

Fisherman's Herald
The Seventeenth Sunday of the Year (A) - 30th July 2023
St John Fisher Church

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 Parish Office: **Closed during school holidays**



MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 29th	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	6:00pm	Juliet Alayon RIP
Sunday 30th <i>Seventeenth Sunday (A)</i>	8:00am	Frances & Jim Kennedy RIP
	9:30am	Basil D'Silva RIP (1st Anniversary)
	11:00am	People of the Parish
	6:30pm	Philomena Canavan RIP
Monday 31st <i>St Ignatius of Loyola</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Anne Delaney RIP John Davis RIP
Tuesday 1st <i>St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Charles Vaz RIP
Wednesday 2nd	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Joey & Jessica (Intentions)
Thursday 3rd	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Betilda y Francisco Nieves
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
Friday 4th <i>St John Vianney</i> <i>First Friday</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Jolene Donaghue (Intentions)
	7:30pm	<i>Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament</i>
	8:00pm	John Davis RIP
Saturday 5th <i>First Saturday</i>	8:00am	<i>First Saturday Devotions</i>
	9:00am	Pamela Desmier RIP
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
Saturday 5th Sunday 6th <i>The Transfiguration of The Lord</i>	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	6:00pm	Lionel Paul RIP Anniversary
	8:00am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	Jennifer Grewer RIP (2nd Anniversary)
	11:00am	Thanksgiving to friends and relatives of Francis Gracias RIP
	6:30pm	Dr Lawrence John Lobo

Parish Business:

No parish business this week.

Parish Office:

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

First Friday:

Friday 4th August. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30pm followed by Mass at 8pm.

First Saturday Devotions - 5th August:

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

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.

Confirmation - Saturday 11th November 2023 and First Holy Communion Programme - June 2024:

Applications for Confirmation in November 2023 and Holy Communion in June 2024 have now closed. If you have registered for either of these programmes you will have received an email to confirm that your child has been allocated a place. Please contact the parish office if you have applied but not received an email.

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.

Food Collection - Next Weekend:

On Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th August we will be collecting for the Wimbledon Foodbank. They appreciate: Long Life / UHT Milk, Tinned Soups, Tinned Vegetables, Pasta Sauce, Rice Pudding / Custard
Please bring donations to the Church hall before Mass.

Church Attendance Slips - Term Time Only:

Church attendance slips will return on Sunday 10th September.

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

Christian Care - Vacancy:

After more than 45 years volunteering with Christian CARE, including in leading roles, our CARE Coordinator Gillian Thick will be stepping down at the end of the year. We are looking for two leaders with a real concern for, and some experience of, working alongside those in poverty. These are key roles in the charity as the CARE Coordinator and Assistant CARE Coordinator will have overall supervision of all volunteers and will be the first point of contact for many clients. Each role will take the equivalent of 2 days a week, but with flexibility to meet personal requirements. For more information please see the leaflets available at the back of the church or visit:

<https://christiancaremerton.org.uk>

Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion in Our Parishes, Schools and Communities Seminar:

This seminar will take place at the **Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Southwark, from 9.30am to 4.00pm on Saturday 28 October 2023.** You are all welcomed to this archdiocesan initiative by the *Commission for Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion chaired by Canon Victor Darlington, Episcopal Vicar for the Southeast.* On the day there will be contributions from a range of speakers, including the Most Reverend John Wilson, the Metropolitan Archbishop of Southwark. For more information and registration, please use this link or scan the QR Code above; <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/commission-for-promoting-racial-and-cultural-inclusion/what-we-do/>. Or write us: racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk. Please join us for a stimulating and hope-filled day of discussion. Registration is FREE.

A Day with Mary:

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

Fatima & Lisbon Pilgrimage:

2nd to 7th Oct 2023. Please see poster on Church noticeboard or visit www.stpeterspilgrimages.com

Padre Pio Pilgrimage:


San Giovanni Rotondo - 22nd - 26th Sept 2023. Please see poster on Church noticeboard or visit www.stpeterspilgrimages.com for more information.

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, Roberto Mendoza, 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, Kathy Metcalf, Patricia Anderson, Irene McGrenra, Anthony Carter, Richard Sullivan, Joseph McGahren, John Heffron, Jim Cosgrove and Natalie Williams.**

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

Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage:

23rd September, 3pm, at St George's Cathedral. If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + wedding anniversary this year, please contact the parish office as soon as possible so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during the Mass. Spaces are limited.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje - 17th to 24th Sept. 2023:

Flying from Gatwick to Split (Pilgrims will need to arrange their own flights). Accommodation in Medjugorje is Half Board in shared accommodation 275 Euros pp which includes transport to/from Split Airport. Transfers to/from Gatwick Airport are not included. If you are interested in joining us please contact Jane Gracias on 0791569734.

Catholic Association Lourdes Pilgrimage:

18th to 25th August 2023. For more information visit www.catholicassociation.co.uk

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