

Fisherman's Herald
The Thirtieth Sunday of the Year (A) - 29th October 2023

St John Fisher Church

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



MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 28th	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	6:00pm	Maurice Collingwood Nelson RIP (9th Anniversary)
Sunday 29th <i>Thirtieth Sunday (A)</i>	8:00am	Asaimuthu Victor RIP
	9:30am	The Douglas Family
	11:00am	Michael Dooley RIP
	6:30pm	People of the Parish
Monday 30th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Michelle Donegan RIP
Tuesday 31st	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Gerry Ryan RIP
	6:00pm	Deceased members of Langan & Melly Family
Wednesday 1st <i>All Saints Day</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Cynthia Carass
	9:30am	<i>Legion of Mary (Day Chapel)</i>
	7:30pm	Joshua Clark Meszaros & Sayed Haider Ali Shah
Thursday 2nd <i>The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Deceased Members of Francis Family
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
	7:30pm	<i>Service of Light</i>
Friday 3rd <i>First Friday</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Marlene Saldanha RIP
	8:00pm	Mary Yeats RIP
Saturday 4th <i>St Charles Borromeo</i> <i>First Saturday</i>	8:00-8:45am	<i>First Saturday Devotions</i>
	9:00am	Holy Souls
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
Saturday 4th Sunday 5th <i>Thirty-First Sunday (A)</i>	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	6:00pm	Deceased Members of Aguar & Fernandes Families
	8:00am	Deceased Members of Savini Family
	9:30am	Helen O'Keeffe RIP
	11:00am	Georgina Lobo RIP Anniversary
	6:30pm	People of the Parish

The Rosary In October:

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. Those who recite five decades of the Rosary in church, or a family, or as a group may gain a plenary indulgence daily. You can also recite daily the Litany of Loreto and the Prayer to Saint Joseph.

Parish Business:

Monday 30th October 7pm to 8pm.

Legion of Mary:

Meetings continue on Wednesday 1st November at 9:30am in the Day Chapel.

RCIA Program - 2023:

The RCIA program for adults who wish to be baptised or receive any of the Sacraments of Christian Initiation continues on Tues 31st Oct, 7:30pm in the presbytery.

All Saints' Day - Wednesday 1st November:

Is a holyday of Obligation. All able bodied Catholics are expected to attend Mass unless any serious reason, sickness or distance prevents. There will be Mass on **Tuesday 31st October at 6pm** and on **Wednesday 1st November at 9am and 7:30pm.**

All Souls' Day - Thursday 2nd November:

There will be two Masses to mark All Souls Day. During the 7:30pm Mass, the names of all who have died in this parish since All Souls Day 2022 will be read out and a candle lit for each.

Holy Souls - November - Month of Remembrance:

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

First Friday - 3rd November:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30pm followed by Mass at 8pm.

First Saturday Devotions - 4th November:

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

Rite of Election - Confirmation Candidates:

At the 9:30am Mass next Sunday, 5th November.

Sister Catherine RIP - Prayer Service:

Sunday 12th November after the 11am Mass: Prayer service to keep alive the memory Sr Catherine RIP

Blessing of Graves - Sunday 5th November at 3pm:

There will be a short service outside the chapel at the Merton and Sutton Joint Cemetery in Garth Road. Following it, clergy will be available to bless individual graves of any relatives or friends of parishioners who are buried there or in the Morden Cemetery/Crematorium. Those who visit a cemetery between 1st and 8th November and pray for the faithful departed may obtain a plenary indulgence applicable to the holy souls.

NEW Post - Confirmation Programme:

Our parish Alpha Youth course begins on Sunday 3rd December and continues on Sun 10th and Sun 17th Dec in the parish hall from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Ten further sessions will take place in the Spring 2024 term. The programme is free and aims to create a vibrant, active section of the parish in which the children feel part of and can contribute to. More information on the course content can be found on the Alpha website at www.alpha.org.uk Please download a registration form from our website and return to the parish office if your child would like to attend ASAP: www.stjohnfishermerton.co.uk/alpha-youth-course-reply-slip-2023.pdf

Archbishop's Appeal 2nd Collection - 11th/12th Nov:

The Archbishop's Appeal is a Diocesan second collection that funds key areas of ministry: Youth and Evangelisation, Our Faith in Action (Caritas) and Clergy Care and Formation. Your support will enable the Archdiocese of Southwark to support innovative projects taking place within Catholic parishes and Schools throughout South London and Kent that seek to invest Faith, Hope and Love into the communities they serve. Please be generous to the Archbishop's Appeal 2023. Every gift is welcome. Find out more, or donate online at:

www.rcaos.org.uk/archbishops-appeal

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.

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.

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.

Father Matthias Kizito:

Fr Matthias' farewell mass is on Saturday 13th January at 6pm followed by a party in the parish hall. If you wish to contribute to the parish gift, envelopes are available at the back of Church or you can donate at <https://donate.myдона.com/st-john-fisher-rc-church>

Food Collection - Faith in Action - Next Weekend:

On the 4th/5th November there will be a food collection for Faith in Action. They would appreciate:

Cereal Bars and Protein Bars, Multi-packs of Crisps, Multi-packs of small Juice, Cartons, Sugar, Small ring-pull tins of Sardines, Mackerel fillets, Tins of corned beef, Jars of Jam and Peanut Butter.

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

Tea / Coffee - After 8am Mass

Next Sunday and on the first Sunday of every month there will be Tea/Coffee served in the Church Hall after the 8am Sunday Mass. Everyone welcome.

Time & Talents - Volunteers Appeal:

Your parish of St John Fisher, Merton needs **YOU** and your talents and time! Please pick up a form as you leave Church if you are able to help.

Parish Volunteers Get Together - Thurs 23rd Nov:

Father Francis would like to invite all who are actively involved in the work and activities of the parish, to a get together in the hall after the 6pm Mass, to enjoy some food and wine. This is a way of saying: 'Thank you' to all volunteers. Please add your name to the list at the back of Church if you are able to attend.

A Day With Mary:

- Saturday 4th November, St Chad's Church, SE25 6XN

- Saturday 11th November, Our Lady 7 St Peter, SW19

Please see posters on Church noticeboard for more information or visit: www adaywithmary.org

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 **Kate Colthup, 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, Patricia Anderson, Irene McGrenra, Anthony Carter, Richard Sullivan, Joseph McGahren, John Heffron, Jim Cosgrove and Natalie Williams.**



NO SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE SLIPS THIS WEEK DUE TO THE HALF TERM HOLIDAY