Fisherman's Herald

The Thirtieth Sunday of The Year (A) – 25th October 2020

St John Fisher Church

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Parish Office**:** Monday-Thursday 9am-2pm

MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 24th	10-11am	Confessions *(Hall)*
	5-5:50pm	Confessions *(Hall)*
	6:00pm	Gerald Fox & Family
Sunday 25th		
Thirtieth Sunday (A)	8:00am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	Sheila O'Hara RIP
	11:00am	Annie McKay RIP
	6:30pm	Mary Newill RIP
Monday 26th	9:00am	Eugene Desmier
		Lila Grace Bastiampillai RIP
	1pm-3pm	Rosary Prayer Group
Tuesday 27th	9:00am	Paddy Loughran RIP
		Olga Thompson - Birthday
Wednesday 28th	9:00am	Canon Acton
Saints Simon & Jude, Apostles		Mary Barry RIP
Thursday 29th	9:00am	Frances Kennedy RIP
		Veronica Apfelstedt RIP
	9:30am-10:30am	*Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament*
Friday 30th	9:00am	Mary Ann Cosgrove
		Richard Joseph Paszek RIP (10th Anniversary)
Saturday 31st	9:00am	Gerry Ryan RIP (1st Anniversary)
	10-11am	Confessions *(Hall)*
Saturday 31st	5-5:50pm	Confessions *(Hall)*
	6:00pm	Helen O'Keefe RIP Anniversary
Sunday 1st	8:00am	Julia Heyden
All Saints (A)	9:30am	Maurice Collingwood RIP (6th Anniversary)
	11:00am	People of the Parish
	6:30pm	Jeremias Noronha

All Souls' Day / November. Month of Remembrance:

There will be two Masses on All Souls' Day to commemorate all the Faithful departed, at 9:00am and 7:30pm. During the second Mass at 7:30pm the names of all who have died in this parish since All Souls' Day 2019 will be read out and a candle lit for them. *This Mass is reserved for the families of those who have passed away in the parish this year.*

Holy Souls - Cards are available at the back of the Church for parishioners, on which to write the names of your deceased relatives and friends. These cards will be placed near the Altar during the month of November.

Blessing of Graves - Due to the COVID-19 restrictions there will be NO service of blessing graves this year.

Rite of Election - Confirmation Candidates:

Sunday 8th November at the 9:30am Mass. *Please reserve this Mass for Confirmation candidates and their parents.*

Confirmation - Saturday 14th November:

Bishop Paul will confirm our candidates on Saturday 14th November at 10am, 12 noon and 3pm.

Please reserve these Masses for Confirmation candidates and their parents. **Please note there will be no 9am Mass or confessions that day.**

Public Worship:

Thank you for abiding by the new guidelines regarding the act of Public Worship in our Church. We kindly appeal to you to follow the guidance of the volunteer stewards when they direct you to the available sitting space. There is limited capacity in our Church due to social distancing requirements. Please consider attending Mass during the week as there is still no obligation to attend Mass on Sunday. We shall continue to live stream Masses from our Church. Mass times are indicated in the table opposite.

Everyone attending Mass will be required to leave their contact details. Please visit our website to download a form. Blank forms are also available at the back of Church.

Because no concelebration is taking place at this time, Fr. Matthias and Fr. Francis will continue to celebrate mass separately and offer intentions that appear in the table opposite.

Church Shop/Repository:

Open today after 9.30am Mass until before the 11am Mass. Please observe social distancing. Should you wish to purchase any items or cards, Josette will be happy to open the Repository outside those hours if you call her on 02085424764 or email **kisnorpijo@yahoo.co.uk**

RCIA: Please contact the parish office if you are interested in joining the RCIA course.

Funeral - Charlie O'Rourke RIP:
Tuesday 27th October at 12:30pm. *Please note that due to government guidelines the funeral is private to family and close friends only.*

Parish Business:
No parish business until further notice. Please call or email the parish office if you need to speak to the clergy

Your Legacy of Faith:
Please take a leaflet from the table as you leave the Church

Church Cleaning:
We need volunteers to help us clean the Church after every Mass. If you are able to volunteer, please email us at **merton@rcaos.org.uk**.

