



Fisherman's Herald
The Eighth Sunday of The Year (C) - 3rd March 2019
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Parish Office: Monday-Thursday 9am-2pm. Parish Secretary - Mrs Melissa Russell.

MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Saturday 2nd	5:00-5:50pm 6:00pm	<i>Confessions</i> Deceased Members of the Magee Family
Sunday 3rd	8:00am	People of the Parish
<i>Family Mass</i>	9:30am	Paddy Coyne RIP
<i>EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)</i>	11:00am 6:30pm	Whitter Smith - Anniversary Giovanni Maestri
Monday 4th	8:40am 9:00am 9:30am 1pm-3:00pm	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> Borja Basagoiti & Family <i>Rosary</i> <i>Rosary Prayer Group</i>
Tuesday 5th	8:40am 9:00am 9:30am 11-12noon 3:00pm	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> Daniele Maestri <i>Rosary</i> <i>Prayer Group (Day Chapel)</i> Requiem: Rita Dillon RIP
Wednesday 6th <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	8:40am 9:00am 9:30am 7:30pm	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> Ancestors - Saavedra Basagoiti Family <i>Rosary</i> Patsy Browne RIP
Thursday 7th	8:40am 9:00am 9:30am-7:30pm 10:00am	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> Paddy Coyne RIP <i>Weekly Adoration</i> <i>Mothers Prayers (Day Chapel)</i>
Friday 8th	8:40am 9:00am 9:30am	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> John Daly - Intentions <i>Rosary</i>
Saturday 9th	9:00am 9:30am 10-11:00am	Rachel Roberts <i>Rosary</i> <i>Confessions</i>
Saturday 9th	5:00-5:50pm 6:00pm	<i>Confessions</i> Lily Jaya Sothinathan
Sunday 10th	8:00am 9:30am	Paddy Coyne RIP Richard Moriarty
<i>Family Mass</i>	11:00am 6:30pm	Phoebe O'Connell RIP People of the Parish
<i>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (C)</i>		

Poor Parishes - Second Collection - Today:
 This weekend there will be a second collection for Poor Parishes: formally the Needs of the Diocese collection. This collection enables the Archbishop to make grants to some of the poorer parishes in the diocese.

Food Collection – This Weekend:
 This weekend we are collecting for Christian Care. They especially appreciate: cereals, biscuits, cooking oil, tins of tuna, tomatoes & fruit and lunch box items.

Parish Business:
 Monday 4th March from 7pm to 8pm.

Requiem Mass: Rita Dillon RIP
 on Tuesday 5th March at 3:00pm.

Church Cleaning (Wednesday):
 Mrs Coyne, Mrs Sukhram, Ms Wynn and Sister Catherine.

Faith Youth Club:
 Friday 9th March from 7:30pm to 9:30pm.

The Lenten Season

Ash Wednesday - 6th March:
 Lent begins on Wednesday 6th March. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at the 9am and the 7:30pm Mass. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence. Lent is a traditional time for penance and self denial, fasting and reducing the amount of food that we would normally eat. The law of fasting binds all those who are between the ages of 18 and 60 years of age. Abstinence means not eating meat. The law of abstinence binds everyone except for the elderly and sick once they have reached their 14th birthday.

Lenten Frugal Lunch:
 Starting Friday 8th March, all are welcome to a simple lunch in the church hall, anytime between 12 noon and 2pm, throughout lent. Come and enjoy hearty soup in good company! Your donation will go to CAFOD. If you would like to help make and serve the lunch, please contact Ann Bennett on 07890285768 or email mrsabennett@gmail.com

Stations of the Cross:
 Sundays at 4pm and Wednesdays at 7:30pm during Lent.

Lenten Course - "The Joy of Hope":
 begins on Monday 11th March at 8pm in the Church Hall
 11th March - "Do not be afraid"
 18th March - "The best is yet to come"
 1st April - "Heaven on Earth"
 8th April - "River of Life"

Fairtrade Fortnight: 25th February – 10th March:

We are a Fairtrade Church. Please support Fairtrade producers, especially during the Fortnight. Look for the Fairtrade symbol when you shop.

