Fisherman's Herald

Twenty-Second Sunday (C) – 1st September 2019

St John Fisher Church

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Parish Office**:** Monday-Thursday 9am-2pm. Parish Secretary - Mrs Melissa Russell.

MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 31st	5.00-5:50pm	*Confessions*
	6:00pm	Trish Usher - Intentions
Sunday 1st	8:00am	People of the Parish
Family Mass	9:30am	Rita Ardino RIP
	11:00am	Lorna Fernandes RIP
Twenty-Second Sunday (C)	6:30pm	Liam Hartnett RIP (from Justice & Peace Group)
Monday 2nd	8:40am	*Morning Prayer of the Church*
	9:00am	Brenda Frances Lobo RIP
	1pm-3pm	*Rosary Prayer Group*
Tuesday 3rd	8:40am	*Morning Prayer of the Church*
St Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church	9:00am	Mary Walsh RIP Anniversary
	9:30am	*Rosary*
Wednesday 4th	8:40am	*Morning Prayer of the Church*
	9:00am	Joseph Sebastian Lobo
	9:30am	*Rosary*
	12:30pm	Requiem: Lenny D'Sousa RIP
Thursday 5th	8:40am	*Morning Prayer of the Church*
	9:00am	Seamus Kelly RIP
	9:30am-7:30pm	*Weekly Adoration*
	10:00am	*Mothers Prayers (Day Chapel)*
Friday 6th	8:40am	*Morning Prayer of the Church*
	9:00am	Jane Gracias - Intentions
	9:30am	*Rosary*
	7:30pm	*Exposition*
	8:00pm	Anna Lusack - Birthday
Saturday 7th	8:00-8:45am	*First Saturday Devotions*
	9:00am	Antonio Noronha & Maria Noronha
	10-11:00am	*Confessions*
Saturday 7th	5.00-5:50pm	*Confessions*
	6:00pm	Sarafina Zuzante RIP
Sunday 8th	8:00am	People of the Parish
Family Mass	9:30am	Thanksgiving
Twenty-Third Sunday (C)	11:00am	Novena Prayer Group - Thanks
Education Sunday	6:30pm	Leslie Simon D'Sa

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Parish Business:
Monday 2nd September from 7pm to 8pm.

Liturgy Meeting:
Monday 2nd September at 8pm in the Church Hall.

Church Cleaning (Wednesday):
Mrs Miles, Mrs Redding and Mrs Henderson.

Bishop Tripp - Farewell Mass & Celebration:
There will be a farewell Mass for Bishop Tripp on **Saturday 7th September** at **6pm.** This will be followed by refreshments in the hall.

School Supplementary Forms:
If you require a supplementary form signed, please post it through the presbytery door and you will be contacted once it has been signed and stamped. *Please include a copy of the Baptism certificate.*

Second Collection Next Week - Education Sunday:
The CES acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic education. They have a strong and positive working relationship with the British and Welsh governments, sharing the aims of high academic standards for all, and increased parental choice. The CES is the chief negotiating and advisory body on matters affecting all aspects of Catholic education, and it also provides financial assistance for school transport in rural areas.

Our Lady of Walsingham:
In March 2020 Cardinal Vincent Nichols will rededicate the country to Our Lady of Walsingham.

Our parish has begun preparing for this event by:

- ✞ Circulating the statue to as many homes as possible. The family keep the statue in their home and then return it to the sacristy to be collected by the next family. A list to sign for the statue is on the board at the back of Church.
- ✞ **Pilgrimage to Walsingham** on **Sat. 21st September.** Cost of coach travel is £20 per person. If you wish to participate in this pilgrimage, please sign up on the board at the back of Church.
- ✞ **Special Marian service**. While some of our parishioners are in Walsingham on Saturday Sep 21st there will be a one hour service here specially intended for parishioners who can't make the coach journey; particularly any with mobility difficulties. Start 10am, light refreshments in Day chapel or narthex 11am.

First Friday:
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30pm followed by Mass at 8pm on Friday 6th September.

First Saturday Devotions:
Rosary & keeping Our Lady company within Adoration and Benediction on Sat. 7th Sept, 8am to 8:45am.

Food Collection - Next Weekend:
Next weekend we will be collecting for Christian Care, feeding families in need; they appreciate cereals, biscuits, oil, tins, lunch box items.

Requiem: Lenny D'Sousa RIP:
Wednesday 4th September at 12:30pm.

