

**Fisherman's Herald**  
**The Twentieth Sunday of the Year (A) - 20th August 2023**  
**St John Fisher Church**

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 Parish Office: **Closed during school holidays**



**MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK**

<b>Saturday 19th</b>	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions ( <i>Confessional</i> )
	6:00pm	Alex & Ana Severina Fernandes
<b>Sunday 20th</b> <i>Twentieth Sunday (A)</i>	8:00am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	Helen Daly RIP
	11:00am	All Souls in Purgatory
	6:30pm	Laura
<b>Monday 21st</b> <i>St Pius X, Pope</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Antonio & Anna Fabiana Fernandes
<b>Tuesday 22nd</b> <i>The Queenship of The Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Margaret McDonagh RIP
<b>Wednesday 23rd</b>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Gerald Fox RIP Anniversary
<b>Thursday 24th</b> <i>St Bartholomew, Apostle</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	David Flynn RIP
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
<b>Friday 25th</b>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Kathleen Culleton RIP (10th Anniversary)
<b>Saturday 26th</b>	9:00am	Angela Deane RIP
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions ( <i>Confessional</i> )
<b>Saturday 26th</b>	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions ( <i>Confessional</i> )
	6:00pm	Mary & Paddy Daly
<b>Sunday 27th</b> <i>Twenty-First Sunday (A)</i>	8:00am	Marlene Saldanha RIP
	9:30am	People of the Parish
	11:00am	Helen Daly RIP
	6:30pm	Marie Sothinathan (Thanksgiving)

**Legion of Mary:**

We are starting the Legion of Mary here in the parish. The first meeting is on Wednesday 6th September 2023 at 9:30am in the Day Chapel. You are encouraged to join by adding your contact details to the sign up sheet which can be found on the table in the narthex.

**Parish Business:**

No parish business this week.

**Parish Office:**

The parish office is closed until the end of August. If you need to speak to a priest urgently please call 02085426355

**RCIA Program-September 2023:**

If you wish to register for the RCIA Program which begins in September, please visit the Parish website: [http://www.stjohnfishermerton.co.uk/sacramental\\_life.php](http://www.stjohnfishermerton.co.uk/sacramental_life.php)  
 The program is meant for adults who wish to be baptised or receive any of the Sacraments of Christian Initiation, i.e., Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation.

**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.

**A Day with Mary:**

Please see posters on the Church noticeboard or visit [www.adaywithmary.org](http://www.adaywithmary.org) for more information.

**NEW Post-Confirmation Programme:**

This is a call to all parents of children who are to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in the parish this November and also to parents of children who received the sacrament of Confirmation during the pandemic. A new post-confirmation programme is being put in place starting at the end of November. The parish has received funding from the Archbishop's Appeal Grant Fund to run an Alpha Youth course. The course will encourage the children to continue exploring their faith in an active and dynamic way and experience a sense of belonging in the parish community. Invitations and more information to follow.

### **Sancta Familia Catholic Academy Trust:**

A group of 15 schools, including St John Fisher R C Primary School, are currently consulting on conversion to Academy Status. The school proposes to join a newly established Catholic Academy Trust called Sancta Familia. You can read about the proposals and respond to the consultation at the following website: [www.sanctafamilia.co.uk](http://www.sanctafamilia.co.uk)

### **Confirmation - Saturday 11th November 2023 and First Holy Communion Programme - June 2024:**

Applications for Confirmation in November 2023 and Holy Communion in June 2024 have now closed. If you have registered for either of these programmes you should have received an email to confirm that your child has been allocated a place. Please contact the parish office if you have applied but not received an email.

### **Christian Care - Vacancy:**

After more than 45 years volunteering with Christian CARE, including in leading roles, our CARE Coordinator Gillian Thick will be stepping down at the end of the year. We are looking for two leaders with a real concern for, and some experience of, working alongside those in poverty. These are key roles in the charity as the CARE Coordinator and Assistant CARE Coordinator will have overall supervision of all volunteers and will be the first point of contact for many clients. Each role will take the equivalent of 2 days a week, but with flexibility to meet personal requirements. For more information please see the leaflets available at the back of the church or visit: <https://christiancaremerton.org.uk>

### **Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion in Our Parishes, Schools and Communities Seminar:**

This seminar will take place at the **Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Southwark, from 9.30am to 4.00pm on Saturday 28 October 2023**. You are all welcomed to this archdiocesan initiative by the *Commission for Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion chaired by Canon Victor Darlington, Episcopal Vicar for the Southeast*. On the day there will be contributions from a range of speakers, including the Most Reverend John Wilson, the Metropolitan Archbishop of Southwark. For more information and registration, please use this link: <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/commission-for-promoting-racial-and-cultural-inclusion/what-we-do/>. or write us: [racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk). Please join us for a stimulating and hope-filled day of discussion. Registration is FREE.

### **Church Attendance Slips - Term Time Only:**

Church attendance slips return on Sunday 10th September.

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

Please remember in your prayers the sick and housebound of our parish **Victor Pierson, Roberto Mendoza, Ravi Ameerun, Richard Skeehan, Ceris Cook, Anna Lusack, Grant Cozens, Malcolm Varran, Catherine Yeats, Luca Buttaci, Kitty McVey, Rita Platel, Edward Alvares, Christine Henderson, Johnny Symmonds, Kathy Metcalf, Patricia Anderson, Irene McGrenra, Anthony Carter, Richard Sullivan, Joseph McGahren, John Heffron, Jim Cosgrove and Natalie Williams.**

### **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](mailto: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](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-john-fisher-merton)**

### **Southwark Justice & Peace Commission**

#### **Autumn Assembly:**

23rd September 2023 at St Edmund Catholic Church, Beckenham. Mass 10am continuing 10.20am in the parish hall. Entitled 'The Right to Stay: Free to Choose'.

Entrance free. Lunch provided. Everyone welcome.

Keynote speaker Bishop Paul McAleenan.

To reserve a place email [justiceandpeace@rcaos.org](mailto:justiceandpeace@rcaos.org)

#### **Our Lady Queen of Peace - Walsingham Pilgrimage:**

Monday 28th August 2023 from 1.15pm to 5:30pm at the Catholic National Shrine led by Fr Zvonimir Pavičić OFM parish priest of St James, Medjugorje

#### **Our Lady Queen of Peace - Evening of Prayer:**

Wednesday 30th August 2023 6:30pm to 9:30pm at St Patrick's Church, 21A Soho Square, W1D 4N

### **Summer Break:**

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

- ⇒ **Parent & Toddlers** - returns on Thursday 7th Sept.
- ⇒ **Senior Citizens** - returns on Thursday 5th October.
- ⇒ **Children's Liturgy** - returns on Sun 17th September.
- ⇒ **Youth Club** - returns on Friday 15th September.
- ⇒ **9:30am Choir** - returns on Sunday 10th September.

**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](mailto:catholicchaplains@stgeorges.nhs.uk)



**NO SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE SLIPS THIS WEEK DUE TO THE SUMMER HOLIDAY**