Gift Aid:

Boxes of Gift Aid envelopes for the new financial year are available at all Masses this weekend. Please collect if you are a member of the scheme. Sets of envelopes covering the second and other special collections will be available for those who pay by standing order in case they wish to use them. If you are a tax payer and would be willing to join the scheme, forms will also be available. If you are in the scheme but no longer pay tax, please let Deacon Tom know.

Weekly Eucharistic Adoration:

Weekly Adoration continues on Thursday 7th March from 9.30am until 7.30pm. Adoration begins after 9am Mass and continues until 10:30am on the High Altar. The Blessed Sacrament is then transferred to the day chapel until 6:00pm. At 6:00pm the Blessed Sacrament is then transferred back to the High Altar until Benediction at 7:20pm.



First Holy Communion Meeting:

Meetings for the parents of First Holy Communion candidates (June 2019) conclude on **Thurs 7th March at 8pm** in the Church Hall.

All children should be represented at these meetings.

Blessing for Expectant Mothers:

Sunday 10th March at the 9:30am Mass.

Mary's Meals Appeal - 10th March:

With only 1 week to go before Mary's Meals will be at our church on the morning of Sunday 10th March please remember to bring along all your unwanted clothing/bedding (no duvets or pillows please).

Put all clothing/bedding into tied black sacks and bring them with you when you come to church – the cut off time is 11am. Mary's Meals is a no-frills charity committed to spending 93p in every £1 received on its charitable activities with only 6p spent on Fundraising and 1p on Governance.

Requiem Mass: Peter Fitzgerald RIP on Thursday 14th March at 11:00am.

Day of Prayer & Recollection for Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Readers & Catechists:

Saturday 30th March. Please collect a letter from the sacristy and reply no later than the **24th March**, so we can provide you with lunch.

PLEASE VISIT: www.stjohnfishermerton.co.uk for NEWSLETTERS / PARISH ROTAS

CHURCH ATTENDANCE SLIPS - THIS SUNDAY:

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**. 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.

The Passage Appeal - 17th March:

The Passage will be making an appeal on the 16th/17th March. They are a Christian Charity working with homeless people in Central London and their mission is to provide resources which encourage, inspire and challenge homeless people to transform their lives.

CCTV Installation - Narthex:

CCTV cameras have now been installed in the Narthex. This will enable us to leave the Narthex open during the day for people to come and pray. The cameras only cover the Narthex area and video footage will only be accessible to the Clergy and Parish Office. From Monday 4th March, the Narthex will remain open after the 9am Mass until 2pm every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and until 7:30pm on Thursday for Adoration.

PAC Advance Information - Save the Date:

The PAC AGM will take place on Sunday 24th March. This year our Parish will be 70 years old and Father Matthias will celebrate the 25th Anniversary of his Ordination. The Parish Advisory Council plan to have a joint celebration on Saturday 6th July.

A Day with Mary:

Saturday 23rd March at St Bede's Church, Thornton Heath, SW12. Please see poster on Church noticeboard or visit www.adaywithmary.org for more information.

HCPT Pilgrimage to Lourdes:

Fr Luke's 2019 HCPT group will travel to Lourdes in September this year. They invite elderly or disabled people or children to join the pilgrimage. They also need able bodied helpers to give a week of their time to assist the group. Please see the church noticeboard for more information or visit www.hcpt.org.uk

42nd Street Swing Band - Save the Date:

Christmas Dance Saturday 30th November.

Large Print Newsletters:

If you would like a large print version of our newsletter (without the Sunday Readings) there are few copies available at the back of Church.

RCIA:

Continues on **Tuesday 5th March at 8pm**, 255 Cannon Hill Lane.

Baptism: 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 you 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

Stephen Conroy RIP:

Lucy Igoe and Breda Conway would like to thank Canon Acton, Father Matthias, Sister Catherine, altar servers, choir, friends, family and parishioners for all the support they received during their recent sad loss. Thank you to anyone who helped in any way. The holy sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.