

Fisherman's Herald
Second Sunday of Advent (A) - 4th December 2022
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 Parish Office: **Monday & Thursday 9am to 2pm**

MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

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| Saturday 3rd | 6:00pm | John Grace RIP |
| Sunday 4th | 8:00am | Fran Fenwick RIP |
| Second Sunday of Advent (A) | 9:30am | Steven Street RIP Anniversary |
| | 11:00am | People of The Parish |
| | 6:30pm | Teresa Campbell RIP |
| Monday 5th | 8:30am | Rosary |
| | 9:00am | Michael James Walsh RIP Anniversary |
| | | Helen Farrell - Wellbeing |
| Tuesday 6th | 8:30am | Rosary |
| | 9:00am | Marie Lourdes Chedembrun Sid Miles RIP |
| Wednesday 7th <i>St Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church</i> | 8:30am | Rosary |
| | 9:00am | Elaine McGing Geraldine Williams |
| Thursday 8th <i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> | 8:30am | Rosary |
| | 9:00am | For those who prayed for Baby Amara |
| | 9:30-10:30am | Weekly Adoration |
| | 7:00pm | Sister Catherine RIP (3rd Anniversary) |
| Friday 9th | 8:30am | Rosary |
| | 9:00am | Canon Acton Michael & Marie Williams |
| Saturday 10th | 9:00am | Conway Family - Deceased |
| | 9:30-10:30am | Confessions (Day Chapel) |
| | 11:30am | Senior Citizens Mass |
| Saturday 10th | 5:00-5:50pm | Confessions (Day Chapel) |
| | 6:00pm | Mary Jurkiewicz RIP |
| Sunday 11th <i>Third Sunday of Advent (A)</i> <i>Gaudete Sunday</i> | 8:00am | Herminia & Alvito Andrade RIP |
| | 9:30am | Deceased Members of the Lally Family |
| | 11:00am | Mary Waters RIP |
| | 6:30pm | People of The Parish |

Christian Care Christmas Collection - This Weekend:

This weekend we are collecting for hampers for needy families. Items required: Sparkling non-alcoholic drink, Large or mini Christmas Pudding [non-alcoholic], Chocolate Puddings, Mince Pies, Chocolate Log, Stollen, Tin / Box Chocolate or Fancy Biscuits, Tin / Box Shortbread, Tin Fruit, Tin Custard, Cranberry Sauce, Stuffing, Gravy, Box Chocolates, Children's sweets. *Please bring items to the hall after Mass.*

Parish Business:

Monday 5th December from 6pm to 7pm.

Advent Course: Believe – Reflections on the Creed:

This course of six 30 minute videos is being shown on the Mondays of Advent continuing at 7.30pm on Monday 5th December in the Church Hall. All parishioners are encouraged to attend this course as part of our preparation for Christmas.

My Day by Day Advent Books:

Available at the back of Church - Suggested donation £1.

CAFOD - World Gifts Catalogue:

Please take a catalogue from the back of Church or visit www.cafod.org.uk/adventseason and raise funds for refugee families in desperate need.

Sister Catherine RIP:

Thursday 8th December at 7pm 3rd Anniversary Mass for dear Sr Catherine RIP All Welcome to Church or join us online at <https://www.churchservices.tv/merton> Please contact Canute for further information.

Senior Citizens - Christmas Party:

The Christmas celebration for our senior citizens takes place on **Saturday 10th December** beginning with Mass at 11:30am, followed by lunch in the hall. Anyone who would like to attend please let us know ASAP.

8th December, 75th Anniversary of the founding of Teams of Our Lady:

The Teams provide a way of offering mutual support to married couples through sharing and prayer at monthly meetings. If you feel you would like to know more, contact Chris and Luisa Elliott.elliotts138@yahoo.com <https://teamsgb.org.uk>

Church Parade - Next Weekend:

Church parade for the uniform groups at the 9:30am Mass next Sunday, 11th December.

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.

Over 60's Club:

Thursday 8th December from 1pm to 3pm in the Church hall, all welcome.

Flower Collection - Sunday 11th December:

Our annual flower and Christmas decoration collection takes place next Sunday, 11th December.

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 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.

School Supplementary Forms

If you require a school supplementary form to be signed for **Nursery, Reception or High School**, please drop the forms through the presbytery letterbox at anytime and include a copy of the Baptism certificate. You will be contacted when the form is ready for collection.

Used Stamps:

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

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.

Christmas Carol Service:

Sunday 18th December at 4pm.

Penitential Service with Confessions:

Tuesday 20th December at 7:30pm.

Peace Service:

On 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.

A free short reflection brought to you each day of Advent:

Advent can be such a busy demanding time, but we encourage you to make some space to reflect and pray this advent. Sign up for our free Southwark Diocesan 'daily advent reflections' to aid your prayer. Every day during advent you will receive an email with a very brief thought for the day based on the daily reading. It is an opportunity to listen to Gods invitation to you this advent. All you have to do is sign up and then set aside a couple of minutes each day to reflect!

<http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/> clicking on the Advent Reflection box or view online:
<https://southwarkdsc.us11.list-manage.com/subscribe?3e1dce7f8f666e9d64edd867&id=4f880b3b9c>

The All Nations Catholic Charismatic Group:

Invites all parishioners to join in their Christmas celebration and love feast on Saturday 17 December from 5pm-9.30 pm at St Andrews Church Hall, Thornton Heath, Croydon. Come and celebrate with us the true reason for the season. For more information please visit www.anceg.co.uk

Christmas Masses:

Saturday 24th December Vigil Mass at 6pm

Midnight Mass

at 12midnight. Carols at 11:30pm.

Christmas Day Masses (Sunday)

8:00am, 9:30am and 11:00am.

There will be NO 6:30pm EVENING MASS.



Feast of St Stephen - Monday 26th December:

Mass at 10am for all Altar Servers & for New Servers, who will be enrolled into the Guild of St Stephen.

Bank Holiday - Tuesday 27th December:

Mass will be at 10am due to the bank holiday.

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

Please remember in your prayers the sick and housebound of our parish : **Angela Miles, Karen Cummins, Victor Pierson, Catherine Yeats, Canon Acton, Giovanni Fugaccia, Deacon Fred Carter, James Johnson, Tony Brook, Maura Chhabra, 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, Tommy & John Heffron.**



PLEASE COMPLETE A SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE SLIP
(SLIPS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF CHURCH FOR THOSE IN SCHOOL YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6)