



**Fisherman's Herald**  
**The Fifth Sunday of Lent (C) - 3rd April 2022**  
**St John Fisher Church**  
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Part of the R. C. Archdiocese of Southwark Charity No: 1173050  
 Fr Matthias Kizito, Fr Francis Nonyelu, Deacon Fred Carter, Deacon Tom Kavanagh  
 Parish Office: **Monday & Thursday - 9am to 2pm**

**PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK**

**MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK**

<b>Saturday 2nd</b>	6:00pm	Joseph Aguiar RIP
<b>Sunday 3rd</b>	8:00am	Shirley Donaghue - Intentions
<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent (C)</b>	9:30am	Marlene Saldanha RIP
	11:00am	People of The Parish
	4:00pm	<i>Penitential Service with Confessions</i>
	6:30pm	Betilda & Francisco Nieves
<b>Monday 4th</b>	6:45am	Alan O'Brien RIP
	9:00am	Tom Davis RIP (2nd Anniversary)
<b>Tuesday 5th</b>	6:45am	Anna Rose Oliver RIP
	9:00am	Romeo Francis RIP (2nd Anniversary)
<b>Wednesday 6th</b>	6:45am	Domnic Justin - Thanksgiving
	9:00am	Michael O'Keeffe RIP (9th Anniversary)
	7:30pm	<i>Stations of The Cross</i>
<b>Thursday 7th</b>	6:45am	Charles Lusack (73rd Birthday)
	9:00am	Bridget Casey & Family
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
<b>Friday 8th</b>	6:45am	Paul Carss
	9:00am	Fares Moussaid RIP (2nd Anniversary)
<b>Saturday 9th</b>	9:00am	Nina & Peter Kosciolk
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Confessions (Hall)</i>
<b>Saturday 9th</b>	6:00pm	Deceased Members of the Daly & Cannon Family
<b>Sunday 10th</b>  <b>Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord (C)</b>	8:00am	People of The Parish
	9:30am	Ann Culleton
	11:00am	Mary & George Donaghue RIP
	4:00pm	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
	4:45pm	<i>Evening Prayer of the Church</i>
	6:30pm	Mr & Mrs Maestri RIP

**Covid 19- New Guidelines from the Catholic Bishops of England & Wales:**

The following guidance is offered by the Bishops of England and Wales for Lent and Easter 2022.

- Hand sanitiser should be available for all to use at places of entry and exit to our churches.
- The necessity for social distancing is removed, churches should operate up to normal capacity.
- Those who wish to wear a face covering may do so during the celebration of Mass.
- The use of hymn books and other worship aids are permitted as part of the liturgy. Servers and their various ministries (acolyte, book-bearer, incense) are to be encouraged to return.
- The vessels containing the altar breads for consecration at Mass should remain covered until the moment of distribution of Holy Communion to the faithful.
- Holy Communion is to be distributed to the faithful under one kind only (i.e. the Sacred Host).
- Those who distribute Holy Communion should wear a face covering and sanitise their hands before doing so.
- Singing can occur and there is a general encouragement to wear face coverings while singing. However, it is recognised that not everyone will feel able to do this.
- Contact tracing ended on 24th February and so there is no need for track and trace QR codes or Mass booking systems in our churches.

**Masses during Lent:**

During Lent there will be two daily Masses on Monday to Friday, at 6.45am and at 9am.

**Lent Course: Strength to Strength**

*the practical benefits of daily prayer:*

This six session DVD series will be shown in the Church hall on Mondays in Lent continues on 4th April at 7.30pm: each session will last about one hour. The series is designed to give practical help to those wishing to pray more in their daily lives.

**Stations of The Cross during Lent:**

Wednesdays at 7:30pm.

**Penitential Service - Today:**

There will be a penitential service with individual confessions today, Sunday 3rd April at 4pm.

**Mothers Prayers Group:**

Friday 8th April at 9.30am in the Day Chapel.

### **Justice & Peace Food Collection - This Weekend:**

This weekend we are collecting for Faith in Action. They appreciate: Packed lunch items, Cereal bars & protein bars, Multi-packs of crisps, Multi-packs of small juice cartons, Sugar, Small ring-pull tins of sardines or mackerel fillets, Tins of corned beef, Jam, Jars of peanut butter.

Please bring donations to the Church before Mass.

### **Next Sunday is Palm Sunday & The Beginning of Holy Week:**

Palms will be blessed at all Masses. The 11am Mass will begin in the Hall with the Blessing of Palms, followed by a Procession to the Church with a Solemn Reading of the Passion according to St Luke. 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 at 8pm including the washing of feet, concluding 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).

### **Good Friday:**

Is a Solemn 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 Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion. Stations of the Cross and Veneration of the Relic of the Cross at 7:30pm. Novena for Divine Mercy begins today. There will be a collection for Holy Places at all Masses.

### **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.

### **Lenten lunch:**

Join us for a Lenten lunch of soup and a roll, tea or coffee between noon and 2pm on Fridays in Lent. Any money raised will go to Wimbledon food bank. Lenten lunch dates 8th April and Maundy Thursday 14th April.

### **Big Jubilee Lunch - Save the Date:**

On Sunday 5th June 2022 we are planning to hold a community lunch/party to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee.

### **Confessions:**

Saturday 9th April, 9:30am to 10:30am in the Hall.

### **Confirmation - Saturday 26th November 2022:**

Please download a registration form from [www.stjohnfishermerton.co.uk/confirmation.php](http://www.stjohnfishermerton.co.uk/confirmation.php) and return it to the parish office with a copy of the baptism certificate.

### **Prayer Service:**

Can you Spare 30 minutes on Sunday 10th April @ 2pm? To join us in short prayer service to keep alive the memory of our dear Sr Catherine? Please join us for tea/coffee in the hall afterwards.

### **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.

### **DBS Checks:**

Those who missed out on having their DBS Check done in December last year should contact Ursula O'Byrne the Parish Safeguarding Representative as soon as possible.

### **Weekly Offertory Donations:**

Thank you to those parishioners who 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](mailto:merton@rcaos.org.uk) for a pledge form
2. Continue to use your weekly gift aid envelopes
3. Donate to our parish justgiving page:

[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-john-fisher-merton](http://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 Chaplains** at ST GEORGE'S, Tooting, their number is: **020 8725 3069** email [catholicchaplains@stgeorges.nhs.uk](mailto:catholicchaplains@stgeorges.nhs.uk)

### **Fundraising for Ukraine:**

Joint project between St. John Fisher School and Parish. For details see the poster at the back of Church or visit: <http://www.stjohnfishermerton.co.uk/ukraine-supplement-2.pdf>

### **St. Teresa's Home C.I.O :**

Full Time Care Assistant role, 5 days out of seven. Experience & Qualifications preferable. For full details please contact the office on 0208 879 7366 option 3, or [info@stteresashome.co.uk](mailto:info@stteresashome.co.uk)

### **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

NO SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE SLIPS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE