

**Fisherman's Herald
Seventh Sunday of Easter (A) - 21st May 2023**

St John Fisher Church

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



MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 20th	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	6:00pm	Year 11 RE GCSE Students (From Talissa)
Sunday 21st Seventh Sunday of Easter (A)	8:00am	Michael Glynn RIP
	9:30am	People of The Parish
	11:00am	Malcolm Desmier RIP
	6:30pm	Sean Conneely RIP
Monday 22nd	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Stewart James Finch RIP
	7:30pm	Holy Spirit Novena Prayers
	8:00pm	Marco Savini RIP
Tuesday 23rd	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Innocencia Fernandes RIP
	7:30pm	Holy Spirit Novena Prayers
	8:00pm	Green Family - Wellbeing
Wednesday 24th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Bruno Fernandes RIP
	7:30pm	Holy Spirit Novena Prayers
	8:00pm	Leonardo Malaraig RIP
Thursday 25th <i>St Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Elisabeth Power
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
	7:30pm	Holy Spirit Novena Prayers
	8:00pm	Raymond Romones RIP
Friday 26th <i>St Philip Neri, Priest</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Electa & Eloide Almedia
	7:30pm	Holy Spirit Novena Prayers
	8:00pm	Patricia Josephine Benn RIP
Saturday 27th <i>St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop, Apostle of England</i>	9:00am	Sr Marian & Sr Gretta
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
Saturday 27th	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	6:00pm	Eric Larche RIP Anniversary
Sunday 28th Pentecost Sunday (A) <i>The Season of Easter ends today</i>	8:00am	People of The Parish
	9:30am	Michael Glynn RIP
	11:00am	Thanksgiving
	6:30pm	Canon Acton RIP

Church Parade - Today:

Church parade for the uniform groups today at the 9:30am Mass.

Parish Business:

Parish business on Monday 22nd May from 7pm to 8pm.

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).

Please note the closing date for applications is next Sunday 28th May.

Funerals:

Please remember the families in your prayers.

Mary Cole RIP:

Requiem Mass on Thursday 25th May at 12 noon

Cuthbert Alphonse RIP:

Requiem Mass on Friday 26th May at 12:30pm.

James O'Neill RIP:

Funeral Service on Wednesday 7th June at 11:30am.

Holy Spirit Novena:

The parish Novena to the Holy Spirit continues until Saturday 27th May 2023, from 7:30pm - Novena prayers before the Blessed Sacrament. There will be Mass of the Holy Spirit after the novena on weekdays of the 9 days.

Second Collection - This Weekend to support CCN:

CCN is The Catholic Communications Network

This collection supports the work of the Catholic Communications Network (CCN), the media office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The CCN seeks to be of service both to the Church and the world in offering professional channels of communication, and provides support for the Bishops of England and Wales and the wider Church in promoting the Gospel through the media on current issues. The CCN provides up-to-date news releases, features and podcasts, information from the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, and trains spokesmen and women.

Empowering Vulnerable Children (EVC) Uganda - Appeal - Second Collection - Next Weekend:

This Charity provides a future through education for some of the poorest children in the world. Judi Fawcett, Founder and a Trustee, will speak briefly at all the Masses next weekend. For further information about their work please look at their website at <http://www.evcuganda.org>

Confessions:

Confessions now take place in the Confessional.

Over 60's Club:

Thursday 25th May from 1-3pm in the Church hall.

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.

Canon Acton RIP - Memorial Stone:

We will soon be placing an order for a memorial stone in memory of Canon Acton. The stone will be installed on the front wall of the Church next to the existing memorial stone for Canon O'Donnell. The cost of the stone will be approx. £1500. We welcome any contributions towards the cost of this memorial. Donations can be made by cash/cheque (payable to 'RCAS Merton') please mark envelopes 'Memorial Stone' and post to the parish office. You can also make payments by card using the contactless machine in Church (please ensure you select 'Fundraising' on the payment screen).

Legion of Mary:

A team of ten people from the Legion of Mary will be visiting our Parish during the week of 10th - 17th June 2023. They will be moving in pairs, calling on all doors in our Parish regardless of faith or none. If they don't get an answer, they plan to leave a leaflet giving details about our parish and an invitation to a special Mass at St John Fisher on **Friday 16th June at 7pm**. We all know how worried people can be about scams and people knocking on doors. Please could you share the news of their visit with your neighbours so that our visitors will not be mistaken for scammers or fraudsters.

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.

CAFOD:

Pope Benedict XVI said that "Love - caritas - is an extraordinary force which leads people to opt for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace." For decades CAFOD has spoken out against injustice. To find out more, please go to www.cafod.org.uk/latestcampaigns

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>

Closing date for applications is Sunday 11th June.

Wimbledon College - Job Vacancy:

Wimbledon College are looking to appoint a Caretaker. Further information is available on their website www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk, or please contact hr@wimbledoncollege.org.uk or 020 8879 9323. Closing date for applications is Tuesday 30th May 2023.

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

Christian Care:

Can you spare a few hours once a month or even a year. Christian Care Merton are looking to recruit volunteer drivers. There are also opportunities to help with regular transport needs during the year if you are interested. Please email christiancaremerton@gmail.com or call 07944 692920 for further information.

A Day with Mary:

- Saturday 27th May at St Mary of the Crays, DA1.
- Saturday 3rd June at St Bede's, Thornton Road, SW12.
- Saturday 17th June at St Joseph, Roehampton, SW15.

Please see poster on the Church noticeboard or visit www adaywithmary.org for more information.

Catholic Association Lourdes Pilgrimage:

18th to 25th August 2023. For more information visit www.catholicassociation.co.uk

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 **Roberto Mendoza, Ravi Aumeerun, Richard Skeehan, Ceris Cook, Diana Maginnis, Anna Lusack, Malcolm Varran, Catherine Yeats, 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, Jim Cosgrove, Abbey Counsell and Natalie Williams.**



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