

Fisherman's Herald
The Sixteenth Sunday of the Year (A) - 23rd July 2023

St John Fisher Church

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Parish Office: **Closed during school holidays**



MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 22nd	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	6:00pm	Cynthia Crowe RIP
Sunday 23rd <i>Sixteenth Sunday (A)</i>	8:00am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	Thanksgiving
	11:00am	Brian D'Sa (Birthday)
	6:30pm	Tim Daly RIP
Monday 24th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Sally (Intentions) Moira Hyland RIP
Tuesday 25th <i>St James, Apostle</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Ann Devers Nancy Hyland RIP
Wednesday 26th <i>Saints Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Victor & Ighes D'Souza RIP John Davis RIP
Thursday 27th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Thanksgiving Marcus & Angela (Intentions)
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
Friday 28th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Innocencia Fernandes RIP Janet Fernandes RIP
Saturday 29th <i>Sts Mary, Martha and Lazarus</i>	9:00am	Norma Edmiston RIP (5th Anniversary)
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
Saturday 29th	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	6:00pm	Juliet Alayon RIP
Sunday 30th <i>Seventeenth Sunday (A)</i>	8:00am	Frances & Jim Kennedy RIP
	9:30am	Basil D'Silva RIP (1st Anniversary)
	11:00am	People of the Parish
	6:30pm	Philomena Canavan RIP

Parish Business:

Parish business on Monday 24th July from 7pm to 8pm.

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

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.

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 will 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.

Funeral:

Please remember the family in your prayers.

John Davis RIP:

Requiem Mass on Tuesday 25th July at 12 noon.

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

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.

Church Attendance Slips - Term Time Only:

Church attendance slips will return on Sunday 10th September.

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 or scan the QR Code above; <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/commission-for-promoting-racial-and-cultural-inclusion/what-we-do/>. Or write us: racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk. Please join us for a stimulating and hope-filled day of discussion. Registration is FREE.

A Day with Mary:

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

Fatima & Lisbon Pilgrimage:

2nd to 7th Oct 2023. Please see poster on Church noticeboard or visit www.stpeterspilgrimages.com

Padre Pio Pilgrimage:

San Giovanni Rotondo - 22nd - 26th Sept 2023
Please see poster on Church noticeboard or visit www.stpeterspilgrimages.com for more information.

Catholic Association Lourdes Pilgrimage:


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

*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 Aumeerun, 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 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

Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage:

23rd September, 3pm, at St George's Cathedral. If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + wedding anniversary this year, please contact the parish office as soon as possible so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during the Mass. Spaces are limited.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje - 17th to 24th Sept. 2023:

Flying from Gatwick to Split (Pilgrims will need to arrange their own flights). Accommodation in Medjugorje is Half Board in shared accommodation 275 Euros pp which includes transport to/from Split Airport. Transfers to/from Gatwick Airport are not included. If you are interested in joining us please contact Jane Gracias on 0791569734.

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



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