Catechists Meetings:
All meetings are at **8pm**, 255 Cannon Hill Lane.
- RCIA Catechists - Tuesday 3rd September.
- Confirmation Catechists - Wed 4th September.
- 1st Reconciliation Catechists - Thurs 5th September.

RCIA:
RCIA begins on Tuesday 10th September at 255 Cannon Hill Lane. Anyone wishing to join the Church, adults who wish to be confirmed come and join this course. A warm welcome awaits you.

Confirmation - November 2019:
- Meeting for parents of Confirmation candidates on Monday 9th September at 8pm in the Church Hall.
- Service of commitment for confirmation candidates on Sunday 22nd September at the 9:30am Mass. **All candidates and their parents** should be present for this Mass.

First Reconciliation - 2020:
- Meeting for parents of 1st Reconciliation children on Thursday 12th September at 8pm in the Church Hall.
- Service of commitment for 1st Reconciliation on Sunday 15th September at the 9:30am Mass. **All children and their parents** should be present for this Mass.

The God Who Speaks: A Year of the Word:
The year 2020 will be the 10th anniversary of Verbum Domini - Pope Benedicts' Apostolic exhortation on the 'Word of the Lord' and the 1,600 anniversary of St Jerome's death.
These dates have motivated the Bishops' conference to make 2020 a year of focus on The God Who Speaks.
In 2020 we'll be celebrating, living and sharing Gods word with an exciting new initiative. It will be an opportunity to enrich current practice and to develop and explore new ways of responding to the God who speaks.
The public launch of The God Who Speaks will be on the feast of St Jerome, 30th September 2019.

My Jesus I know that you have sacrificed yourself for me: Eucharistic Adoration takes place in the Church on **Thursday 5th Sept.** from **9.30am until 7:30pm**. Please note: We do need more Adorers. Please sign up on the sheets in the Narthex to spend an hour with Jesus. Post completed comments sheets through the presbytery letterbox. Co-ordinators needed to help with weekly adoration. Please contact the parish office if you can help. Information leaflets are available at the back of Church.

NO CHURCH ATTENDANCE SLIPS THIS WEEKEND DUE TO THE SUMMER HOLIDAY

Building a better marriage - Celebration of marriage:
However long you have been married, come along to St Columba's, Selsdon, South Croydon, from 9.45am till 4.30pm on Sat. 28th Sept. The day is for couples with average-to-good marriages who would like to make them a bit better. Booking is essential: phone 07983 524 727 or email mflkent@rcaos.org.uk

Divine Mercy Day of Prayer:
Invoking the intercession of Our Lady of Walsingham in Westminster Cathedral. **Saturday 28th September** from **9:30am to 4:30pm**. For the full programme of the day contact Antonia antonia@walsingham.org.uk

Guides: Reopens on Tuesday 3rd Sept - 6pm to 7:40pm.
Rainbows: We have a fantastic Rainbows unit at St John Fisher but it will close because we URGENTLY need help to run the group. We will be changing our meeting day to a Tuesday from 4:30pm - 5:30pm instead of a Friday. If you feel you could help the unit to continue - for the sake of the very enthusiastic 5-7 year old girls then please contact Sue Green or Sandy Brown (see contact details in Talkabout). If we are able to get the necessary help then Rainbows will reopen on Tues 1st Oct.

Repository / Gift Shop:
The repository is closed until the 8th September. If you would like a Mass card, please contact the Parish office.

Summer Break:
Please note the following groups will be closed for the summer break:
⇒ **Rosary Prayer Group** - Group returns on Monday 2nd September.
⇒ **Guild of Our Lady** - Group returns in September.
⇒ **Mother's Prayers** - Group returns on Thurs 5th Sept.
⇒ **Tuesday Prayer Group** - Group returns on Tues 10th Sept.
⇒ **Parent & Toddlers** - Group returns on Thurs 5th Sept.
⇒ **Senior Citizens** - Group returns on Thurs 5th Sept.
⇒ **Crusaders of the Blessed Sacrament** - Group returns in September.
⇒ **Children's Liturgy** - Returns on Sun 8th Sept.
⇒ **9:30am Folk Choir & 11am Choir** - Sung Masses return on Sunday 8th Sept.
⇒ **Faith Youth Club** - Group returns on Fri.13th Sept

Large Print Newsletters Available at the back of Church

INFANT BAPTISMS: First Sunday of the month at 3pm.
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 Chaplain's at ST GEORGE'S, Tooting, their number is: **020 8725 3069** **email catholicchaplains@stgeorges.nhs.uk**