

Fisherman's Herald
The Baptism of the Lord (A) - 8th January 2023
St John Fisher Church

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



MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 7th	6:00pm	Gaetana Ginex Bonomo RIP (6th Anniversary)
Sunday 8th The Baptism of The Lord (A)	8:00am	Mary Lepcha RIP
	9:30am	Nicholas D'Silva
	11:00am	Sophia Lobo
	2:00pm	<i>Prayer Service - Sr Catherine</i>
	4:00pm	<i>Baptism Service</i>
	6:30pm	People of the Parish
Monday 9th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Alfred Freddie Nazareth RIP
Tuesday 10th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Thanksgiving
Wednesday 11th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Angela Sheahan
Thursday 12th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Marcellina Chiejina
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
Friday 13th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Blanche Keaveney
Saturday 14th	9:00am	George Sothinathan (Thanksgiving)
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Confessions (Day Chapel)</i>
Saturday 14th	5:00-5:50pm	<i>Confessions (Day Chapel)</i>
Sunday 15th Second Sunday (A) <i>Peace Day</i>	6:00pm	Deceased members of the Keaveney Family
	8:00am	Francis Peters Lepcha RIP
	9:30am	Vincent O'Byrne RIP Anniversary
	11:00am	Carol Counsell RIP
	6:30pm	People of the Parish

Parish Business:

No Parish Business this week.

Prayer service - Today:

About 30 minutes to keep alive the memory of Sr Catherine on SUNDAY 8th January 2023 @ 2pm and every 2nd Sunday of the month. Do join us in Church or online at <https://www.churchservices.tv/merton>

Baptism Service - Today:

All those families who have had a baby baptised during 2022 are invited to the church today, Sunday 8th January 2023, at 4pm for a service. There will be refreshments in the church hall afterwards.

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.

Funerals:

Please remember the families in your prayers.

Karen Cummins (nee Grimshaw) RIP:

Requiem Mass - Monday 9th January at 1:50pm.

Mary Trower RIP:

Requiem Mass - Tuesday 10th January at 11am.

Food Collection - Faith in Action - This Weekend:

This weekend we are collecting for Faith in Action.

They appreciate:

- Cans of meat or fish
- Packets of cereal
- Cans of Tomatoes
- Jars of Coffee
- Cleaning materials
- Jars of Jam or Marmalade

Please bring donations to the hall before Mass.

White Flower Appeal - Sunday 15th January:

There will be a second collection at all Masses on **Sunday 15th January** to support this appeal. For more information about it please read the advert on the notice board at the back of the Church or take a leaflet with you from the back of the Church.

Over 60's Club:

Thursday 19th January from 1pm to 3pm in the Church hall, all welcome

St John Fisher Youth Club:

Friday 13th January from 7:30pm to 9pm in the hall for school year 6 and above.

Canon Acton RIP - Months Mind Mass:

There will be a special Month's mind Mass for Canon Acton on Friday 27th January at 7pm.

Receiving Holy Communion - Reminder:

Communicants who prefer to receive Holy Communion on the tongue should come at the end.

Christmas Break:

Fr. Matthias and Fr. Francis are taking a Christmas break. During their absence Fr. Pontian will be looking after the Parish. Please use the Parish email address or ring the Parish office in case you need anything.

Church Parade:

Church parade at the 9:30am Mass next Sunday, 15th January.

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.

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.

Used Stamps:

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

Fr Agnelo:

Sunday 22nd January 2023 A Special Mass at 2.00pm to celebrate the Fr Agnelo D'Souza's Birth Anniversary and prayer for his Canonization.. All welcome to join us especially those with any Goan connection. Come to the hall after Mass and bring and share in a hot cup of tea and some snacks.

CAFOD:

CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking for people to give some time and join them in their mission. Could you help in our parish, bringing people together to help build a better world or by visiting local schools? Or raise a voice and campaign for justice or perhaps speak for CAFOD throughout the diocese? Could you support local volunteers or share your office skills to help CAFOD keep costs low? We believe that everybody had unique gifts and talents and we want to support you to use these gifts to serve the parish community and our brothers and sisters across the world. Training and support are provided. See cafod.org.uk/Volunteer for more information or get in touch with Celeste and Sarah: southwark@cafod.org.uk and let's transform the world in 2023 together!

Marriage Enrichment Course:

11th and 12th February 2023 at St Joseph's Pastoral Centre, St Joseph's Grove, The Burroughs, Hendon, London, NW4 4TY. The marriage enrichment courses offer a unique opportunity for couples to rekindle their relationships and focus on what is important to them. Our experience helped us to understand each other more and reminded us that we had made a sacramental marriage in front of our families and God. The Marriage Encounter course also helped us with our relationships with our children. For us our experience was a gift from God. Please visit <https://wwme.org.uk> for further information and to book.

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 : **Catherine Yeats, Giovanni Fugaccia, Deacon Fred Carter, James Johnson, Tony Brook, 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 and John Heffron.**



Fr. Francis and Fr. Matthias would like to thank all Parishioners for their generous Christmas offerings and other gifts which helped to make Christmas a very happy time in the Presbytery.

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