-5:00pm	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Evening Prayer</i>
	6:30pm	Kevin Gracias

Church Parade & Cake Sale - Today:

Church Parade at the 9:30am Mass today followed by a cake sale to raise money for the scouts.

Parish Business:

Monday 20th November 7pm to 8pm.

Holy Souls - November - Month of Remembrance:

Cards and envelopes are available at the back of the Church for parishioners. You write the names of your deceased relatives and friends on the card and put your offering for the Holy Souls in the envelopes. The names of the Holy Souls have been placed before the Altar and will be remembered during the month of November.

Christmas Gifts for Jesus:

We are organising Christmas gifts for Baby Jesus. On behalf of yourself, your family and in memory of your dear ones, you are free to donate any of these Liturgical vessels to Jesus this Christmas: **Chalice, Ciborium, Altar Candle Holders, Sanctuary Candle Holder, Thurible and Incense Boat, Holy Oil Containers for Baptism, Tray with Cruets.** Please speak with any of the priests.

Parish Volunteers Get Together - Thurs 23rd Nov:

Father Francis would like to invite all who are actively involved in the work and activities of the parish, to a get together in the hall after the 6pm Mass, to enjoy some food and wine. This is a way of saying: **'Thank you'** to all volunteers. Please add your name to the list at the back of Church if you are able to attend.

Solemnity of Christ the King - Next Sunday:

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the Solemnity of Christ the King at 4pm in Church ending with the evening prayer of the Church.

Red Wednesday – 22nd November:

A day of prayer and action for persecuted Christians

- Wear something red.
- Pray the Rosary: The Rosary at 8.30 am on 22nd November will be said for the intention of Persecuted Christians.
- Go to the 9 am Mass on Red Wednesday on behalf of someone who is prevented from doing so due to their being persecuted for their faith.
- Attend Red Wednesday London Event at Southwark Cathedral – see Justice and Peace noticeboard for information
- Inform yourself: go to : www.acnuk.org/redwednesday

Advent Course: "Let it be done unto me according to your word: How Mary helps us to be filled with God"

This course consisting of videos and discussion will be held on the Mondays of Advent beginning at 7.30pm on 4th December in the Church Hall,

Confirmation 2023 - Sunday 26th Nov - 6:30pm Mass:

The 6:30pm Mass next Sunday 26th November (Youth Day) is being arranged by the November 2023 Confirmation group. We ask that all who were confirmed this month to attend. Refreshments will be served in the hall after Mass.

Catholic Youth Services - Second Collection

Next Weekend: The collection taken on National Youth Sunday supports youth work in the diocese and beyond, especially the Southwark Catholic Youth Service.

Parish Advisory Council:

The next PAC meeting will take place on Monday 27th November 2023 at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall.

NEW Post - Confirmation Programme

Our parish Alpha Youth course begins on Sunday 3rd Dec and continues on Sun 10th and Sun 17th Dec in the parish hall from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Ten further sessions will take place in the Spring 2024 term. The programme is free and aims to create a vibrant, active section of the parish in which the children feel part of and can contribute to. More information on the course content can be found on the Alpha website at www.alpha.org.uk Please download a registration form from our website and return to the parish office if your child would like to attend ASAP: www.stjohnfishermerton.co.uk/alpha-youth-course-reply-slip-2023.pdf

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.

Senior Citizens - Christmas Party:

The Christmas celebration for our senior citizens takes place on Saturday 2nd December beginning with Mass at 11:30am, followed by lunch in the hall. Anyone who would like to attend please let us know ASAP.

Father Matthias Kizito:

Fr Matthias' farewell mass is on Saturday 13th January at 6pm followed by a party in the parish hall. If you wish to contribute to the parish gift, envelopes are available at the back of Church or you can donate at <https://donate.mydona.com/st-john-fisher-rc-church>

Christmas Cards for persecuted Christians:

Next weekend the Justice and Peace Group will again be inviting parishioners to send a Christmas Card to someone in prison or persecuted for their faith. We will provide the cards, address and some information. All you need is the greeting and a stamp. Please do not make any political comment in your card. We suggest you express sympathy for their situation and promise prayers.

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 using your weekly gift aid envelopes
3. Donate on our website or scan the QR code
4. Donate to our parish justgiving page:



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

Repository:

Parish Shop is now open before and after 9.30am Mass every Sunday & accepts all credit cards and cash.

Time & Talents - Volunteers Appeal:

Your parish of St John Fisher, Merton needs YOU and your talents and time! Please pick up a form as you leave Church if you are able to help.

Christian CARE (CCA) Vacancy - Executive Manager:

to oversee the day to day running of CCA. This will be its first paid employee and in the first instance a one year contract is on offer, at the rate of £24 per hour for a 21 hour week spread over 3-5 days. Closing date 23 Nov 23. Visit: <https://christiancaremerton.org.uk> for details.

Day of Recollection - Readers & Eucharistic Ministers:

10am on Saturday 2nd December at St Boniface Hall, 185 Mitcham Road, SW17 9PG. Please email the parish office: merton@rcaos.org.uk ASAP if you are planning to attend as numbers need to be confirmed for catering purposes.

Pilgrimage to Knock & Co Mayo:

3rd March 2024. Email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com 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.

Father Peter Littleton: ST GEORGE'S CHAPLAIN'S number is: 020 8725 3069 email catholicchaplains@stgeorges.nhs.uk

Please remember in your prayers the sick and housebound of our parish Rita Aguiar, Kate Colthup, Ravi Aumeerun, Richard Skeehan, Ceris Cook, Charles & Anna Lusack, Grant Cozens, Malcolm Varran, Catherine Yeats, Luca Buttaci, Kitty McVey, Rita Platel, Edward Alvares, Christine Henderson, Johnny Symmonds, Patricia Anderson, Irene McGrenra, Anthony Carter, Richard Sullivan, Joseph McGahren, John Heffron, Jim Cosgrove and Natalie Williams.



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