

Fisherman's Herald

Fourth Sunday of Easter (A) - 30th April 2023

St John Fisher Church

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



MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

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| Saturday 29th | 5:00-5:50pm | Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>) |
| Sunday 30th <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i> <i>World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life</i> | 6:00pm | Benny Fernandes RIP |
| | 8:00am | People of The Parish |
| | 9:30am | Michael Glynn RIP |
| | 11:00am | Moira Kean (90th Birthday) |
| Monday 1st Bank Holiday | 8:30am | <i>Rosary</i> |
| | 10:00am | Annie Jo Kealey Delia & Canute (Thanksgiving) |
| Tuesday 2nd <i>St Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church</i> | 8:30am | <i>Rosary</i> |
| | 9:00am | Maria Victoria (5th Birthday) Ellen Shanahan RIP Anniv. |
| Wednesday 3rd <i>Sts Philip & James, Apostles</i> | 8:30am | <i>Rosary</i> |
| | 9:00am | Thanksgiving Simon Andres Meza (Intentions) |
| Thursday 4th <i>The English Martyrs, Feast</i> | 8:30am | <i>Rosary</i> |
| | 9:00am | Tommy Heffron RIP Omar Crispin (Intentions) |
| | 9:30-10:30am | <i>Weekly Adoration</i> |
| Friday 5th <i>First Friday</i> | 8:30am | <i>Rosary</i> |
| | 9:00am | King Charles III Selina Paul |
| | 7:30pm | Michael Glynn RIP (Month's Mind Mass) |
| Saturday 6th <i>First Saturday</i> | 8:00am | <i>First Saturday Devotions</i> |
| | 9:00am | Millie Gracias |
| | 9:30-10:30am | <i>Confessions (Confessional)</i> |
| Saturday 6th Sunday 7th <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i> | 5:00-5:50pm | Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>) |
| | 6:00pm | George & Leonilda Hills RIP (Anniversary) |
| | 8:00am | Daniel McKay RIP (Anniversary) |
| | 9:30am | People of The Parish |
| | 11:00am | Anne & Margaret Jennings |
| | 6:30pm | Canon Acton RIP |

Parish Business:

Monday 1st May from 7pm to 8pm.

Priest Training Fund - Second Collection

This Weekend: The priesthood has always been essential to the life of the Church, from the time of Jesus until today. Good Shepherd Sunday is the day we pray for vocations, for our priests, and take up the Priest Training Fund second collection. This fund pays for the formation of men to become priests in our Archdiocese.

After their ordination, our priests dedicate their lives to serving Christ and His people in our parishes, hospitals, schools, chaplaincies, prisons and in service to the needy, throughout South London, Kent and Surrey. We are blessed to have 3 men in formation to the Priesthood for our Archdiocese. However, it costs £30,000 a year to sponsor each seminarian. They study for 6 years before being ordained a Catholic priest. We therefore rely on your generous support and prayers. Please support our priests of the future with a gift today. Thank you!

- Donate Online: www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF
- Scan QR Code (right)
- Telephone weekdays 9 am – 5 pm: 020 7960 2504
- Cash / Cheque – please use the Priest Training Fund envelopes at the back of church.



Food Collection - Wimbledon Foodbank - 6/7th May:

Next weekend we are collecting for the Wimbledon Foodbank. They appreciate: Carrier bags, Cup-a-soups / chunky soups, Sweets / chocolate treats, Crisps for packed lunches, Rice, Ketchup, sauces, Tins of meat, vegetable, fruit, tomatoes, rice pudding. Pasta sauces, Long life fruit juice/ quash, Jam/sandwich spreads. Please bring donations to the hall before Mass.

Special Mass for King Charles III

Friday 5th May at 9am:

The Bishops' Conference has requested that every parish celebrates a Mass on Friday 5th May for His Majesty King Charles III to mark his coronation.

First Friday - 5th May:

There will be a month's mind Mass for Michael Glynn RIP at 7:30pm. Please note, there will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the evening.

Confessions:

Confessions now take place in the Confessional.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage - 9th to 16th May 2023:

* 4 PLACES LEFT* If you are interested in joining the pilgrimage, please contact Jane on 07915 697 340 or email jane.gracias@btinternet.com for more information. Jane is happy to take your petitions to Medjugorje. Please give your petition to one of the clergy.

First Saturday Devotions - 6th May :

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

King Charles III Coronation Street Party - 8th May:

We are holding a street party for all our parishioners and the local community on **Bank Holiday Monday, 8th May** from **1pm-5pm** in the church car park. No invitation required. Please come and bring your family and friends. We will provide the tables and chairs, just bring a picnic! There will be music (from our very own DJ Canute) and lots of activities for the children. Beer/Pimms/Wine/Soft drinks will be available to purchase from the bar and Tea/Coffee/Cake and homemade Ice Cream will also be on sale. **** We welcome donations of Cakes/Cupcakes to sell at our street party. Please bring donations to the hall from 10am on Monday 8th May****



Coronation Cream Tea:

Order a cream tea for the St John Fisher Coronation party! Two home baked scones, strawberry jam and Cornish clotted cream and a choice of tea or coffee. £5. Only 50 available; don't dither!

To order, scan the QR code to pay with PayPal & give name and phone no. in 'notes', or put the money in an envelope marked 'cream tea' with name and phone no. and hand in after mass or to the presbytery by Wednesday 3rd May.



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.

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/firstholymass>

Closing date for applications is Sunday 11th June.

Funerals:

Please remember the families in your prayers.

Alan Cross RIP:

Requiem Mass on Friday 12th May at 11am.

Cuthbert Alphonse RIP:

Requiem Mass on Friday 26th May at 12:30pm.

Holy Spirit Novena:

The Parish Novena to the Holy Spirit begins on Friday 19th May and concludes on Saturday 27th May 2023, from 7:30pm - Novena prayers before the Blessed Sacrament. There will be Mass of the Holy Spirit after the novena on weekdays of the Novena.

Over 60's Club:

Thursday 4th May from 1-3pm in the Church hall.

Sr Catherine RIP:

Come along and Join us for a short Prayer service (about 30 minutes) to keep alive her memory. On **SUNDAY 14th May 2023 @ 2pm** and every 2nd Sunday of the month.

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 on the poster at the back of Church or the Hall.
4. Donate to our parish justgiving page:

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

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.

Legion of Mary:

A Legion of Mary Peregrinatio team will be working in our parish from the 3rd to 10th June visiting every door.

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
Closing date for applications is Sunday 28th May.

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.** **Catholic Chaplains** at ST GEORGE'S, Tooting, their number is: **020 8725 3069** email catholicchaplains@stgeorges.nhs.uk

Please remember in your prayers the sick and housebound of our parish **Ravi Aumeerun, Richard Skeehan, 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 John Heffron and Natalie Williams.**

