

Fisherman's Herald
Third Sunday of Easter (A) - 23rd April 2023
St John Fisher Church

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Part of the R. C. Archdiocese of Southwark Charity No: 1173050
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 Parish Office: **Monday & Thursday from 9am to 2pm.**



MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 22nd	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	6:00pm	Cadence D'Aguiar (Thanksgiving)
Sunday 23rd <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	8:00am	Tony Stevenage
	9:30am	Michael Glynn RIP
	11:00am	People of The Parish
	6:30pm	Nesta Garson
Monday 24th <i>St George, Martyr, Patron of England</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Marjorie Stevenage Christine Davis - Intentions
Tuesday 25th <i>St Mark, Evangelist</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Crispin Corzo Family Intentions Roy Noronha RIP
Wednesday 26th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Michael McGrath RIP Anniv. Ita Keaveney RIP
Thursday 27th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Hilary & Tony - Wellbeing Tommy Heffron RIP
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
Friday 28th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Kathy Kavanagh RIP (1st Anniversary) Andrew Traynor RIP
Saturday 29th <i>St Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church</i>	9:00am	Maureen Harper RIP Anniv.
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Confessions (Confessional)</i>
Saturday 29th	5:00-5:50pm	<i>Confessions (Confessional)</i>
	6:00pm	Benny Fernandes RIP
Sunday 30th <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i> <i>World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life</i>	8:00am	People of The Parish
	9:30am	Michael Glynn RIP
	11:00am	Moira Kean (90th Birthday)
	6:30pm	Canon Acton RIP

Parish AGM – Today, Sunday 23rd April:

The Parish Annual General Meeting will take place in the Parish Hall today, 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.

First Holy Communion Candidates - June 2023:

- Presentation of the Gospel to the first holy communion candidates at the 9:30am Mass today, Sunday 23rd April.
- Parents meeting for those in Group 1 on Tuesday 25th April and on Thursday 27th April for those in Group 2. Both meetings begin at 8pm in the Church Hall
- Rite of Election for first holy communion candidates next Sunday 30th April at the 9:30am Mass.

Maintenance of St George's Cathedral

Second Collection - This Weekend:

This weekend there is 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.

Priest Training Fund - Second Collection

Next Weekend:

The priesthood has always been essential to the life of the Church, from the time of Jesus until today. Good Shepherd Sunday is the day we pray for vocations, for our priests, and take up the Priest Training Fund second collection. This fund pays for the formation of men to become priests in our Archdiocese.

After their ordination, our priests dedicate their lives to serving Christ and His people in our parishes, hospitals, schools, chaplaincies, prisons and in service to the needy, throughout South London, Kent and Surrey. We are blessed to have 3 men in formation to the Priesthood for our Archdiocese. However, it costs £30,000 a year to sponsor each seminarian. They study for 6 years before being ordained a Catholic priest. We therefore rely on your generous support and prayers. Please support our priests of the future with a gift today.

Thank you!

- Donate Online: www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF
- Or Scan QR Code using telephone camera (right)
- Telephone weekdays 9 am – 5 pm: 020 7960 2504
- Cash / Cheque – please use the Priest Training Fund envelopes at the back of church.



Parish Business:

Monday 24th April from 7pm to 8pm.

Mary's Meals - Foreign Currency Appeal:

If you have not yet returned your Mary's Meals envelope, please can you do so as soon as possible.



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.

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.

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/firstholymass>

Fr. Matthias:

After spending 8½ years working outside my home diocese of Kampala in Uganda, my Bishop and I have now come to 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.

Over 60's Club:

Thursday 27th April from 1-3pm in the Church hall. All Welcome.

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

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:

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

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.

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 Ameerun, 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.**



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