



Fisherman's Herald
The Second Sunday of Advent (A) – 8th December 2019
St John Fisher Church
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 Parish Office: Monday-Thursday 9am-2pm. Parish Secretary - Mrs Melissa Russell.

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 7th	5.00-5.50pm	<i>Confessions</i>
	6:00pm	Fr David Gummett (Thank You from the PAC) Carrasco & Max Fernandes
Sunday 8th Family Mass Second Sunday of Advent (A) Bible Sunday	8:00am	Noreen Connolly
	9:30am	Paul Helnn RIP
	11:00am	The Barry Family
	4:00pm	Christmas Carol Service
	6:30pm	People of the Parish
Monday 9th <i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	8:40am	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i>
	9:00am	Leocadia Fernandes
	1pm-3pm	<i>Rosary Prayer Group</i>
Tuesday 10th	8:40am	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i>
	9:00am	Richard de Souza RIP
	9:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	11-12noon	<i>Prayer Group (Day Chapel)</i>
Wednesday 11th	8:40am	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i>
	9:00am	Justina Inacia Severina Noronha
	9:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	11:00am	<i>Requiem: Kathleen Gavan RIP</i>
Thursday 12th	8:40am	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i>
	9:00am	Euphrasia Paul RIP
	9:30am-7:30pm	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
	10:00am	<i>Mothers Prayers (Day Chapel)</i>
Friday 13th <i>St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr</i>	8:40am	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i>
	9:00am	Anthony Betts RIP
	9:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
Saturday 14th <i>St John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church</i>	9:00am	Agnes Josephine Healy (RIP Anniversary)
	10-11:00am	<i>Confessions</i>
Saturday 14th	5.00-5.50pm	<i>Confessions</i>
	6:00pm	Stephen Conroy RIP
Sunday 15th Family Mass Third Sunday of Advent (A) Gaudete Sunday	8:00am	George Hickey & Family
	9:30am	People of the Parish
	11:00am	Frances Kennedy RIP
	6:30pm	Aoife Betts RIP

Christmas Carol Service - Today at 4pm:

Please come and join our Christmas Carol Service today, Sunday 8th December at 4pm. All Welcome.

Bible Sunday - Today:

There will be a renewal of commitment for all readers at the 11am Mass.

Collection for Flowers and Christmas Decorations:

There will be a Second Collection after all Masses this weekend to help with the flowers and decorations for the Church at Christmas.

Parish Business:

Monday 9th December from 7pm to 8pm.

Church Cleaning (Wednesday):

Mrs Coyne, Mrs Sukhram, Ms Wynn and Sister Catherine.

Rosary Prayer Group:

The last rosary prayer group before Christmas will be on Monday 9th December from 1pm to 3pm. The group returns on Monday 6th January 2020.

Requiem: Kathleen Gavan - RIP:

Wednesday 11th December at 11am.

Senior Citizens Group:

The last Senior Citizens group before the Christmas break will be on Thursday 12th December. The group returns on Thursday 9th January from 1pm to 3pm.

Penitential Service - Sunday 22nd December:

There will be a penitential service with confessions on Sunday 22nd December at 4pm

Christmas Masses:

Tuesday 24th December Vigil Mass at 6pm

Carols Sung at 5:30pm, all children involved in this Mass need to be in the church at 5:15pm.

Midnight Mass

at 12midnight. Carols at 11:30pm.

Christmas Day Masses
(Wednesday)

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

There will be NO 6:30pm EVENING MASS.



Feast of St Stephen - 26th December:

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

The Year of the Word (Sept 2019 to Sept 2020):

During this year, we will be celebrating, living and sharing God's word in a special way. As part of this initiative to celebrate the Year of the Word, seven talks have been organised to take place in our Parish (before, during and after Advent), these talks which have already started will continue on Monday 9th December at 8pm in the Hall

Talk 4: 9th December: *Sharing the Bible*

Talk 5: 16th December: *The Tradition of the Church*

Talk 6: 20th January: *The Teaching of the Church*

Talk 7: 3rd February: *The Mission of the Church*

Please put these important dates in your diary. Thanks

Faith Youth Club:

The last meeting for the youth club before the Christmas break will be on Friday 13th December from 7:30pm to 9:30pm.

Our Lady of Walsingham:

In March 2020 Cardinal Vincent Nichols will rededicate the country to Our Lady of Walsingham.

Our parish is preparing for this event by circulating the statue to as many homes as possible. The family keeps the statue in their home and then returns it to the sacristy to be collected by the next family. A list to sign for the statue is on the board at the back of Church.

Confirmation Follow-Up Sessions:

All the young people who were confirmed this year are requested to attend the follow up sessions which take place in January as follows: 16th, 23rd, 30th January from 6pm to 7pm in the Church hall.

My Day by Day Advent Booklets:

are available at the back of the Church. Cost 50p each. Please put your payment in the newsletter box.

Parish Diary 2020:

Please take a parish diary from the back of Church.

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.

School Supplementary Forms:

If you require a supplementary form signed, please post it through the presbytery door and you will be contacted once it has been signed and stamped. *Please include a copy of the Baptism certificate.* Please contact SJF school for availability regarding nursery and reception class admissions.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE SLIPS - THIS SUNDAY:

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. 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.



Church Car Park: Please ensure when parking in the Church car park that you leave space for emergency vehicles to access the Church at all times. Please use the correct entrance and exit to the car park and do not block other vehicles.

Christmas Carol Service - Thursday 12th December Apostleship of the Sea (Stella Maris):

Many seafarers will not be home for Christmas this year, working at sea and in ports during the festive period. But that doesn't mean that they'll be forgotten. This year Apostleship of the Sea invites you to attend their Christmas Carol Service at The Church of Our Lady of the Assumption, 10 Warwick St, London W1B 5LZ on Thursday 12 December 2019 at 7pm, paying tribute to seafarers for all they do. Please RSVP by email: roland@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk or 020 7901 1931

Mayor's Christmas Carol Service:

Wednesday 18th December at 7.30pm. St Winefride's Church, 2 Latimer Road, SW19. Mulled Wine and Mince Pies served in the Church Hall following the service. No advanced booking required.

CAFOD - World Gifts Catalogue:

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

Large Print Newsletters Available at the back of Church



Give me the strength to love you with my whole heart: Eucharistic Adoration takes place in the Church on **Thursday 12th December** from **9.30am until 7.30pm**. Please note: We do need more Adorers. Please sign up on the sheets in the Narthex to spend an hour with Jesus. Post completed comments sheets through the presbytery letter-box. Co-ordinators needed to help with weekly adoration. Please contact the parish office if you can help. Information leaflets are available at the back of Church. **Adorers - Please take a short questionnaire from the back of Church.**

INFANT BAPTISMS: First Sunday of the month at 3pm.

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 Chaplain's at ST GEORGE'S, Tooting, their number is: **020 8725 3069** email catholicchaplains@stgeorges.nhs.uk

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.

Head Teacher – Ms Janine Kenna

