

**Fisherman's Herald**  
**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (A) - 9th April 2023**  
**St John Fisher Church**

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

**MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK**

<b>Saturday 8th</b> <i>The Easter Vigil in the Holy night</i>	<b>No 6:00pm</b> 8:00pm	<b>Mass</b> <i>Easter Vigil</i> Fares Moussaid RIP (3rd Anniversary)
<b>Sunday 9th</b> <i>Family Mass</i>	8:00am 9:30am	People of The Parish Francesca & Paul Marsh & Family
<i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</i>	11:00am 6:30pm	Francis Gracias RIP Susan & Eddie Gallagher RIP
<b>Monday 10th</b>	9:30am <b>10:00am</b>	<i>Rosary</i> Ann Lawlor RIP Patricia & Eamon Loughlan RIP
<b>Tuesday 11th</b>	8:30am 9:00am	<i>Rosary</i> Irene McGrenra - Benefit Mary & Nellie Geaney RIP
<b>Wednesday 12th</b>	8:30am 9:00am	<i>Rosary</i> Ivan - Thanksgiving Jenny Geaney RIP
<b>Thursday 13th</b>	8:30am 9:00am 9:30-10:30am	<i>Rosary</i> Neville Desmier <i>Weekly Adoration</i>
<b>Friday 14th</b>	8:30am 9:00am	<i>Rosary</i> Canon Acton RIP
<b>Saturday 15th</b>	9:00am 9:30-10:30am	Catherine Yeats <i>Confessions (Confessional)</i>
<b>Saturday 15th</b>	5:00-5:50pm 6:00pm	<i>Confessions (Confessional)</i> Colman & Maureen Flaherty Intentions
<b>Sunday 16th</b> <i>Second Sunday of Easter</i> <i>(Divine Mercy Sunday)</i>	8:00am 9:30am 11:00am 3:00pm 6:30pm	People of The Parish Robert Brierly RIP Adrian (Our Lady of Perpetual Help) <i>Divine Mercy Service</i> Milag - Intentions



**Happy Easter:**

*The clergy of the Parish would like to wish all Parishioners a happy and blessed Easter. Sincere thanks to all who were involved in the Holy Week ceremonies which are so central to our faith. Special thanks to the choirs, the mass servers, readers, extra-ordinary ministers of Holy Communion, the ushers, and all who contributed to making the liturgy of Holy week so colourful and prayerful. Thanks also to all who prepared the Church for Holy Week and Easter, especially Kate and her helpers for the Altar of Repose, the Easter Garden, the flowers and decorations.*

**Holy Saturday:**

Please note, there will be confessions from 9:30am to 10:30am.

**Easter Vigil:** (First Mass of Easter) at 8pm including

- Blessing of the New Fire and the Easter Candle
- The Vigil of Readings
- The Liturgy of Baptism and Renewal of Baptismal Promises.

**Envelopes for Easter offerings:**

Your personal gift to the Priests of the Parish, envelopes are at the back of the Church. You may know that they Clergy do not receive a salary as such and rely upon the Christmas and Easter offerings to supplement any income received through Mass Stipends and Stole Fees for Baptisms, Funerals, and rare weddings.

**Bank Holiday - Monday 10th April:**

- Mass will be at 10am
- The parish office will be closed
- There will be no Parish business

**Divine Mercy Sunday - 16th April:**

Divine Mercy Sunday, the Second Sunday of Easter, "Low Sunday", the eighth, the last and greatest day of the Easter Solemnity and Feast this year; The Lord is really trying to help us to learn to put our trust in Him: "JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU." A devotion with many elements to help us, and our loved ones, rediscover His Divine Mercy. There will be a service at 3pm.



**Parish Magazine - Talkabout:**

The latest edition of our parish magazine is available to view on our website. Copies are also available in the narthex. Donations towards printing costs are appreciated (suggested donation £1).

### **Confessions :**

Confessions now take place in the Confessional.

