

Fisherman's Herald
Mary, the Holy Mother of God (A) - 1st January 2023
St John Fisher Church

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Parish Office: **Closed until Thursday 5th January 2023**



MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 31st	6:00pm	Sean Conneely RIP
Sunday 1st <i>Mary, The Holy Mother of God (A)</i>	8:00am	People of The Parish
	9:30am	Morrison Family
	11:00am	Pat Igoe RIP
	4:00pm	<i>Peace Service</i>
	6:30pm	Ida Britto
Monday 2nd	9:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	10:00am	Moussaid Family
Tuesday 3rd	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Anthony Addeh
Wednesday 4th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Irene Jamieson Birthday
Thursday 5th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Grace Alvares
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
	6:00pm	Mrs Nita Lemos RIP
Friday 6th The Epiphany of The Lord	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Alf & Maria Jessiman
	7:30pm	Dermot McDowell RIP
Saturday 7th First Saturday	8:00am	<i>First Saturday Devotions</i>
	9:00am	Francis Gracias RIP
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Confessions (Day Chapel)</i>
Saturday 7th Sunday 8th The Baptism of The Lord (A)	5:00-5:50pm	<i>Confessions (Day Chapel)</i>
	6:00pm	Gaetana Ginex Bonomo RIP (6th Anniversary)
	8:00am	Mary Lepcha RIP
	9:30am	Nicholas D'Silva
	11:00am	Sophia Lobo
	2:00pm	<i>Prayer Service - Sr Catherine</i>
4:00pm	<i>Baptism Service</i>	
6:30pm	People of the Parish	

Peace Service:

Today, Sunday 1st January, World Day of Prayer for Peace, we will have a Peace Service in the Church at 4.00 pm. Please do join us in prayer for Peace in the World in 2023. There will be refreshments in the hall afterwards.

Parish Business:

No Parish Business this week.

Parish office closed:

The parish office is closed until Thursday 5th January.

Prayer service

About 30 minutes to keep alive the memory of Sr Catherine on SUNDAY 8th January 2023 @ 2pm and every 2nd Sunday of the month. Do join us in Church or online at <https://www.churchservices.tv/merton>

Baptism Service:

All those families who have had a baby baptised during 2022 are invited to the church on Sunday 8th January 2023, at 4pm for a service. There will be refreshments in the church hall afterwards.

Confessions in the Day Chapel:

Confessions now take place in the Day Chapel. Times remain the same: Saturday morning from 9:30am to 10:30am and Saturday evening from 5:00pm to 5:50pm.

Funerals:

Please remember the families in your prayers.

Francis Gracias RIP:

Requiem Mass - Wednesday 4th January at 12 noon followed by a Celebration of Francis' life at Chak89, 105 Bond Road, Mitcham, CR4 3HG.

Karen Cummins (nee Grimshaw) RIP:

Requiem Mass - Monday 9th January at 1:50pm.

Bank Holiday - Monday 2nd January:

Mass will be at 10am on Monday 2nd January.

Epiphany (Holyday of obligation):

This solemnity will be celebrated on Friday 6th January 2022. The program of Masses will be as follows: Thursday 6pm (vigil), 9am & 7.30pm on Friday.

First Saturday Devotions - 7th January:

Rosary and keeping Our Lady company within Adoration and Benediction from 8am to 8:45am.

Canon Acton RIP:

We wish to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, kindness, and support shown during the funeral Masses celebrated for Canon Acton on Wednesday and Thursday in the Parish. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way. May God Bless You all and Keep You.

Fr Agnelo:

Sunday 22nd January 2023 A Special Mass at 2.00pm to celebrate the Fr Agnelo D’Souza’s Birth Anniversary and prayer for his Canonization.. All welcome to join us especially those with any Goan connection. Come to the hall after Mass and bring and share in a hot cup of tea and some snacks.

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 to use your weekly gift aid envelopes
3. Donate on our website or scan the QR code which can be found on the poster at the back of Church or in the Hall.
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.

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.

Used Stamps:

Jesuit Missions are very grateful for all donations of stamps. Please continue to collect your used stamps and put them in the box at the back of Church.

CAFOD Thank you:

Please see the Church noticeboard for a copy of the letter received from CAFOD in December thanking us for our latest donation of £230.00 for Family Fast Day.

Please remember in your prayers the sick and housebound of our parish : Catherine Yeats, Giovanni Fugaccia, Deacon Fred Carter, James Johnson, Tony Brook, Luca Buttaci, Kitty McVey, Rita Platel, Teresa Daly, Edward Alvares, Christine Henderson, Naomi Whetton, Johnny Symmonds, Kathy Metcalf, Patricia Anderson, Irene McGrenra, Anthony Carter, Charles Ducker, Richard Sullivan, Joseph McGahren, Irene Jamieson and John Heffron.



Thanks:

Many thanks to all those who enabled us as a Parish to celebrate this Christmas in a more meaningful way through their involvement in the Liturgy. A special word of thanks goes to Fr Francis for the celebration of Masses, to Deacon Tom for his assistance, and to all Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, and volunteer stewards for their ministry. I wish to express a particular word of thanks to Kate and her team who decorated the Church. May God bless you all for your work in our Parish.

- Fr Matthias

Christmas Break:

Fr. Matthias and Fr. Francis will be taking a Christmas break. During their absence Fr. Pontian will be looking after the Parish. Please use the Parish email address or ring the Parish office in case you need anything.

Christian Care - Thank You Letter:

We have received a letter of thanks from Christian Care for the food and provisions collected by our parish for the Christmas hampers. Please see the noticeboard at the back of Church for a copy of the letter.

Sunday Teas & Coffee:

Many thanks to the 9:30am and 11am tea and coffee club who have raised £364 towards educating against F.G.M (Female Genital Mutilation) part of save the children.

Food Collection - Faith in Action - Next Weekend:

Next weekend we are collecting for Faith in Action. They appreciate: Cans of meat or fish, packets of cereal, cans of Tomatoes, jars of Coffee, cleaning materials and jars of Jam or Marmalade.

Please bring donations to the hall before Mass,

INFANT BAPTISMS: First Sunday of the month at 3pm. _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

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Fr. Francis and Fr. Matthias would like to thank all Parishioners for their generous Christmas offerings and other gifts which helped to make Christmas a very happy time in the Presbytery.

The Parish clergy offer New Year’s Greetings to all Parishioners and pray that God will bless all our efforts during 2023

SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE SLIPS WILL RESUME NEXT SUNDAY