

Fisherman's Herald
The Twenty-Seventh Sunday of the Year (B) - 6th October 2024
St John Fisher Church



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Part of the R. C. Archdiocese of Southwark Charity No: 1173050
 Fr Francis Nonyelu, Fr Joseph Edem, Deacon Tom Kavanagh
 Parish Office: **Monday & Thursday from 9am to 2pm.**

MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 6th	6:00pm	Colman & Maureen Flaherty
Sunday 7th	8:00am	Francis Gracias RIP
Twenty-Seventh Sunday (B) <i>Rosary Sunday</i>	9:30am	John Davis RIP
	11:00am	Pat Igoe RIP (3rd Anniversary)
	4:00pm	<i>Rosary Service</i>
	6:30pm	People of The Parish
Monday 7th <i>Our Lady of The Rosary</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Clarence Fernandes RIP Irene Steel RIP
Tuesday 8th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Michael & Eileen (Intentions) Connie Saldanha (Wellbeing)
Wednesday 9th <i>St John Henry Newman, Priest</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Melba Hall (Birthday) Patrick Coyne (Intentions)
Thursday 10th <i>Bidding Prayers</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Dr Lawrence, Sophia & Lawrie Lobo Chloe James (Intentions)
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
Friday 11th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Thomas Tobin (Intentions)
Saturday 12th	9:00am	John Tobin (Intentions)
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
Saturday 12th	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
Sunday 13th Twenty-Eighth Sunday (B) <i>Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their families</i>	6:00pm	Mary Murphy (May) RIP
	8:00am	People of The Parish
	9:30am	Bernard Moran RIP
	11:00am	Daniel Hickey RIP
	Noon	<i>Sr Catherine Prayer Service</i>
	6:30pm	John & Catherine Grace RIP

A Day of Prayer, Fasting and Penance:

The Holy Father has called for Monday 7th October to be a day of prayer, fasting and penance for reconciliation and peace in the Holy Land - amidst the ongoing violence, hatred, significant suffering and the loss of innocent lives. This day coincides with the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Our Lady, Queen of Peace, Pray for us.

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.

Rosary Service - Today:

Today is Rosary Sunday. There will a Rosary service at 4pm. All welcome, please come.


Tea/Coffee and Croissants - 8am Mass:

Tea/Coffee and Croissants served in the hall after the 8am Mass today.

Parish Business:

Parish business on Monday 7th October, 7pm to 8pm.

Food Collection - This Weekend:

Our Parish Justice and Peace Group are  collecting for the Wimbledon Foodbank this weekend. They appreciate: Tinned Meat, Fish, Vegetables & Fruit, Toiletries, Sugar, Jam, Biscuits, UHT Milk, Cereals.

Please bring donations to the hall before Mass

CAFOD Family Fast Day:

Friday 4th October was Family Fast Day. Please return your envelopes as soon as possible.

RCIA Program - September 2024:

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.

Sister Catherine RIP - Prayer Service:

Sunday 13th October after the 11am Mass: Prayer service to keep alive the memory Sr Catherine RIP.

Parish Advisory Council Meeting:

The next PAC meeting takes place on Monday 21st October at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall.

Church Cleaning - October:

Cleaning of the Church on Wednesday 9th and Wednesday 23rd October at 9:30am. New volunteers welcome.

Blessing of Graves - Sunday 3rd Nov at 2:30pm:

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.

Service of Light - Saturday 2nd November at 3pm:

There will be a special service of light for all those who have died in this parish since All Souls Day 2023. The names of the deceased will be read out and a candle lit for each by a family member.

Parish Volunteers Get Together - Sat 23rd Nov:

Father Francis would like to invite all volunteers of the parish, to get together in the hall after the 6pm Mass on Saturday 23rd November, 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.

St John Fisher Christmas Fair - Saturday 14th December

11am-3pm in the Parish Hall. Save the date for this special Christmas event. Next weekend we will be collecting donations for the bottle tombola. Please bring your donations to the hall before Mass. If you would like to stall or would like to volunteer to run a stall, please email the parish office. Please see noticeboard at the back of Church for more information.

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

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.

Repository:

Repository (Parish Shop) is open every WEEK before & after 9.30am Sunday Mass AND ALSO before & after 6.00pm Saturday Mass.

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.

42nd Street Band Saturday 30th November 2024:

7pm-11pm in the Parish Hall. You are all invited to this very popular evening of music and dance- back by popular demand. Tickets available from the Parish office – please get them early before they sell out.

A Day with Mary:

Please visit www.adaywithmary.org or see the poster on Church noticeboard for dates and more information.

High School Open Events:

Please see posters on Church noticeboard for more details of High school open events for those starting High School In September 2025.

St John Fisher Primary School:

Our parish primary school has a few vacancies in both Nursery and Reception. Call Mrs Aldred on 02085402637 for info.

Gregorian Chant Day:

A workshop will be led by the Schola Gregoriana of Cambridge on Saturday 12 October, 10.45 am - 6.15pm at Sacred Heart Church, Wimbledon, culminating in the celebration of Vespers in the church, sung by the participants. All, including beginners, are welcome. For details and booking places see <https://www.scholagregoriana.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.** **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 **Melina Pinto, Sean Deane, Adrian Donaghue, Maura Chhabra, Thomas Ivan Grostate, Patricia Sherren, James Walsh, Ravi Aumeerun, Richard Skeehan, John Myles & Stewart Christopher Myles, Charles & Anna Lusack, Grant Cozens, Malcolm Varran, Catherine Yeats, Kitty McVey, Rita Platel, Edward Alvares, Christine Henderson, Johnny Symmonds, Patricia Anderson, Irene McGrenra, Anthony Carter, Louis Gouveia, Joseph McGahren, John Heffron and Jim Cosgrove.**



PLEASE COMPLETE A SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE SLIP
(SLIPS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF CHURCH FOR THOSE IN SCHOOL YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6)

Our Parish Primary School is

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Email: school@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk Web: www.st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk

Boys & Girls Aged 3-11. Breakfast & After School Club. 30 hours Nursery provision.

