

Fisherman's Herald

The Sixth Sunday of the Year (B) - 11th February 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 10th	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	6:00pm	Annette Gillott RIP
Sunday 11th <i>Sixth Sunday (B)</i> <i>World Day for the Sick</i> <i>Day for the Unemployed</i>	8:00am	People of The Parish
	9:30am	Emmanuel Cheijina
	11:00am	Josephina, Arnolfo & Severa Quinocho RIP
	Noon	<i>Sr Catherine - Prayer Service</i>
Monday 12th	6:30pm	Deceased Clergy of SJF Parish
	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
Tuesday 13th	9:00am	Bernie & Michael (Intentions) Margaret Stanford
	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Eunice Sheahan RIP Mrs Celine Cooper (Intentions)
Wednesday 14th <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	John Shanahan RIP Anniversary
	9:30am 7:30pm	<i>Legion of Mary (Day Chapel)</i> Sharon Peck RIP
Thursday 15th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Pamela Grostate RIP Eric Larche RIP
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
Friday 16th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Neil & Hazel (Intentions) Sean Deane (90th Birthday)
Saturday 17th	9:00am	The Conway Family
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
Saturday 17th	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	6:00pm	Max Fernandes RIP Anniversary
Sunday 18th <i>First Sunday of Lent (B)</i>	8:00am	George Cyril Watson RIP
	9:30am	Kathleen Glynn & Family
	11:00am	St Blaise (Thanksgiving)
	4:00pm	<i>Stations of The Cross</i>
	6:30pm	People of The Parish

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.

Parish Business:

Monday 12th February from 7pm to 8pm.

Ash Wednesday & Masses during Lent:

There will be two Masses on Ash Wednesday, at 9am and 7.30pm. From Monday 19th February there will be two daily Masses during Lent on Monday to Friday, at 6.45am and at 9am.

The Holy Season of Lent:

This year the Lenten Season begins on Wednesday 14th February. Lent is a time of self-renewal as we prepare to celebrate the Paschal Mystery. The 3 important pillars of the Lenten Season are: **Fasting, Prayer, and Almsgiving.** Prayer offers us a very special opportunity to grow in our relationship with God and to deepen our commitment to a way of life, rooted in our baptism. In our busy world, Prayer provides us with an opportunity to reflect upon our patterns and sins. Fasting and almsgiving are intended to help us to subdue our desires. During Lent God does not need the chocolate, sweets, and other trivial things we give up. He needs us to look deep within ourselves and reflect. He wants our hearts. So, our fasting will be beneficial if it helps us to stop our obsession with the self and start thinking about what truly matters in life. **We pray that this Lenten Season will be a journey of faith that will lead us to a more intimate relationship with God and with each other.**

Clergy Support Fund - Collection Next Sunday:

There will be a second collection next Sunday for the Clergy Support fund (Sick and Retired Priests). The clergy in our Archdiocese have given us so much. They have been there for us in our happiest moments and comforted us when we have lost loved ones. Supporting priests in their retirement is one way to show your appreciation for all they have one for parishes.

You make supporting our clergy in retirement possible, find out how to donate to the Clergy Support Fund at www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/CSF or scan QR code.

You can also donate via telephone office hours Mon-Fri 020 7960 2504 or by using the Clergy Support Fund envelopes available today at the back of Church.

Please continue to keep our Priests in your prayers.



Lent talks:

Weekly DVD talks by Fr Denis McBride of the Redemptorist Fathers will be shown in the Church Hall at 7.30pm on Mondays during Lent, beginning on 19th February. The title of the first talk will be "Stations of the Cross: then and now."

Lenten Booklets - 'My Day by Day' :

are available at the back of the church. Cost: £1

Stations of The Cross during Lent:

Wednesdays at 7:30pm and on Sundays at 4pm.

Lenten lunch:

Join us in the parish hall for a Lenten lunch of soup and a roll, tea or coffee between noon and 2pm on Fridays in Lent. Any money raised will go to Wimbledon food bank. Lenten lunch dates **Friday 16th Feb**, Friday 23rd Feb, Friday 1st March, Friday 8th March, Friday 15th March, Friday 22nd March and Thursday 28th March.

CAFOD Family Fast Day - Friday 23rd February:

Please take an envelope from the back of Church and support CAFOD's Family Fast Day on Friday 23rd February. For more information or to donate online, please visit: www.cafod.org.uk/lent

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.

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 **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, Luca Buttaci, 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.**



NO SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE SLIPS THIS WEEK DUE TO THE HALF-TERM HOLIDAY

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.



Confirmation - Saturday 16th November 2024:

Please download a registration form from 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).

First Holy Communion Programme - June 2025:

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/firstholychommunion.php>

Catholic Childrens Society - Thank You:

We have received a letter of thanks from the Catholic Children's Society for the £600.71 raised by our Christ Crib Appeal. Please see letter and poster on the noticeboard 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 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

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.



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