

Fisherman's Herald
Third Sunday of Advent (A) - 11th December 2022
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 Parish Office: **Monday & Thursday 9am to 2pm**

MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 10th	6:00pm	Mary Jurkiewicz RIP
Sunday 11th	8:00am	Herminia & Alvito Andrade RIP
Third Sunday of Advent (A)	9:30am	Deceased Members of the Lally Family
<i>Gaudete Sunday</i>	11:00am	Mary Waters RIP
	6:30pm	People of The Parish
Monday 12th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Anthony Betts RIP Anniversary Pat Clifford RIP
Tuesday 13th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
<i>Saint Lucy, Virgin & Martyr</i>	9:00am	Euphrasia Paul Frank Lenihan RIP
Wednesday 14th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
<i>Saint John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church</i>	9:00am	Romeo Francis RIP Shirley - Thanksgiving
Thursday 15th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Aoife Betts RIP Anniversary Harry Gracias - Birthday
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
Friday 16th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Deceased Members of the Walsh Family Donaghue Family (Thanksgiving)
Saturday 17th	9:00am	Deceased members of the DeSouza Family
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Confessions (Day Chapel)</i>
Saturday 17th	5:00-5:50pm	<i>Confessions (Day Chapel)</i>
	6:00pm	Zia & Douglas Esaw RIP
Sunday 18th	8:00am	Angela Deane RIP
	9:30am	People of The Parish
Fourth Sunday of Advent (A)	11:00am	Alfonso, Antonietta & Michael Proto RIP
<i>Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers</i>	4:00pm	Carol Service

Canon Colm Acton RIP:

It is with great sadness that we mourn the death of Canon Colm Acton which occurred on Saturday 3rd December at St Teresa's Nursing Home in Wimbledon. Canon Acton was parish priest here at St John Fisher for 35 years. Let us keep him in our prayers, as a Parish, as families in our homes, at St. John Fisher School, and as individuals.

Funeral Arrangements:

Wednesday 28th December 2022

- Reception of the Body - 5pm
- Mass – 6pm followed by the rosary

Thursday 29th December 2022

- Requiem Mass at 12 noon
- Burial at 2pm

Refreshments will be served in the parish hall after both masses.

Family flowers only.

Flower Collection - This Weekend:

Our annual flower and Christmas decoration collection takes place this weekend.

Parish Business:

Monday 12th December from 6pm to 7pm.

Advent Course: Believe – Reflections on the Creed:

This course of six 30 minute videos is being shown on the Mondays of Advent continuing at 7.30pm on Monday 12th December in the Church Hall. All parishioners are encouraged to attend this course as part of our preparation for Christmas.

My Day by Day Advent Books:

Available at the back of Church - Suggested donation £1.

CAFOD - World Gifts Catalogue:

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

Church Parade - Today:

Church parade for the uniform groups at the 9:30am Mass today.

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.

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 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.

School Supplementary Forms

If you require a school supplementary form to be signed for **Nursery**, **Reception** or **High School**, please drop the forms through the presbytery letterbox at anytime and include a copy of the Baptism certificate. You will be contacted when the form is ready for collection.

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.

Baptism Service:

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

Christmas Carol Service:

Sunday 18th December at 4pm.

Christmas Offerings:

Envelopes are available at the back of the Church if you would like to use them for your personal gift to the priests who serve you in the parish.

Penitential Service with Confessions:

Tuesday 20th December at 7:30pm.

Peace Service:

On Sunday 1st January, World Day of Prayer for Peace, we will have a Peace Service in the Church at 4.00 pm. Please do join us in prayer for Peace in the World in 2023. There will be refreshments in the hall afterwards.

A free short reflection brought to you each day of Advent:

Advent can be such a busy demanding time, but we encourage you to make some space to reflect and pray this advent. Sign up for our free Southwark Diocesan 'daily advent reflections' to aid your prayer. Every day during advent you will receive an email with a very brief thought for the day based on the daily reading. It is an opportunity to listen to Gods invitation to you this advent. All you have to do is sign up and then set aside a couple of minutes each day to reflect!

<http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/> clicking on the Advent Reflection box or view online:
<https://southwarkdsc.us11.list-manage.com/subscribe?3e1dce7f8f666e9d64edd867&id=4f880b3b9c>

The All Nations Catholic Charismatic Group:

Invites all parishioners to join in their Christmas celebration and love feast on Saturday 17 December from 5pm-9.30 pm at St Andrews Church Hall, Thornton Heath, Croydon. Come and celebrate with us the true reason for the season. For more information please visit www.anceg.co.uk

Christmas Masses:

Saturday 24th December Vigil Mass at 6pm

Midnight Mass

at 12midnight. Carols at 11:30pm.

Christmas Day Masses (Sunday)

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

There will be NO 6:30pm EVENING MASS.



Feast of St Stephen - Monday 26th December:

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

Bank Holiday - Tuesday 27th December:

Mass will be at 10am due to the bank holiday.

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 : **Angela Miles, Karen Cummins, Victor Pierson, Catherine Yeats, Giovanni Fugaccia, Deacon Fred Carter, James Johnson, Tony Brook, Maura Chhabra, 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, Irene Jamieson, John Heffron.**



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(SLIPS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF CHURCH FOR THOSE IN SCHOOL YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6)