### **First Holy Communion Programme - June 2024:**

Please download the registration form on our website to register for First Holy Communion next year (for those children currently in school year 2)

<http://www.stjohnfishermerton.co.uk/firstholycommunion.php>

### **Confirmation - Saturday 11th November 2023:**

Please download a registration form from [www.stjohnfishermerton.co.uk/confirmation.php](http://www.stjohnfishermerton.co.uk/confirmation.php) and return it to the parish office with a copy of the baptism certificate (for those currently in school year 7). We need more Confirmation Catechists, if you are interested in becoming a Confirmation Catechist, please speak to Father Francis.

### **Over 60's Club:**

Returns on Thursday 20th April from 1-3pm in the Church hall. All Welcome.

### **Youth Club:**

Youth club returns on Friday 21st April from 7:30pm to 9pm for those in School year 6 and above.

### **Parish AGM- Sunday 23rd April:**

The Parish Annual General Meeting will take place in the Parish Hall on Sunday 23rd April after the 6.30pm Mass. Light refreshments will be available before the Meeting at 7.15pm. Please note, the Meeting is open to all Parishioners.

### **Sr Catherine RIP:**

2nd Sunday of each month. A short Prayer service to keep alive her memory consisting of Scripture reading and saying the Rosary. No meeting in April because of Easter. Next meeting is 14th May at 2pm

### **Save the Date - King Charles III Coronation:**

We are planning to hold a 'Street Party' in our car park for the King's Coronation on

**Bank Holiday Monday 8th May.**

More details to follow soon.



### **A Day with Mary:**

Saturday 22nd April at The Shine of St Augustine, Ramsgate, Kent. Please see the poster on Church noticeboard for more information or visit:

[www adaywithmary.org](http://www adaywithmary.org)

### **CAFOD - Thank You:**

We have received a thank you letter from CAFOD for the **£1132.99** received from the recent lent family fast day appeal. Please see the church noticeboard for a copy of the letter.

### **Legion of Mary:**

A Legion of Mary Peregrinatio team will be working in our parish from the 3rd to 10th June visiting every door.

### **Legion of Mary Coach to Aylesford:**

The Legion of Mary is running a coach to the shrine at Aylesford on Saturday 13th May. It leaves from outside the church at 8:45am, returning around 6pm. Seats £15. Children £5. Contact Questa or Philip Newill 0208 5408091 / 07787334586.

### **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 to use your weekly gift aid envelopes
3. Donate on our website or scan the QR code on the poster at the back of Church or the Hall.
4. Donate to our parish justgiving page:

[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-john-fisher-merton](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-john-fisher-merton)

### **Mary's Meals - Foreign Currency Appeal:**

Mary's Meals wants to collect all your foreign currency and turn it into cash to feed hungry children in the 18 countries it works in. You will find Mary's Meals envelopes at the back of church today, please take one when you leave and put all your foreign coins and notes into it. Then bring your envelope back into church next weekend. Mary's Meals feeds children for only 10p per meal so a little goes a long way. Thank you for your support.



### **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.

### **Wimbledon College Teaching Assistant vacancy:**

Further information available on the school website [www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk](http://www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk) under 'about us'/ 'job opportunities' or apply by online application form via [eteach website](http://www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk).

**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.** **Catholic Chaplains** at ST GEORGE'S, Tooting, their 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 **Ravi Aumeerun, Adrian Donoghue, Richard Skeehan, Ceris Cook, Diana Maginnis, Anna Lusack, Malcolm Varran, Catherine Yeats, Giovanni Fugaccia, James Johnson, Luca Buttaci, Kitty McVey, Rita Platel, Edward Alvares, Christine Henderson, Johnny Symmonds, Kathy Metcalf, Patricia Anderson, Irene McGrenra, Anthony Carter, Charles Ducker, Richard Sullivan, Joseph McGahren John Heffron and Natalie Williams.**

