

Fisherman's Herald

The Twelfth Sunday of the Year (A) - 25th June 2023

St John Fisher Church

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



MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

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| Saturday 24th | 5:00-5:50pm | Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>) |
| | 6:00pm | Paul Riley RIP |
| Sunday 25th <i>Twelfth Sunday (A)</i> | 8:00am | People of the Parish |
| | 9:30am | Queen of Peace (42nd Anniversary) |
| | 11:00am | Fay (Thanksgiving) |
| | 6:30pm | Gemma Gracias |
| Monday 26th | 8:30am | <i>Rosary</i> |
| | 9:00am | Pearly Vincent RIP Anniversary Loga & Mike Smith (Thanksgiving) |
| Tuesday 27th | 8:30am | <i>Rosary</i> |
| | 9:00am | Inacio & Ana Fernandes & Children Jim Donaghy RIP |
| Wednesday 28th <i>St Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr & Doctor of the Church</i> | 8:30am | <i>Rosary</i> |
| | 9:00am | Michael Glynn RIP |
| | 6:00pm | Ann Walker |
| Thursday 29th <i>Sts Peter & Paul, Apostles</i> | 8:30am | <i>Rosary</i> |
| | 9:00am | Eric Agboegbulem |
| | 9:30-10:30am | <i>Weekly Adoration</i> |
| | 7:30pm | B.J. Vincent RIP 1st Anniversary |
| Friday 30th | 8:30am | <i>Rosary</i> |
| | 9:00am | Giovanni Fugaccia RIP Domanick Sammons RIP |
| Saturday 1st | 8:00am | <i>First Saturday Devotions</i> |
| | 9:00am | PJ Treacy (70th Birthday) |
| | 9:30-10:30am | Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>) |
| Saturday 1st Sunday 2nd <i>Thirteenth Sunday (A)</i> | 5:00-5:50pm | Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>) |
| | 6:00pm | Pat Igoe RIP |
| | 8:00am | Thomas Syjud (4th Birthday) |
| | 9:30am | Michael Glynn RIP |
| | 11:00am | People of the Parish |
| | 4:00pm | <i>Blessed Sacrament Procession</i> |
| 6:30pm | Terenzia Lipani & Salvatore Infantino RIP | |

Parish Business:

Parish business on Monday 26th June from 7pm to 8pm.

Funeral:

Please remember the family in your prayers.

James Johnson RIP:

Requiem Mass on Wednesday 28th June at 11am.

Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul:

On Thursday 29th June we will be celebrating the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, a holyday of obligation when we are expected to go to Mass as we do on Sundays. Masses will be celebrated as follows: Wednesday 28th June at 6pm (Vigil Mass) and on Thursday 29th June at 9am and 7:30pm.

Memorial Stone - Canon Acton:

We would like to register our deepest appreciation for the generous donations which covered the cost of the Memorial stone for the late Canon Acton. The stone has now been ordered and is expected to arrive before the end of June. If it is installed before the end of June, we are planning to have it unveiled/blessed after the 6pm Mass next Saturday 1st July.

Talkabout:

Our parish magazine is available this weekend. Suggested donation of £1 towards printing costs is much appreciated.

Over 60's Club:

Thursday 29th June from 1-3pm in the Church hall.

First Saturday Devotions - 1st July:

Rosary and keeping Our Lady company within Adoration and Benediction from 8am to 8:45am.

Annual Procession of the Blessed Sacrament:

Next Sunday 2nd July at 4pm

All children who made their First Holy Communion recently, with their families, all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and parishioners please make every effort to attend this Procession, as an expression of Our Faith and showing our Love for 'Hidden' Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Peter's Pence Second Collection - Next Weekend:

There is a second collection next weekend for Peter's Pence which is normally taken on the Feast of SS Peter and Paul. The offerings to the Holy Father are destined to church needs, humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as the Holy See.

First Holy Communion - June 2023:

Warmest Congratulations to all the Children of the Parish who received Jesus for the first time in the Eucharist this month. We pray that they will continue to grow in the grace of God. We thank the catechists and parents who have assisted them on this journey. May God bless you all.

**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.

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.

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.

Feast of Saints Peter & Paul - Annual Outdoor Mass:

All parishioners are invited to Mitcham to an outdoor Mass on **Sunday 2nd July at 3:30pm** to mark the feast of Saints Peter and Paul. The tradition of holding a public procession and Mass on the Cricket Green has been established for very many years and is a wonderful way for us to publicly proclaim our faith.

Justice & Peace Food Collection - Faith In Action:

Next Weekend we will be collecting for Faith in Action. They appreciate: Cereal bars & protein bars, Multi-packs of crisps, Multi-packs of small juice cartons, Sugar. Small, ring-pull, tins of sardines and mackerel. Tins of corned beef. Tins of sweetcorn and Jars of peanut butter.

Please bring donations to the hall before Mass.

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

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

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

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 260 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.

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, John Davis, 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, Charles Ducker, Richard Sullivan, Joseph McGahren, John Heffron, Jim Cosgrove, Abbey Counsell 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)