Fisherman's Herald

The Twenty-Third Sunday of The Year (A) – 6th September 2020

St John Fisher Church

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Parish Office**:** Monday-Thursday 9am-2pm

MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 5th	10-11am	Confessions *(Hall)*
	5-5:50pm	Confessions *(Hall)*
	6:00pm	Onofrio Buttaci
Sunday 6th	8:00am	Angela Deane RIP
First Holy Communion Mass	9:30am	Deborah Farrell RIP
	11:00am	Tom Davis RIP
Twenty-Third Sunday (A)	6:30pm	People of the Parish
Monday 7th	9:00am	Eileen McQuaid
		Thomas O'Reilly RIP
	1pm-3pm	Rosary Prayer Group
Tuesday 8th	9:00am	Clare & Joe Manning
The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary		Canon Acton
		Margaret Rogers RIP
Wednesday 9th	9:00am	Fernando Barcellos
		Martin Keaveney RIP
Thursday 10th	9:00am	Michelle - Health & Wellbeing
		John & Elizabeth Flynn RIP
	9:30am-10:30am	*Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament*
Friday 11th	9:00am	Eugene Desmier RIP
		Gemma Ryoo - Intentions
Saturday 12th	9:00am	Catherine McGullion RIP
	10-11am	Confessions *(Hall)*
Saturday 12th	5-5:50pm	Confessions *(Hall)*
	6:00pm	John Redding RIP
Sunday 13th	8:00am	Martin & Teresa Mauel
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Twenty-Fourth Sunday (A)	11:00am	Tom Davis RIP
Education Day	6:30pm	Gerry Mulholland RIP

First Holy Communion June 2020 Program

First Holy Communion Masses will be celebrated this Sunday 6th September at 9:30am. ***We kindly request Parishioners to reserve this Mass for the First Holy Communion children and their parents.***

First Holy Communion Program 2020/2021

The new Program begins this September. There will be a Service of enrolment for the children/Recommitment for Catechists on Sunday 13th September at the 9.30am Mass. ***Please reserve this Mass for the children, their parents, and Catechists.***

Confirmation Program November 2020

Confirmation Program for those to be confirmed in November begins this September. An email has been sent to all parents who have registered for the programme. There will be a service of commitment for all candidates on Sunday 20th September at the 9.30am Mass. ***This Mass should be reserved for the candidates and their parents.***

Rosary Prayer Group:

The Monday Rosary prayer group meets again on Monday 7th September from 1pm to 3pm. Please fill in the NHS test and trace form and wear face coverings.

Public Worship:

Thank you for abiding by the new guidelines regarding the act of Public Worship in our Church. We kindly appeal to you to follow the guidance of the volunteer stewards when they direct you to the available sitting space. There is limited capacity in our Church due to social distancing requirements. Please consider attending Mass during the week as there is still no obligation to attend Mass on Sunday. We shall continue to live stream Masses from our Church. Mass times are indicated in the table opposite.

Everyone attending Mass will be required to leave their contact details. Please visit our website to download a form. Blank forms are also available at the back of Church.

Because no concelebration is taking place at this time, Fr. Matthias and Fr. Francis will continue to celebrate mass separately and offer intentions that appear in the table opposite.

Baptisms:

We have now resumed the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism. Could you please ring the Parish Office to book a Baptism.

Pastoral Care of the Sick/Sacrament of Anointing:

Please ring Fr. Matthias or Fr. Francis in case someone needs to be anointed/receive the last rites.

RCIA: We are all on a journey of faith which is unique and personal, and yet a journey that we know is greatly enriched when we are able to come together and share with others. Maybe you are a non-Catholic Christian accompanying your family to Church and now feel drawn to become part of this community of faith. Maybe your "roots" are in another religion, or in none. Maybe you are a Baptised Catholic but never received, as a young person, the Sacrament of Confirmation. RCIA is both a learning and teaching programme that aims to help those who would like to know more about the Christian faith from a catholic perspective and might be thinking about becoming a Catholic. To be a full member of the Catholic Church you need to complete the process of Christian Initiation which is when you have been Baptised, Confirmed and made your First Holy Communion. The RCIA Programme in St John Fisher begins on the 15th Sept. There is a small group of catechists along with Fr Matthias who present the course. We meet on Tuesday evenings from 8-9pm in the presbytery. The meetings are relaxed and informal. There is normally a presentation on some aspect of the Catholic Faith by a member of the team. This is followed by a discussion session concluding with a time of prayer. If you are interested, please complete and return the application form by 9th Sept. If you are not a Catholic, but regularly come to Sunday Mass or an adult Catholic not yet confirmed, why not get in touch with Fr Matthias for information.

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament:
Thursday10th September from 9:30am to 10:30am.

Church Cleaning:
We need volunteers to help us clean the Church after every Mass. If you are able to volunteer, please contact us via email merton@rcaos.org.uk and indicate which Mass you can help at.

Confession/Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday 12th September from 10am to 11am and from 5pm to 5:50pm in the Church Hall.

Weekly Offertory Donations:
We would like to thank all parishioners who have continued to contribute generously towards the running costs of the Parish. In case anyone wishes to make donations in this regard, please use any of the following 3 ways:

1. Please email merton@rcaos.org,uk for a pledge form
2. Continue to use your weekly gift aid envelopes (you can return them to us when the Church reopens)
3. Donate to our parish justgiving page: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-john-fisher-merton

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**

Let us pray for the sick of our Parish: **Ava (Eve) Leccocrovi, Michael Mannion, Alf Eaden, Patricia Campbell, Pat Humphries, Mary Lewis, Irene McGrenra, Charles Ducker, Anthony Carter** and **Donald Derx.**

We pray for all in our parish who have died recently: **Tom Davis, Logan Leahy, Pamela Nielsen, Catherine McGullion, Jane Flatly, Jeffrey Wrangle, Beryl Yvonne Ann Hows, Romeo Francis, Anne Condon, Faref Moussaid, Mary Simpson, Carla Norris, Angela D'Silva, Carol Nwosu, Frank (Paddy) Vallely, Margaret Needham, Francesco Paganuzzi, Patricia Gaffan, Patrick Doyle, Kevin Maher, Thomas Brendan Farrell, Vincent Hackshaw, Patricia Wright, Lorraine Henry, Trevor Lobo, Michael Scribbons, Patrick Neville, Bridget Howard, Austin Davis, Giuseppe Ginex and Patricia Mitcheison.**

And for those whose anniversaries occur this week: **Mary Dunn, Paddy Loughran, Angela Deane** and **Peggy Newill, Mary Tully, Martin Gilmartin** and **John Redding.**

Act of Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You.

Prayer for protection in times of pandemic

O Mary, you always brighten our path as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain while remaining steadfast in faith. O loving Mother, you know what we need, and we are confident you will provide for us as at Cana in Galilee. Intercede for us with your Son Jesus, the Divine Physician, for those who have fallen ill, for those who are vulnerable, and for those who have died. Intercede also for those charged with protecting the health and safety of others and for those who are tending to the sick and seeking a cure. Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who took upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows, so as to lead us, through the Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.
Under thy protection we seek refuge, O Holy Mother of God. In our needs, despise not our petitions, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen. *(from Archbishop John Wilson)*

No Church Attendance Slips Until Further Notice