

Fisherman's Herald
The Fifth Sunday of Lent (A) - 26th March 2023
St John Fisher Church

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



MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 25th	6:00pm	Jean Claude Lam-Kin-Teng
Sunday 26th	8:00am	Karen Cummins RIP (nee Grimshaw)
Fifth Sunday of Lent (A)	9:30am	People of the Parish
	11:00am	Philip (Pip) McVey
	4:00pm	<i>Stations of The Cross</i>
	6:30pm	Beverly Gracias
Monday 27th	6:45am	Canon Acton RIP
	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Mick Glynn RIP
Tuesday 28th	6:45am	Matilde Rodrigues Bonito Braz Viera Da Luz
	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Patrick Coughlan Intentions
Wednesday 29th	6:45am	Mrs Beatrice Acton RIP (1st Anniversary)
	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Cathy Kelly RIP
	7:30pm	<i>Stations of The Cross</i>
Thursday 30th	6:45am	Mrs Teresa Egan RIP (1st Anniversary)
	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Eileen Tully - Intentions
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
Friday 31st	6:45am	Canon Acton RIP
	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Geraldine Wallace RIP
Saturday 1st	8:00am	<i>First Saturday Devotions</i>
	9:00am	Paul Carss RIP
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Confessions (Day Chapel)</i>
Saturday 1st	5:00-5:50pm	<i>Confessions (Day Chapel)</i>
	6:00pm	Michael O'Keeffe RIP (10th Anniversary)
Sunday 2nd	8:00am	Sister Dorothy Gracias
	9:30am	Joseph Aguiar RIP
Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord (A)	11:00am	Romeo Francis RIP (3rd Anniversary)
	4:00pm	<i>Exposition - Blessed Sacrament</i>
	6:30pm	People of the Parish

Church Parade - Uniform Groups - Today:

At the 9:30am Mass today.

Parish Business:

Monday 27th March from 6pm-7pm.

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.

Masses during Lent:

During Lent there will be two daily Masses on Monday to Friday, at 6.45am and at 9am.

First Holy Communion Programme - June 2024:

Please download the registration form on our website to register for First Holy Communion next year (for those children currently in school year 2)

<http://www.stjohnfishermerton.co.uk/firstholycommunion.php>

Confirmation - Saturday 11th November 2023:

Please download a registration form from www.stjohnfishermerton.co.uk/confirmation.php and return it to the parish office with a copy of the baptism certificate (for those currently in school year 7). We need more Confirmation Catechists, if you are interested in becoming a Confirmation Catechist, please speak to Father Francis.

Stations of The Cross during Lent:

Wednesdays at 7:30pm and on Sundays at 4pm.

Funerals:

Please remember the families in your prayers.

Philomena Canavan RIP:

Requiem Mass on Tuesday 28th March at 11:45am

Michael Glynn RIP:

Requiem Mass on Monday 3rd April at 12:30pm.

Lenten lunch:

Join us in the parish hall for a Lenten lunch of soup and a roll, tea or coffee between noon and 2pm on Fridays in Lent. Any money raised will go to Wimbledon food bank. Lenten lunch dates **Friday 31st March** and **Thursday 6th April.**

Holy Week & Easter:

Please take a copy of the Holy Week supplement for details of our Holy Week and Easter services.

Palm Sunday:

Next Sunday, the 11am Mass will begin in the Hall. Palms will be blessed at all Masses next weekend.

Parish Magazine - Talkabout:

The latest edition of our parish magazine is available to view on our website. Copies are also available in the narthex. Donations towards printing costs are appreciated (suggested donation £1).

First Saturday Devotions - 1st April :

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

Lent Course:

Continues on Mondays, 7.30pm in the Church hall.

The last two DVDs are:

27th March – England – The Dowry of Mary.

3rd April – Our Lady and the Visionaries of Knock

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.

Youth Club:

Youth club returns on Friday 21st April from 7:30pm to 9pm for those in School year 6 and above.

Over 60's Club:

Thursday 30th March from 1pm to 3pm in the Church hall, all welcome.

Fr Luke's HCPT Pilgrimage to Lourdes:

15th September – 22nd September 2023. Cost: £819 pp . For more information, please contact sandra@sfernandes.com Tel: 07768080537

Homes for Ukraine Matching Service:

Caritas Social Action Network are matching Ukrainian people displaced by the brutal war in their country with people in the Catholic community willing to host them in their homes for six months. If you have room in your home and in your heart to consider welcoming a stranger displaced by war, then please visit www.sjog-homesforukraine.uk for more information.

Archdiocesan Youth Day:

A youth day for (10-16 year olds) will take place at St. George's Cathedral on Saturday 22nd April. The day will include a mixture of faith input, food, prayer and sport/crafts. Please visit : <https://tinyurl.com/aprilyouthday> for further details.

Please remember in your prayers the sick and housebound of our parish **Adrian Donoghue, Richard Skeeahan, Ceris Cook, Diana Maginnis, Anna Lusack, Malcolm Varran, Catherine Yeats, Giovanni Fugaccia, James Johnson, 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 and John Heffron.**

Legion of Mary:

A Legion of Mary Peregrinatio team will be working in our parish from the 3rd to 10th June 2023 visiting every door. Would you be willing to provide accommodation for them on a bed & breakfast basis for that week? The breakfast only needs to be simple. They will cover all their expenses. If you feel you can help, please contact Fr Matthias. Please pray for the success of the Peregrinatio, that many souls will come to encounter Christ or enter into a deeper encounter through this work of evangelisation.

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

Job Vacancy:

One of our parishioners is looking to employ a Personal Assistant to help with everyday tasks (charity work and everyday accounts). Rate of pay is £11.84p/h. Please email pjpdaly@outlook.com for more information.

Notice to all parishioners:

Please be aware that at the start of and from the end of mass there are some parishioners who wish to pray in peace and quiet for a while. This means to avoid distractions, any conversations should only take place outside the body of the church in the narthex with the doors closed or preferably outside the building. By all means greet one another but please do not enter into conversation during this time.

Food Collection - Faith In Action - Next Weekend:

On the 1st/2nd April 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, cleaning materials such as spray, toilet cleaner etc.

Please bring donations to the hall before Mass.

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

