

**Fisherman's Herald**  
**The Epiphany of The Lord (B) - 7th January 2024**  
**St John Fisher Church**

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Part of the R. C. Archdiocese of Southwark Charity No: 1173050  
 Fr Francis Nonyelu, Fr Joseph Edem, Deacon Tom Kavanagh  
 Parish Office: **Monday and Thursday from 9am to 2pm**



**MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK**

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| <b>Saturday 6th</b>   | 5:00-5:50pm<br>6:00pm                           | Confessions ( <i>Confessional</i> )<br>Gaetana Ginex Bonomo RIP<br>(7th Anniversary)                     |
| <b>Sunday 7th</b><br><i>The Epiphany of The Lord (B)</i>        | 8:00am<br>9:30am<br>11:00am<br>3:00pm<br>6:30pm | Marlene Saldanha RIP<br>Moussaid Family<br>People of The Parish<br><i>Baptism Service</i><br>Sophia Lobo |
| <b>Monday 8th</b>   | 9:30am<br>9:00am                                | <i>Rosary</i><br>Argenis Nieves<br>Elizabeth Power Intentions  |
| <b>Tuesday 9th</b>  | 8:30am<br>9:00am                                | <i>Rosary</i><br>Deacon Fred Carter RIP<br>(1st Anniversary)<br>Ethel Thompson RIP                       |
| <b>Wednesday 10th</b>   | 8:30am<br>9:00am<br>9:30am                      | <i>Rosary</i><br>Nicholas D'Silva<br>Timmy Kiely RIP<br><i>Legion of Mary (Day Chapel)</i>               |
| <b>Thursday 11th</b>  | 8:30am<br>9:00am<br>9:30-10:30am                | <i>Rosary</i><br>Alistair Donaghue Intentions<br>Nick Vassallo RIP<br><i>Weekly Adoration</i>            |
| <b>Friday 12th</b>  | 8:30am<br>9:00am                                | <i>Rosary</i><br>Marcellina Cheijina<br>Sharon Peck RIP  |
| <b>Saturday 13th</b>  | 9:00am<br>9:30-10:30am                          | Theresa D'Sa Birthday<br>Confessions ( <i>Confessional</i> )   |
| <b>Saturday 13th</b>  | 5:00-5:50pm<br>6:00pm                           | Confessions ( <i>Confessional</i> )<br>George Sothinathan<br>(Thanksgiving)                              |
| <b>Sunday 14th</b><br><i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)</i> | 8:00am<br>9:30am<br>11:00am                     | People of The Parish<br>Barry Peck RIP<br>(10th Anniversary)<br>Carol Counsell RIP<br>(3rd Anniversary)  |
| <i>Peace Sunday</i>   | Noon<br>6:30pm                                  | <i>Sr Catherine RIP Prayer Service</i><br>Wilfredo Prado RIP   |

**Fr Matthias - Farewell - Saturday 13th January:**

Fr Matthias' farewell mass will be celebrated on Saturday 13th January at 6pm followed by a party in the parish hall. We welcome donations of Cakes, Biscuits, Finger Food, Sandwiches etc. Please bring food donations to the hall from 4pm on Saturday 13th January.

**Baptism Service - Today:**

All those families who have had a baby baptised during 2023 are invited to the church today, Sunday 7th January 2024, at 3pm for a service.

There will be refreshments in the church hall afterwards.

**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](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](mailto:merton@rcaos.org.uk)

**Parish Business:**

Monday 8th January from 6pm to 7pm.

**Funerals:**

Please remember the families in your prayers.

**Carmel Ball RIP:**

Requiem Mass - Friday 11th Jan 2024 at 12:30pm.

**Kate Colthup RIP:**

Requiem Mass - Tuesday 16th Jan 2024 at 2:00pm.

**Wimbledon Foodbank Collection This Weekend:**

This weekend the Justice & Peace group are collecting for the Wimbledon Foodbank. They need: Sugar, Shampoo, Jam, Biscuits, UHT Milk, Deodorant.

*Please bring donations to the hall before Mass.*



**Peace Sunday - 14th January 2024:**

Next Sunday is Peace Sunday and there will be a second collection for Pax Christi. The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms.

**Thank you - Letters:**

We have received letters of thanks from World Missio and Christian Care for our generous donations:

1 World Mission Sunday - £586.31

2. Christian Care - 15 Christmas Hampers and £105.00

A copy of the letters are available to view on the notice-board at the back of Church.

**Sr Catherine RIP:**

Prayer service after the 11am Mass on Sunday 14th January and every 2nd Sunday each month.

### **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.

### **Venerable Agnelo D'Souza:**

All invited to special Mass to pray for the Canonization of Venerable Agnelo on Sunday 21st January 2024 at 2pm. After Mass join us in the hall next door and encourage everyone to bring along a plate of food for general sharing. There will be teas and coffee served.

### **Crib Offering - Catholic Children's Society:**

Every penny you donate will go into the Catholic Children's Society's Southwark Crisis Fund to provide emergency support for families in our Archdiocese. Visit [www.cathchild.org.uk](http://www.cathchild.org.uk) for more information.

### **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.

### **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>.

### **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.

### **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](mailto: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](http://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.



## **CHURCH ATTENDANCE SLIPS RETURN NEXT WEEKEND**

**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](mailto:catholicchaplains@stgeorges.nhs.uk)

Please remember in your prayers the sick and housebound of our parish **Zia Esaw, Ivan Fernandes, Rita Aguiar, Ravi Ameerun, 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, Jim Cosgrove and Natalie Williams.**



***The Clergy offer New Year's Greetings to all parishioners, and pray that God will bless all our efforts during 2024, And that in the spirit of Christmas, one of peace and goodwill will remain in the hearts of all.***

**Our Parish Primary School is**

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