

Fisherman's Herald
The Twenty-Fifth Sunday of the Year (A) - 24th September 2023
St John Fisher Church

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



MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 23rd	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	6:00pm	Helen Daly RIP
Sunday 24th <i>Twenty-Fifth Sunday (A)</i> <i>World Day of prayer for migrants and Refugees</i>	8:00am	Mr Brian D'Sa
	9:30am	Harris Addeh
	11:00am	Dennis Lonergan
	6:30pm	People of The Parish
Monday 25th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Delia (Intentions)
Tuesday 26th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Alexis Gonzalez
Wednesday 27th <i>St Vincent de Paul, Priest</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Annie McKay (Birthday)
	9:30am	<i>Legion of Mary (Day Chapel)</i>
Thursday 28th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Michael Dooley RIP
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
Friday 29th <i>Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Thanksgiving
	12:30pm	<i>Requiem - Stella 'June' Duffy RIP</i>
Saturday 30th <i>St Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church</i>	9:00am	Michael & Eileen Tully
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
Saturday 30th	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	6:00pm	Consuelo & Raul Fuentes
Sunday 1st <i>Twenty-Sixth Sunday (A)</i> <i>Rosary Sunday</i>	8:00am	June Duffy RIP
	9:30am	People of The Parish
	11:00am	Pat Igoe RIP (2nd Anniversary)
	6:30pm	Mrs Clare D'Sa

First Communion Candidates - Enrolment:

At the 9:30am Mass today.

Legion of Mary:

Meetings continue on Wednesday 27th September 2023 at 9:30am in the Day Chapel.

Parish Business:

Monday 25th September from 7pm to 8pm.

RCIA Program - September 2023:

The RCIA program for adults who wish to be baptised or receive any of the Sacraments of Christian Initiation begins on Tuesday 3rd October at 7:30pm in the presbytery.

Talkabout:

Copies of our parish magazine are available at the back of Church. The magazine is also available for download from our website. Donations towards printing costs are appreciated (Suggested donation £1).

Father Francis Nonyelu - Mass of Induction:

The Mass of Induction Mass for Father Francis Nonyelu as the new parish priest will take place on **Thursday 19th October 2023 at 6:30pm**. A reception and entertainment will follow in the church hall. Bishop Philip Moger, the new Auxiliary Bishop of Southwark Archdiocese will preside at the Holy Mass.

CAFOD- Harvest Fast Day:

Friday 6th October is family fast day. Please take an envelope form the back of Church and return with your offering on Sunday 8th October.

New Altar Servers:

Practices for new Altar Servers will be held in the Church starting on Thurs 28th Sept at 6.30 pm. If you would like to serve on our Sanctuary young or old and have made your First Communion please complete the Application form which can be found in the Narthex

Tea / Coffee - After 8am Mass

Next Sunday and on the first Sunday of every month there will be Tea/Coffee served in the Church Hall after the 8am Sunday Mass. Everyone welcome.

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 with any of the following voluntary roles: Organist, Choir, Catechist (Holy Communion & Confirmation), Church Cleaning, Welcomer, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Handyman, Electrician, Plumber, Builder, Website Designer. Please return completed forms to the parish office.

Confirmation Candidates - Presentation of Gospel:

At the 9:30am Mass next Sunday, 1st October.

Funerals:

Please remember the families in your prayers.

Stella 'June' Duffy RIP:

Requiem Mass on Friday 29th September at 12:30pm.

Marie Worrall RIP:

Requiem Mass on Monday 2nd October at 10:45am.

Kathy Metcalfe RIP:

Requiem Mass on Monday 9th October at 11am.

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.

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.

School Supplementary Forms

If you require a school supplementary form to be signed for **Nursery**, **Reception** or **High School**, please drop the forms through the presbytery letterbox at anytime and include a copy of the Baptism certificate. You will be contacted when the form is ready for collection.

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.

Repository Shop:

Open 20 minutes before and after the 9.30 Mass every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. **Volunteer Needed** - Can you spare about 20 minutes before & after 9.30 Mass on Sunday once a month? Please give your name to one of the Priests.

Over 60's Club:

Returns on Thursday 5th October from 1pm to 3pm in the Church hall, all welcome.

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>

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

Bishop Howard Tripp RIP:

Bishop Howard Tripp's first anniversary of death is on 3 October. There will be a Year's Mind Mass for him - celebrated at St George's Cathedral - the day after, on Wednesday 4 October at 12.30pm. Bishop Paul Hendricks will be the main celebrant. Everyone is most welcome to attend the Mass.

School Open Events:

Please see posters on Church noticeboard for details of school open events.

Job Vacancy - Sacred Heart Wimbledon:

Sacred Heart Parish, Wimbledon seeks a Parish Faith Minister for Children, Young Persons and Families. The person appointed will assist the Parish Priest to promote the mission of the Church to the children and young people of the parish, and be responsible for co-ordinating First Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes. Please contact wimbledon@rcaos.org.uk 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 **Victor Pierson, 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, 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)