

Fisherman's Herald

The Fourth Sunday of Lent (B) - 10th March 2024

St John Fisher Church

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



MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 9th	5:00-5:50pm 6:00pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>) Michael & Eileen Tully
Sunday 10th <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent (B)</i> <i>Laetare Sunday</i>	8:00am 9:30am 11:00am Noon 4:00pm 6:30pm	Noel Canavan (Intentions) Angiolina Zahra RIP People of The Parish <i>Prayer Service: Sister Catherine</i> <i>Stations of The Cross</i> John & Anne Hyland RIP
Monday 11th	6:45am 8:30am 9:00am	Kate Colthup RIP <i>Rosary</i> Jacinta Macris (Wellbeing)
Tuesday 12th	6:45am 8:30am 9:00am	Lily Sothinathan (Thanksgiving) <i>Rosary</i> Ger Davin Intentions
Wednesday 13th	6:45am 8:30am 9:00am 9:30am 7:30pm	Laurence, Edith, Harry & Mary Shipp <i>Rosary</i> Domnic Fernandes RIP <i>Legion of Mary (Day Chapel)</i> <i>Stations of The Cross</i>
Thursday 14th	6:45am 8:30am 9:00am 9:30am -6pm	George Leahy RIP <i>Rosary</i> J Daly <i>Weekly Adoration</i>
Friday 15th	6:45am 8:30am 9:00am	Charlie McGinley RIP <i>Rosary</i> Thanksgiving
Saturday 16th	9:00am 9:30-10:30am	Kathleen Parfitt RIP Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
Saturday 16th	5:00-5:50pm 6:00pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>) John Moore RIP Anniversary
Sunday 17th <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent (B)</i> <i>St Patrick's Day</i>	8:00am 9:30am 11:00am 4:00pm 6:30pm	Grace & Louis Alvares RIP Carmela Attard RIP People of The Parish <i>Stations of The Cross</i> Pat Igoe RIP

Our Parish, Our Needs, Our Responsibility

Planned Giving - Pledge Forms

'Each one should give as much as he has decided on his own initiative, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver' – 2 Corinthians 9:7

Over the last couple of weeks you have heard about Stewardship and Planned Giving. We have asked that all parishioners prayerfully reflect on what they contribute to our parish, having taken into consideration the needs of our parish and having reflected on the message of stewardship.

This weekend we ask that all parishioners complete a pledge card. These cards will remain private and confidential. Please provide your full contact details and select the method of offertory giving best suited to you. If you pay UK income tax, please sign the Gift Aid declaration (in one name only) so that the parish can claim 25p back from the government for every £1 that you donate, at no extra cost to yourself.

Finally, we thank you for all that you already do for our parish. Without your continued support, this wonderful, living church would not continue to be the spiritual centre it is today.

If you have any questions, there shall be volunteers available after Mass. Thank you

Prayer Service - Sister Catherine – Today:

Prayer Service to keep alive the memory of Sr Catherine RIP. after the 11am Mass today. Do join us for about half an hour.

Parish Business:

Monday 11th March from 7pm to 8pm.

Good Friday – Children in Years 3, 4 and 5:

The Good Friday Service is taking place on Friday 29th March, at 11am. The morning service is particularly for children and includes a mime of the Passion of Jesus.

Father Francis would very much like children to take part in this mime; especially children preparing for their First Holy Communion this year. Your child will need to take part in both practices which will take place in the church from 4pm – 5.15pm on the following dates: Wednesday 20th March and Wednesday 27th March. In order to prepare for the service, children will need to arrive at the church by 10.30am on Good Friday. If your child is able to take part, please email school@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk
Clare Brierly and Josephine Morrison

Poor Parishes Collection - Next Weekend:

Next weekend there will be a second collection for Poor Parishes. Formerly the Needs of the Diocese collection, this collection enables the Archbishop to make grants to some of the poorer parishes in the diocese.



Gift Aid envelopes:

Boxes of envelopes for the coming financial year are available at all Masses this weekend. If you are in the scheme, please collect yours. You will need to give your Gift Aid number which you can find on your current envelopes.

Easter Decorations:

Calling all parishioners who would like to come and help to decorate the Church for Easter. We will meet on Saturday 16th March at 10am in the Church.

Church Cleaning:

Cleaning of the Church this month on Wednesday 13th and 27th March at 9:30am. New volunteers welcome.

First Holy Communion - June 2024:

Service of Commitment for First Holy Communion Candidates on Sunday 17th March, during the 9:30am Mass.

Talkabout - Next Weekend:

Our parish magazine will be available to download from our website next weekend. Copies will also be available from the back of Church. A donation towards printing costs is appreciated. Suggested donation:£1.

Parish Lenten Activities:

Please take a copy of our Lenten Supplement for more details of our Lenten activities:

Weekly Adoration - Thursdays 9:30am to 6pm

Lenten Talk - Mondays 7:30pm (Parish Hall)

Stations of The Cross - Weds 7:30pm and Sun 4pm

Weekday Masses - 6:45am and 9am

Lenten Lunch - Friday 15th, 22nd March and Thursday 28th March (Parish Hall)

Funeral:

Please remember the family in your prayers.

Kevin McGrath RIP:

Requiem Mass - Monday 18th March at 11:30am.

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.

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 Please post completed forms through the presbytery letterbox or email a copy to merton@rcaos.org.uk

Please remember in your prayers the sick and housebound of our parish **Pierre & Josette Kisnorbo, Patricia Sherren, James Walsh, Zia Esaw, Ivan Fernandes, Rita Aguiar, Ravi Aumeerun, Richard Skeehan, Ceris Cook, Charles & Anna Lusack, Grant Cozens, Malcolm Varran, Catherine Yeats, Kitty McVey, Rita Platel, Edward Alvares, Christine Henderson, Johnny Symmonds, Patricia Anderson, Irene McGrenra, Anthony Carter, Richard Sullivan, Joseph McGahren, John Heffron and Jim Cosgrove.**



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

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.



Church Parade Next Weekend

At the 9:30am Mass next Sunday.

Lenten Booklets - 'My Day by Day' :

Available at the back of the church. Cost: £1.

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 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

Thank you - Margaret Redding:

Margaret would like to express her sincere thanks for all the good wishes, cards and gifts she received on the occasion of her recent 80th Birthday.

Lettings Caretaker - St John Fisher School:

Weekend work Saturdays – 8 hours per day

For job description and application pack visit:

<https://www.eteach.com/job/lettings-caretaker-1406870>

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