

Fisherman's Herald

The Twenty-First Sunday of the Year (A) - 27th August 2023

St John Fisher Church

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Parish Office: **Closed during school holidays**



MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 26th	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	6:00pm	Mary & Paddy Daly
Sunday 27th <i>Twenty-First Sunday (A)</i>	8:00am	Marlene Saldanha RIP
	9:30am	People of the Parish
	11:00am	Helen Daly RIP
	6:30pm	Marie Sothinathan (Thanksgiving)
Monday 28th <i>St Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church</i>	9:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	10:00am	Neville Desmier (Intentions)
Tuesday 29th <i>The Passion of St John the Baptist</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Pat Glynn RIP
Wednesday 30th <i>Sts Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward, Martyrs</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Margaret McDonagh RIP
Thursday 31st	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Jegorova, Bondarevica & Ovchinkov Families
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
Friday 1st <i>First Friday</i> <i>World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Laura (Intentions)
	7:30pm	<i>Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament</i>
	8:00pm	Sarah & James Deane RIP
Saturday 2nd <i>First Saturday</i>	8:00am	<i>First Saturday Devotions</i>
	9:00am	Bridget Nolan RIP
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
Saturday 2nd	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	6:00pm	Helen Daly RIP
Sunday 3rd <i>Twenty-Second Sunday (A)</i>	8:00am	Mabel Platel RIP
	9:30am	Michael Martin
	11:00am	Naomi Whetton (96th Birthday)
	6:30pm	People of the Parish

Legion of Mary:

We are starting the Legion of Mary here in the parish. The first meeting is on Wednesday 6th September 2023 at 9:30am in the Day Chapel. You are encouraged to join by adding your contact details to the sign up sheet which can be found on the table in the narthex.

Parish Business:

No parish business this week.

Bank Holiday:

Please note that Mass will be at 10am on Monday 28th August due to the Bank Holiday.

Parish Office:

The parish office is closed until the end of August. If you need to speak to a priest urgently please call 02085426355

RCIA Program - September 2023:

If you wish to register for the RCIA Program which begins in September, please visit the Parish website: http://www.stjohnfishermerton.co.uk/sacramental_life.php
 The program is meant for adults who wish to be baptised or receive any of the Sacraments of Christian Initiation, i.e., Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation.

Father Matthias Kizito:

Next weekend (2nd/3rd September) is Fr Matthias' last as a member of the parish clergy. We will celebrate his farewell Holy Mass and appreciation on Saturday 13th January 2024 at the 6pm Mass followed by a farewell party in the parish hall. Please remember Father Matthias in your prayers as he prepares to go back to his home diocese in Uganda.

If you wish to contribute to the parish gift which will be presented to him, envelopes are available at the back of Church or you can donate using the contactless machine or online at <https://donate.mydona.com/st-john-fisher-rc-church>

Father Joseph Edem:

Father Joseph will be taking up his new assignment as Assistant Priest here in our parish from 1st September.

First Friday:

Friday 1st September. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30pm followed by Mass at 8pm.

First Saturday Devotions - 2nd September:

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

Wimbledon Friends of LIFE:

Seven walkers from the parish completed the 10 Bridges Walk on Sunday 25th June. Our thanks go to them all, and to all those who sponsored them. £1120 was raised for the work of the charity. The total will be still greater, once the Gift Aid has been added.

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

Food Collection - Christian Care - Next Weekend:

Next weekend we will be collecting for **Christian Care**. They would appreciate: Cereals, Biscuits, Crisps, Cooking Oil, Tins of Fish/Meat, Tins of Fruit & Toilettries. *Please bring donations to the hall before Mass.*

Christian CARE Open Afternoon:

Saturday 2nd September from 3.00 pm - 5.30 pm at Martin Way Methodist Church. In Christian CARE we are grateful for the support of the 5 churches in Merton Park and encouraged by the way our common concern draws us together. We invite members of the congregation at St John Fisher to join us at our Open Afternoon to meet volunteers and enjoy a delicious tea. See poster displayed at church for further details.

Please RSVP by 23 August to help with catering to christiancaremerton@gmail.com

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.

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.

Praying for you all to have a joyful and refreshing Summer holiday - The Parish Clergy

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, Mary Yeats, Catherine Yeats, Luca Buttaci, Kitty McVey, Rita Platel, Edward Alvares, Christine Henderson, Johnny Symmonds, Kathy Metcalf, Patricia Anderson, Irene McGrenra, Anthony Carter, Richard Sullivan, Joseph McGahren, John Heffron, Jim Cosgrove and Natalie Williams.**

Church Attendance Slips - Term Time Only:

Church attendance slips return on Sunday 10th September.

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

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies:

is a knowledge based, internationally recognised qualification that provides participants with an understanding of the Catholic faith. For anyone interested in learning more about the CCRS qualification, please visit www.aec.rcaos.org.uk/ccrs for more information or contact ccrs@rcaos.org.uk

The Archbishop's Certificate (ArchCert):

is a two year online course for all in the Archdiocese of Southwark who wish to understand their faith in a more profound way and be able to share it with both confidence and joy. The course will commence on 7th October 2023 from 10am to 12pm. Please visit <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert> for more information.

Summer Break:

Please note the following groups will be closed for the summer break:

- ⇒ **Parent & Toddlers** - returns on Thursday 7th Sept.
- ⇒ **Senior Citizens** - returns on Thursday 5th October.
- ⇒ **Children's Liturgy** - returns on Sun 17th September.
- ⇒ **Youth Club** - returns on Friday 15th September.
- ⇒ **9:30am Choir** - returns on Sunday 10th September.

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



NO SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE SLIPS THIS WEEK DUE TO THE SUMMER HOLIDAY