

Fisherman's Herald
Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord (A) - 2nd April 2023
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 Fr Matthias Kizito, Fr Francis Nonyelu, Deacon Tom Kavanagh
 Parish Office: **Monday & Thursday from 9am to 2pm.**

MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 1st	6:00pm	Michael O'Keefe RIP
Sunday 2nd	8:00am	Sister Dorothy Gracias
Family Mass	9:30am	Joseph Aguiar RIP
	11:00am	Romeo Francis RIP (3rd Anniversary)
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (C)	4:00pm	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
	6:30pm	People of the Parish
Monday 3rd	6:45am	Edward Platel RIP
	9:00am	Francis Gracias RIP
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Confessions</i>
	12:30pm	<i>Requiem: Michael Glynn RIP</i>
Tuesday 4th	6:45am	Canon Acton RIP
	9:00am	Tom Davis RIP Anniversary
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Confessions</i>
	7:00pm	<i>Penitential Service</i>
Wednesday 5th <i>("Spy Wednesday")</i>	6:45am	Mary Belmonte
	9:00am	Sean Nolan RIP
No Confessions Today	7:30pm	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Thursday 6th <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	No Morning	Mass & No Exposition
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Confessions</i>
	5:00pm	Mass for Families & Elderly Ilma Tong RIP
	8:00pm	Mass of The Lord's Supper Domnic Justin - Thanksgiving
	11:15pm	<i>Night Prayer of the Church</i>
Friday 7th <i>Friday of the Passion of the Lord Good Friday</i>	No Mass	
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Confessions</i>
	11:00am	Service for Families & Elderly
	3:00pm	Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of Our Lord
	7:30pm	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Saturday 8th <i>Holy Saturday</i>	No Morning	Mass
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Confessions (Church)</i>
Saturday 8th <i>The Easter Vigil in the Holy night</i>	No 6:00pm	Mass <i>Easter Vigil</i> Fares Moussaid RIP 3rd Anniv
Sunday 9th <i>Family Mass</i>	8:00am	People of The Parish
	9:30am	Francesca & Paul Marsh & Family
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord	11:00am	Francis Gracias RIP
	6:30pm	Susan & Eddie Gallagher RIP

Food Collection - This Weekend:

This weekend we are collecting for **Faith In Action**. They appreciate: Cans of meat or fish with a ring-pull opening, Packs of cereal, Cans of tomatoes and jars of coffee, Jam and marmalade, and Cleaning materials such as spray, toilet cleaner etc.

Please bring donations to the hall before Mass.

Parish Business:

Monday 3rd April from 6pm-7pm.

Confessions in the Day Chapel:

Confessions now take place in the Day Chapel.

First Holy Communion Programme - June 2024:

Please download the registration form on our website to register for First Holy Communion next year (for those children currently in school year 2)

<http://www.stjohnfishermerton.co.uk/firstholychommunion.php>

Confirmation - Saturday 11th November 2023:

Please download a registration form from www.stjohnfishermerton.co.uk/confirmation.php and return it to the parish office with a copy of the baptism certificate (for those currently in school year 7). We need more Confirmation Catechists, if you are interested in becoming a Confirmation Catechist, please speak to Father Francis.

Funeral:

Please remember the family in your prayers.

Michael Glynn RIP:

Requiem Mass on Monday 3rd April at 12:30pm.

Lenten lunch:

Join us in the parish hall for a Lenten lunch of soup and a roll, tea/coffee between noon & 2pm on Thurs 6th April. Any money raised will go to Wimbledon food bank.

Parish Magazine - Talkabout:

The latest edition of our parish magazine is available to view on our website. Copies are also available in the narthex. Donations towards printing costs are appreciated (suggested donation £1).

Lent Course - Our Lady & the Visionaries of Knock:

Monday 3rd April at 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

Penitential Service & Confession:

There will be a penitential service with individual confessions on Tuesday 4th April at 7pm

Mary's Meals - Foreign Currency Appeal:

Mary's Meals would like to invite you to collect all your foreign currency no matter how old or obscure. There are special envelopes at the back of church for you to take home and put all your foreign coins and notes into. Currently the charity feeds over 2.4 million young children one good meal every day in their place of education.





...BEGINS TODAY WITH PALM SUNDAY

A day on which we celebrate the Lord's entry into Jerusalem. Palms will be blessed at all Masses. The 11am Mass will begin in the Hall with the Blessing of the Palms, followed by a **Procession to the Church** with a Solemn Reading of the **Passion according to St Matthew**. In the afternoon there will be: **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** from 4pm-5pm concluding with **Evening Prayer of the Church** at 4:45pm.

Holy Week Masses:

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Mass will be at 6:45am and 9am as usual. Please note, there will be no 9am Mass on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Saturday NOR 6:00pm Mass on Holy Saturday.

Maundy Thursday:

Mass at 5pm for young families and the elderly who cannot come to the Celebration at 8pm: **Mass of the Lord's Supper begins at 8pm**, includes the washing of feet and concludes with watching and praying until 11:30pm at the Altar of Repose. *Please try and spend some time watching.* 11:15pm **Night Prayer of the Church** (Compline).

JESUS ASKS: CAN YOU NOT WATCH WITH ME ONE HOUR?

Good Friday:

Is a Day of **Fasting and Abstinence**.

There will be a service at 11am for children based on the sufferings of Jesus.

Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of Our Lord at 3pm

with the Liturgy of the word, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion. There will be a collection for Holy Places. Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm. Novena for Divine Mercy begins today.

Easter Vigil: (First Mass of Easter) at 8pm including

- Blessing of the New Fire and the Easter Candle
- The Vigil of Readings
- The Liturgy of Baptism and Renewal of Baptismal Promises wherein Callum Jones will be baptized.

Envelopes for Easter offerings:

Your personal gift to the Priests of the Parish, envelopes are at the back of the Church. You may know that they Clergy do not receive a salary as such and rely upon the Christmas and Easter offerings to supplement any income received through Mass Stipends and Stole Fees for Baptisms, Funerals, and rare weddings.

Mothers Prayers:

No mothers prayers on Friday 7th April.

Over 60's Club:

Returns on Thursday 20th April from 1-3pm in the Church hall. All Welcome.

Legion of Mary:

A Legion of Mary Peregrinatio team will be working in our parish from the 3rd to 10th June visiting every door.

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 on the poster at the back of Church or the Hall.
4. Donate to our parish justgiving page:

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-john-fisher-merton

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.

A Day with Mary:

Saturday 22nd April at The Shine of St Augustine, Ramsgate, Kent. Please see the poster on Church notice-board for more information or visit: www adaywithmary.org

Youth Club:

Youth club returns on Friday 21st April from 7:30pm to 9pm for those in School year 6 and above.

Save the Date - King Charles III Coronation:



We are planning to hold a 'Street Party' in our car park for the King's Coronation on Bank Holiday Monday 8th May. More details to follow soon.

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 **Adrian Donoghue, Richard Skeeahan, Ceris Cook, Diana Maginnis, Anna Lusack, Malcolm Varran, Catherine Yeats, Giovanni Fugaccia, James Johnson, Luca Buttaci, Kitty McVey, Rita Platel, Edward Alvares, Christine Henderson, Johnny Symmonds, Kathy Metcalf, Patricia Anderson, Irene McGrenra, Anthony Carter, Charles Ducker, Richard Sullivan, Joseph McGahren, John Heffron and Natalie Williams.**

