

Fisherman's Herald
The Twenty-Ninth Sunday of the Year (B) - 20th 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 19th	6:00pm	Deceased members of the Farrell Family
Sunday 20th	8:00am	Renato & Soriana Satti RIP Anniversary
Twenty-Ninth Sunday (B) <i>World Mission Day</i>	9:30am	Connie Saldanha (Intentions)
	11:00am	Giuseppe Varchione RIP 2nd Anniversary & Joseph
	6:30pm	People of The Parish
Monday 21st	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Michael & Eileen (Intentions)
		Lynette & Adrian Tang (Wellbeing)
Tuesday 22nd	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Geoff Walker RIP (5th Anniversary)
		Anna Brierly (21st Birthday)
Wednesday 23rd	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Serena (Thanksgiving)
		Rita Aguiar RIP
Thursday 24th <i>Bidding Prayers</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Dr Antonio Noronha & Leoncacia Fernandes
	9:30-10:30am	Francis Gracias RIP <i>Weekly Adoration</i>
Friday 25th <i>The Forty Martyrs canonized 1970</i>	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Sheila O'Hara RIP
		Wildredo R Prado RIP Anniversary
Saturday 26th	9:00am	Teresa Absalom RIP
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
Saturday 26th	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	6:00pm	Maurice Collingwood Nelson RIP (10th Anniversary)
Sunday 27th <i>Thirtieth Sunday (B)</i>	8:00am	Marlene Saldanha RIP
	9:30am	Greta O'Rourke (Wellbeing)
	11:00am	Margaret Lydon RIP
	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.

Missio - Second Collection Today:

Missio is the Church's official organ for the support of foreign missions. The collection taken on World Mission Sunday goes in its entirety to support Churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. Missio works through local bishops. Churches and missionary congregations to ensure that resources are distributed equitably and justly on the basis of need. The money goes directly from England and Wales to the bishops in the mission territories: local church directly helping local church.

New Extraordinary Ministers of The Holy Eucharist:

We congratulate four of our parishioners: **Colin Swan, Manda Bell, Gloria Paszek and Penny Bermingham** who were commissioned as Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist on 12th October 2024 at St George's Cathedral. We pray they will exercise their ministry with love, dedication, and joy.

Parish Business:

Monday 21st October from 7pm to 8pm.

Parish Advisory Council Meeting:

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

New Contactless Machine:

We have installed two new and updated contactless machines, one at the entrance and the other near the votive candle stand. We thank all those who make their offerings and donations this way. If you are able to gift aid your contributions you will need to input your details again (you will only need to do this once).

St John Fisher Christmas Fair - Sat 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 **Gifts Stall**. There is a box in the narthex for all your donations of new or unwanted gifts and toiletries. 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.

Funeral:

Please remember the family in your prayers.

Catherine 'Kitty' McVey RIP:

Requiem Mass on Monday 4th November at 11:10am.

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.

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.

Parish Volunteers Get Together - Sat 23rd Nov:

Father Francis would like to invite all volunteers of the parish, to a 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.

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.

Secondary School Supplementary Forms:

If you are applying for a Catholic high school for your child, please note that the school now require a certificate of Catholic practice to be completed instead of a supplementary form. Fr Francis is available to sign these certificates during September at the following times for you to attend the presbytery with your child: **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday** from 7pm to 8pm. No appointment needed. Please bring the completed certificate of Catholic practice with you.

Church Cleaning - Weds 23rd October at 9:30am:

New volunteers welcome.

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.

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.

Repository:

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

Major Marriage Problems?

Do you feel alone? Are you constantly frustrated or angry with your spouse? Have you stopped talking to each other? Retrouvaille may be for you. Its programme has helped hundreds of couples through difficult times in their marriages. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about Retrouvaille or to register for the next programme starting with a residential weekend from November 8-10 call 0788 7296983 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com

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 **Tess (Theresa) Goldband, Melina Pinto, Sean Deane, Adrian Donaghue, Maura Chabbra, Thomas Ivan Grostate, James Walsh, Ravi Aumeerun, Richard Skeeahan, John Myles & Stewart Christopher Myles, Charles & Anna Lusack, Grant Cozens, Malcolm Varran, Catherine Yeats, 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.