St John Fisher School - Vacancy:
Casual Lettings Caretaker :
to open, attend/support events and close the School during weekends and outside normal school hours. Please contact Gabriel Toyos for more information: 02085402637 sbm@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk

Help Needed:
Have you spare time and a sewing machine to help make some masks? Please contact Ann Bennett 07890 285 768

Weekly Offertory Donations:
Thank you to those parishioners who contribute generously towards the running costs of the Parish. In case anyone wishes to make donations in this regard, please use any of the following 3 ways:
1. Please email **merton@rcaos.org,uk** for a pledge form
2. Continue to use your weekly gift aid envelopes
3. Donate to our parish justgiving page:
www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-john-fisher-merton

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 Chaplain's** at St George's, Tooting, their number is: **020 8725 3069** **email catholicchaplains@stgeorges.nhs.uk**

Rosary: The month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7th. It was instituted to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the church in answer to the praying of the Rosary. In this month of October, let us consider this beautiful prayer of the Rosary as a means that we too can use in order to draw closer to Jesus and Mary by meditating on the great mysteries of our salvation. We need the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary during this period of Covid-19. Let us pray at home, as individuals, as families or come to our Rosary Prayer Group in Church every Monday from 1pm to 3pm.

Let us pray for the sick of our Parish: **Douglas Esaw**, **Sid Miles, Maxine Woodward, Ava (Eve) Leccocrovi, Alf Eaden, Patricia Campbell, Pat Humphries, Mary Lewis, Irene McGrenra, Charles Ducker, Anthony Carter** and **Donald Derx.** We pray for those who have died recently in our parish: **Michael Mannion, David Collins, Charlie O'Rourke**, **Mary Leahy, Giuseppe Ginex & Moira Hughes** and for those whose anniversaries occur this week: **John Anthony Castro, Liam Finucane, Patrick McClusker, Charlie McGinley, Lydia Fredrick, Maurice Collingwood Nelson, Maria Fernandes, Annie McKay and Gerard Ryan.**

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.

Prayer for protection in times of pandemic

O Mary, you always brighten our path as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain while remaining steadfast in faith. O loving Mother, you know what we need, and we are confident you will provide for us as at Cana in Galilee. Intercede for us with your Son Jesus, the Divine Physician, for those who have fallen ill, for those who are vulnerable, and for those who have died. Intercede also for those charged with protecting the health and safety of others and for those who are tending to the sick and seeking a cure. Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who took upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows, so as to lead us, through the Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.
Under thy protection we seek refuge, O Holy Mother of God. In our needs, despise not our petitions, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen. *(from Archbishop John Wilson)*

School Supplementary Forms:
If you require a supplementary form signed for secondary school, please post it through the presbytery door and you will be contacted once it has been signed and stamped. When signing the forms we will confirm Mass attendance on the historic data that we have for the period from September 2017 to March 2020. P*lease include a copy of the Baptism certificate.*
Please contact SJF school for availability regarding nursery and reception class admissions. **NO SCHOOL SLIPS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

Our Parish Primary School is St. John Fisher R. C. Primary and Nursery School, Grand Drive, West Wimbledon, SW20 9NA, Tel:02085402637 Email:school@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk Web:www.st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk
Boys & Girls Aged 3-11. Breakfast & After School Club. 30 hours Nursery provision. Head Teacher – Ms Janine Kenna
St. John Fisher RC Primary School is the thriving parish primary school located along Grand Drive. The school motto '*Together we grow in God's love, learning to be the best we can be'* is reflected in all areas of school life. The warm and welcoming atmosphere of the school coupled with skilled and experienced staff offers the very best start in education for pupils, parents and staff. At present, due to safety restrictions, we are not able to welcome you into the school in person, however the link below will take you to our virtual school tour and our staff would be delighted to help with any enquiries you may have.. Please speak to Mrs Aldred or Mrs Powell if you have any questions. Supplementary forms for Nursery should be given into the school by 28th February 2021 and 15th January 2021 for Reception. https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=JhTv7i1w3vA&app=desktop