

Fisherman's Herald

The Third Sunday of Lent (B) - 3rd March 2024

St John Fisher Church

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Parish Office: **Monday and Thursday from 9am to 2pm**



MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 2nd	5:00-5:50pm 6:00pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>) Kevin & Freda
Sunday 3rd <i>Third Sunday of Lent (B)</i>	8:00am 9:30am 11:00am 4:00pm 6:30pm	People of The Parish Olga Thompson RIP Elsie & John Gomes RIP <i>Stations of The Cross</i> Michael D'Sa RIP Anniversary
Monday 4th	6:45am 8:30am 9:00am	Trevor Clancy (Wellbeing) <i>Rosary</i> Francis Saldanha (Birthday)
Tuesday 5th	6:45am 8:30am 9:00am	Wendy Mesa RIP (2nd Anniversary) <i>Rosary</i> John Davis RIP
Wednesday 6th	6:45am 8:30am 9:00am 9:30am 7:30pm	John Culleton RIP <i>Rosary</i> Mick Glynn RIP (1st Anniversary) <i>Legion of Mary (Day Chapel)</i> <i>Stations of The Cross</i>
Thursday 7th	6:45am 8:30am 9:00am 9:30am -6pm	St Anthony (Thanksgiving) <i>Rosary</i> Kate Colthup RIP <i>Weekly Adoration</i>
Friday 8th	6:45am 8:30am 9:00am	John Tobin (Intentions) <i>Rosary</i> Noel Canavan (Intentions)
Saturday 9th	9:00am 9:30-10:30am	Deidre Mulhall (Intentions) Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
Saturday 9th	5:00-5:50pm 6:00pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>) Michael & Eileen Tully
Sunday 10th <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent (B)</i> <i>Laetare Sunday</i>	8:00am 9:30am 11:00am 4:00pm 6:30pm	Noel Canavan (Intentions) People of The Parish Angiolina Zahra RIP <i>Stations of The Cross</i> John & Anne Hyland RIP

Our Parish, Our Needs, Our Responsibility

Planned Giving Appeal:

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it?' - Luke 14:28

Last week our parish embarked on a Planned Giving appeal. Over the coming weeks we ask all parishioners to take this opportunity to prayerfully reflect on their commitment to our parish. Everyone should consider giving something, mindful of their blessings and circumstances. Today you will hear more about Planned Giving and Stewardship, including why our parish needs financial help to cover our costs. Please take an appeal newsletter.

Our goal is to receive an informed decision from everyone in the parish. Next weekend we shall ask all parishioners to complete a pledge card - this will enable our parish to plan ahead with confidence for the future.

If you have any questions, there will be volunteers available after Mass today. Thank you.

Sunday Tea/Coffee - Today:

Tea, coffee, toast and croissants served after the 8am mass in the parish hall.

Parish Business:

Monday 4th March from 7pm to 8pm.

The Year of Prayer: Eucharistic Adoration:

Note that this is not a year about prayer but a year for prayer. In Addition to other spiritual activities in this season of Lent we are extending the hours of our Thursday weekly adoration from 9:30am to 6:00pm. There will be Divine Mercy prayer at 3:00pm. Please indicate the hours you wish to stay with Jesus by filling in the form at the back of the Church.

Parish Lenten Activities:

Please take a copy of our Lenten Supplement for more details of our Lenten activities:

Weekly Adoration - Thursdays 9:30am to 6pm

Lenten Talk - Mondays 7:30pm (Parish Hall)

Stations of The Cross - Weds 7:30pm and Sun 4pm

Weekday Masses - 6:45am and 9am

Lenten Lunch - Friday 8th, 15th, 22nd March and Thursday 28th March (Parish Hall)

Faith In Action - Food Collection Today:

This weekend, we are collecting for Faith in Action.

They appreciate:

Cereal Bars and Protein Bars, Multi-packs of Crisps, Multi-packs of small Juice, Cartons, Sugar, Small ring pull tins of Sardines, Mackerel fillets, Tins of corned beef, Jars of Jam and Peanut Butter.

Please bring donations to the hall before Mass.

Funerals:

Please remember the families in your prayers.

Bridie Fitzgerald RIP:

Reception of Body into Church - Mon 4th March at 5pm
Requiem Mass - Tuesday 5th March at 12:30pm.

Kevin McGrath RIP:

Requiem Mass - Monday 18th March at 11:30am.

Lenten Booklets - 'My Day by Day' :

Available at the back of the church. Cost: £1.

Parish Readers' Workshop:

There will be a parish readers' Lenten and Triduum workshop for all parish readers at **7pm on Thursday 7th March** in the parish hall. At the end of the workshop we will share the readings, passion narratives and summarise the arrangements for Easter Triduum.

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.

Parish Registration - Forms:

We would like to update our parish records. Registration forms are available from the back of Church and on our website at https://www.stjohnfishermerton.co.uk/our_parish.php Please post completed forms through the presbytery letterbox or email a copy to merton@rcaos.org.uk

For The Bereaved - Grief In Loss: Hope In Christ:

A weekend for those who have been bereaved. This weekend, from March 22-24, will take place away from the pressures of day-to-day life and can help one begin to come to terms with bereavement. It is a time for quiet, prayer, talking and acceptance. The residential cost is £230 for a single, £210 for a shared room. Due to the special nature of this weekend retreat, held at Aylesford Priory in Kent, places are ordinarily limited and subject to a telephone call to determine if it is right for you. Tel: 01622 717 272.

The Annual Marriage Mass:

The date is July 13, 3pm at St George's Cathedral. Couples celebrating a special anniversary – one, 10, 25, 40, 50 or 60 or more years – and wishing to receive a personal invitation from Abp John, should email mflsw@rcaos.org.uk

HCPT Pilgrimage to Lourdes:

Fr Luke's 2024 HCPT Group - 13th – 20th September. To find out more, please contact the Group leaders: Sandra Allen (07768080537), Manus Finnerty (020 8669 5265), or Father Luke (020 8642 3863) or go to the HCPT website www.hcpt.org.uk and look for Summer Pilgrimages.

Please remember in your prayers the sick and housebound of our parish **Pierre & Josette Kisorbo, Patricia Sherren, James Walsh, Zia Esaw, Ivan Fernandes, Rita Aguiar, Ravi Aumeerun, Richard Skeehan, Ceris Cook, Charles & Anna Lusack, Grant Cozens, Malcolm Varran, Catherine Yeats, Luca Buttaci, Kitty McVey, Rita Platel, Edward Alvares, Christine Henderson, Johnny Symmonds, Patricia Anderson, Irene McGrenra, Anthony Carter, Richard Sullivan, Joseph McGahren, John Heffron and Jim Cosgrove.**



Gift Aid envelopes:

Boxes of envelopes for the coming financial year will be available at all Masses from next weekend. If you are in the scheme, please collect yours. You will need to give your Gift Aid number which you can find on your current envelopes.

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.

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

Rediscover Your Marriage:

Retrouvaille offers you the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. 14th to 16th June. Call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 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.**

Father Peter Littleton: ST GEORGE'S CHAPLAIN'S number is: **020 8725 3069** email catholicchaplains@stgeorges.nhs.uk

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

St. John Fisher R. C. Primary and Nursery School, Grand Drive, West Wimbledon, SW20 9NA, Tel: 020 8540 2637

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.

