

Fisherman's Herald

The Fifth Sunday of the Year (B) - 4th February 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 3rd	5:00-5:50pm 6:00pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>) Mary & Paddy Daly
Sunday 4th <i>Fifth Sunday (B)</i>	8:00am 9:30am 11:00am 6:30pm	People of The Parish Mary Moriarty RIP Deceased Members of Rocha & Fugaccia Families Tadeusz Motyka RIP
Monday 5th <i>St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr</i>	8:30am 9:00am	<i>Rosary</i> Eileen & Michael Tully John Davis RIP
Tuesday 6th <i>Sts Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs</i>	8:30am 9:00am	<i>Rosary</i> Paul Patrick D'Sa RIP Anniversary Marcus & Angela (Intentions)
Wednesday 7th	8:30am 9:00am 9:30am	<i>Rosary</i> John Melly RIP Anniversary Karen Cummins RIP <i>Legion of Mary (Day Chapel)</i>
Thursday 8th <i>Day for Victims of Trafficking</i>	8:30am 9:00am 9:30-10:30am	<i>Rosary</i> Patrick D'Sa (Birthday) Blanche Keaveney (Intentions) <i>Weekly Adoration</i>
Friday 9th	8:30am 9:00am	<i>Rosary</i> Shirley Donaghue (Intentions) John Daly RIP
Saturday 10th <i>St Scholastica, Virgin</i>	9:00am 9:30-10:30am 11:00am	Jane Gracias (Birthday) Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>) <i>Healing Mass</i>
Saturday 10th	5:00-5:50pm 6:00pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>) Annette Gillott RIP
Sunday 11th <i>Sixth Sunday (B)</i> <i>World Day for the Sick</i> <i>Day for the Unemployed</i>	8:00am 9:30am 11:00am Noon 6:30pm	People of The Parish Emmanuel Cheijina Josephina, Arnolfo & Severa Quinocho RIP <i>Sr Catherine - Prayer Service</i> Deceased Clergy of SJF Parish

The Year of Prayer 2024 and the Jubilee Year 2025:

The Holy Father has decided that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee. The theme is a 'Pilgrimage of Hope'. In preparation for the Jubilee Year, 2024 has been designated a 'Year of Prayer' and particular focus on the Our Father. This presents us with a great opportunity to go back to the basics of prayer.

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

Tea / Coffee - Today:

There will be tea/coffee served in the hall after the 8am Mass today. All Welcome.

Food Collection - This Weekend:

This week there will be a food collection for **Christian Care**. They appreciate: Coffee, Corned Beef, Tinned Ham or Meats, Toothpaste, Tinned Custard, Tinned Rice Pudding, Tinned Fruits, Treats - chunky Kit-Kats, etc. Basmati Rice - 1kg packs if possible please *Please bring donations to the hall before Mass.*

Parish Business:

Monday 5th February from 7pm to 8pm.

Post-Confirmation Alpha Youth Course:

The first meeting in February will be a half-day on Saturday, 3rd February in the afternoon. The children have been enjoying the course and are looking forward to the sessions this term. We are still welcoming new children who would like to join. Registration can be done via the parish website:

<https://www.stjohnfishermerton.co.uk/alpha-youth-course-reply-slip-2023.pdf>

Healing Mass:

Mass of Healing on Saturday 10th February at 11am followed by refreshments in the hall.

Sr Catherine RIP:

Prayer service after the 11am Mass on Sunday 11th February and every 2nd Sunday each month.

Lent talks:

Weekly DVD talks by Fr Denis McBride of the Redemptorist Fathers will be shown in the Church Hall at 7.30pm on Mondays during Lent, beginning on 19th February. The title of the first talk will be "*Stations of the Cross: then and now.*"

Weekday Masses during Lent:

There will be an extra morning Mass (Monday-Friday) during Lent at 6:45am from Monday 19th February.

Lenten Booklets:

'My Day by Day' are available at the back of the church. Cost: £1

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.

Repository:

Can you spare about an hour on the first Sunday of each month. Before and after the 9.30 Mass to help in the Repository (Church Shop). Please Contact Canute or Delia.

Building a Better Marriage Course:

As part of the preparation for the 2025 Jubilee year, the Southwark Marriage and Family Team will be running a Building a Better Marriage Course throughout the Archdiocese from February 2024. The one day course is for married couples (whether married for one year, 60 years or anywhere in between). It seeks to help husbands and wives to make their marriage better and to improve their communication skills. There is no group sharing and private information remains private to each couple. Couples who have attended previously have found it enjoyable, informative, and uplifting. For more information contact the Marriage and Family Life team through the Archdiocese of Southwark: website. <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/marriage-and-family-life>.

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.

www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk/jobopportunities

Kate Colthup RIP:



Kate's family would like to say thank you to everyone who joined us to say a loving farewell to her on 16th January. We have been deeply moved by the messages from many friends and by the generous spirit of all who helped in the funeral mass arrangements and reception. We pray that God will always bless each of you and this wonderful Church that Kate loved so much.

CAFOD - Thank You:

We have received a letter from CAFOD to thank us for our latest donation of £407.06. Please see noticeboard at the back of Church for a copy of the letter.


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

Caremark:

At Caremark Merton we deliver excellent home care with compassion and a cheery smile! Whatever you need, whatever time of day, for however long and however frequent, we are here to help. We provide personalised care that keeps you safe and happy at home. We also offer live-in care packages. Considering home care for yourself or a loved one? Give us a call on 020 8687 6633 to find out how we can help. 

SPUC - Administration Assistant Vacancy

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) wishes to recruit a full-time Administration Assistant. For a full job description and application form, please contact Lucille McQuade lucillemcquade@spuc.org.uk or visit <https://www.spuc.org.uk/joinourteam>

Wimbledon College - Job Vacancy:

Full -Time Caretaker position available at Wimbledon College, Edge Hill (35hrs p/w, 52weeks p/a).

Application closing date: Wed 7th February at 9am.

For more info and to apply please follow the Eteach link: <https://www.eteach.com/job/full-time-school-caretaker-1399231>

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 remember in your prayers the sick and housebound of our parish **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.** 

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.

