

Fisherman's Herald
The Twenty-Sixth Sunday of The Year (C) - 25th September 2022
St John Fisher Church

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



MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 24th	6:00pm	Harris Addeh
Sunday 25th	8:00am	People of The Parish
Twenty-Sixth Sunday (C) World Day for Migrants & Refugees	9:30am	Delia - Intentions
	11:00am	Mary O'Connor
	6:30pm	Alexis Gonzalez
Monday 26th	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Richard Deane RIP Edward Platel RIP
Tuesday 27th <i>St Vincent de Paul</i>	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Annie McKay RIP Edward Alvares
Wednesday 28th	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	George Rowe RIP John Grace RIP
Thursday 29th <i>Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels</i>	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	St Michael - Thanksgiving Michelle Donegan RIP (16th Anniversary)
	9:30-10:30am	Weekly Adoration
Friday 30th <i>St Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church</i>	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Susan Fomin RIP Canon Acton
Saturday 1st <i>St. Theresa of the Child Jesus</i>	8:00-8:45am	First Saturday Devotions
	9:00am	Thanksgiving
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions (Day Chapel)
Saturday 1st Sunday 2nd Twenty-Seventh Sunday (C) Rosary Sunday	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (Day Chapel)
	6:00pm	Marie Therese Siebert
	8:00am	Anthony D'Souza RIP
	9:30am	Pat Igoe RIP (1st Anniversary)
	11:00am	Michael & Eileen Tully
	4:00pm	Rosary Service
6:30pm	People of The Parish	

Parish Business:

Monday 26th September from 7pm to 8pm.

Confessions in the Day Chapel:

Confessions now take place in the Day Chapel. Times remain the same: Saturday morning from 9:30am to 10:30am and Saturday evening from 5:00pm to 5:50pm.

RCIA Program-September 2022:

If you wish to register for the RCIA Program which begins in September, please go the Parish website:

http://www.stjohnfishermerton.co.uk/sacramental_life.php The program is meant for adults who wish to be baptized or receive any of the Sacraments of Christian Initiation, i.e., Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation.

Confirmation - November 2022:

- The second parents meeting takes place on Monday 26th September at 8pm in the hall. All candidates should be represented at this meeting.
- Presentation of the Gospel to Confirmation Candidates at the 9:30am Mass on 2nd October.

First Holy Communion - June 2023:

- There will be a service of commitment today at the 9:30am Mass.
- The second parents meeting will be on Thursday 29th September at 8pm in the Church.

Daily Rosary:

There is a daily rosary (Monday to Friday) at 8:30am. If you are able to lead the rosary even if just for one day a week, please sign up at the back of Church.

First Saturday Devotions:

Rosary and keeping Our Lady company within Adoration and Benediction on Saturday 1st October from at 8am to 8:45am.

Rosary Service - Sunday 2nd October:

There will be a Rosary Service next Sunday, 2nd October at 4pm. The Month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary, primarily because the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on October 7th. The feast was instituted to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for her protection over the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary. Let us consider saying the Rosary in our families every day during the month of October.

Talkabout:

Copies of our parish magazine are available in the narthex. The magazine can also be viewed on our website. Donations towards printing costs are appreciated.

Over 60's Club:

Returns on Thursday 6th October from 1pm to 3pm in the Church hall, all welcome.

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.

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 which can be found on the poster at the back of Church or in the Hall.
4. Donate to our parish justgiving page:

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-john-fisher-merton

Church Hall Hire:

If you would like to book our Church Hall, please contact Praetorium (our booking management company) www.lowcosthalls.co.uk

Wimbledon Foodbank - Thank You:

We have received an email from the Wimbledon Foodbank: 'Thank you for your support of Wimbledon Foodbank. Only with the help of the local community are we able to support families and individuals experiencing food poverty. We have gratefully received your amazing food donations for the past year of 153.5 kg, which will provide 119 meals to local people.'

Food Collection - Next Weekend:

On the 1st/2nd October we are collecting for **Faith In Action**. They appreciate: Cans of meat or fish with a ring-pull opening, Packs of cereal, Cans of tomatoes and jars of coffee, Jam and marmalade, and Cleaning materials such as spray, toilet cleaner etc. *Please bring donations to the hall before Mass.*

The World Day for Migrants and Refugees 2022:

The World Day for Migrants & Refugees 2022 is an international day of prayer which offers an occasion to express concern for different vulnerable people on the move; to pray for them in the challenges they face; and to increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers. This year, it will be celebrated on the 25th September. Pope Francis' theme for this year's WDMR is "Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees". The Holy Father asks us to proclaim the message that full citizenship of God's Kingdom does not exclude those most vulnerable, as we recognize the value each of them can bring to the process of construction.

Act of Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You

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. 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.

Novena for Home Mission:

Following on from Home Mission Sunday all parishioners are being invited by the Archdiocese to pray a Novena for the return of people who have yet to come back to church. Novena Cards can be found at the back of the church.

The Archbishop's Certificate:

This is an online course for all in Southwark who wish to know their Catholic faith more deeply. Participants will take a two-year journey through the Church's teaching to understand their faith in a more profound way and be able to share it with both confidence and joy. The course will commence in October 2022. Further details can be found here: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert>

Baby Loss Remembrance:

Throughout October there will be a Baby Loss Memorial in Church to commemorate the lives of those lost before, during, or shortly after birth for any reason. The memorial space includes prayer cards, as well as details of support services for anyone who needs them. A prayer will be said at all Sunday Masses in October and a special Mass will be said on **Sunday 9th October at 6.30 pm** for all affected by baby loss.



INFANT BAPTISMS: First Sunday of the month at 3pm. 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 COMPLETE A SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE SLIP

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