

**Fisherman's Herald**  
**The Third Sunday of Lent (A) - 12th March 2023**  
**St John Fisher Church**

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



**MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK**

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| <b>Saturday 11th</b>   | 6:00pm       | St Anthony (Thank you)                                   |
| <b>Sunday 12th</b><br><br><b>Third Sunday of Lent (A)</b>          | 8:00am       | Peter Lepcha RIP   |
|  | 9:30am       | Karen Cummins RIP (nee Grimshaw)                         |
|  | 11:00am      | Dorothy (Dot) Ridge                                      |
|  | 2:00pm       | <i>Prayer Service - Sr Catherine</i>                     |
|  | 4:00pm       | <i>Stations of The Cross</i>                             |
|  | 6:30pm       | People of the Parish                                     |
| <b>Monday 13th</b>   | 6:45am       | Eileen Tully - Intentions                                |
|  | 8:30am       | <i>Rosary</i>  |
|  | 9:00am       | Michael Calnan (70th Birthday)                           |
| <b>Tuesday 14th</b>  | 6:45am       | Mrs Betty Fowler RIP                                     |
|  | 8:30am       | <i>Rosary</i>  |
|  | 9:00am       | Deceased Members of the Strinati Family                  |
| <b>Wednesday 15th</b>  | 6:45am       | Canon Acton RIP  |
|  | 8:30am       | <i>Rosary</i>  |
|  | 9:00am       | Clare D'Souza - Wellbeing                                |
|  | 7:30pm       | <i>Stations of The Cross</i>                             |
| <b>Thursday 16th</b>   | 6:45am       | Patrick Loughran (Wellbeing)                             |
|  | 8:30am       | <i>Rosary</i>  |
|  | 9:00am       | Francis Gracias RIP                                      |
|  | 9:30-10:30am | <i>Weekly Adoration</i>                                  |
| <b>Friday 17th</b><br><i>St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland</i> | 6:45am       | Geoff Cullum RIP   |
|  | 8:30am       | <i>Rosary</i>  |
|  | 9:00am       | Paddy Barry RIP  |
| <b>Saturday 18th</b>   | 9:00am       | Fr Philip De Freitas (Silver Jubilee)                    |
| <b>Saturday 18th</b>   | 5:00-5:50pm  | <i>Confessions (Day Chapel)</i><br>Clara D'Sa - Birthday |
|  | 6:00pm       |  |
| <b>Sunday 19th</b>   | 8:00am       | People of the Parish                                     |
|  | 9:30am       | Cynthia Addeh  |
| <b>Fourth Sunday of Lent (A)</b><br><i>Laetare Sunday</i>          | 11:00am      | Rita Aguiar - Intentions                                 |
|  | 4:00pm       | <i>Stations of The Cross</i>                             |
|  | 6:30pm       | Pat Igoe RIP   |
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**Parish Business:**

Monday 13th March from 6pm-7pm.

**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. Please note that there will be **NO** morning confessions on Saturday 11th and Saturday 18th March due to the first confessions.

**First Holy Communion - June 2023:**

Service of Commitment for First Holy Communion Candidates on Sunday 19th March, during the 9:30am Mass.

**Masses during Lent:**

During Lent there will be two daily Masses on Monday to Friday, at 6.45am and at 9am.

**Sister Catherine RIP:**

Today, SUNDAY 12th March @ 2pm Come along to a short Prayer service to keep alive the memory of dear Sr Catherine (RIP). in Church or online at: [www.churchservices.tv/merton](http://www.churchservices.tv/merton)

**First Holy Communion 2023 Candidates:**

First confessions for the Holy Communion candidates in Group 2 take place on Saturday 18th March.

**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/firstholychommunion.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.

**My Day by Day Lent Books:**

Available from the back of Church, cost £1.

**Stations of The Cross during Lent:**

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

**Poor Parishes - Second 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.

**White Flower Appeal - Thank You:**

We have received a letter of thanks from The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children for the £181.78 raised by our parishioners during the white flower appeal in January.

**Lent Course:**

During Lent a series of DVDs is being shown in the Church hall on Mondays at 7.30pm continuing on **Monday 13th March** lasting about an hour.

The first three will offer insights into the life and spirituality of St Paul by tracing his missionary journeys and how these impacted on his life and teachings.

**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 17th March**, Friday 24th March, Friday 31st March and Thursday 6th April.

**Over 60's Club:**

Thursday 16th March from 1pm to 3pm in the Church hall, all welcome.

**Youth Club:**

The next meeting is on Friday 17th March from 7:30pm-9pm in the hall for those in school year 6 and above.

**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.

**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.

**Fairtrade fortnight:**

Fairtrade fortnight continues until the 12th March. Please support Fairtrade by buying Fairtrade products such as tea, coffee, sugar, chocolate and fruit. Fairtrade means workers' rights, safer working conditions and fairer pay. For shoppers it means high quality, ethically produced products.

**Father Luke - HCPT Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023:**

Annual reunion of the Lourdes group on Sat. 18th March at Holy Cross Church, Carshalton, SM5 2JD, starting with Mass at 12:30pm. If you are interested in joining the pilgrimage this year (date TBC), please contact Sandra Allen [sandra@sfernandes.com](mailto:sandra@sfernandes.com) or 07768080537.

**Gift Aid envelopes:**

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

**Legion of Mary:**

A Legion of Mary Peregrinatio team will be working in our parish from the 3rd to 10th June 2023 visiting every door. Would you be willing to provide accommodation for them on a bed & breakfast basis for that week? The breakfast only needs to be simple. They will cover all their expenses. If you feel you can help, please contact Fr Matthias. Please pray for the success of the Peregrinatio, that many souls will come to encounter Christ or enter into a deeper encounter through this work of evangelisation.

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

**Medjugorje Pilgrimage - 9th to 16th May 2023:**

Jane Gracias is organising a pilgrimage to Medjugorje from the 9th to 16th May. If you are interested in joining the pilgrimage, please add your name to the sheet at the back of Church or contact Jane on 07915 697 340 or email [jane.gracias@btinternet.com](mailto:jane.gracias@btinternet.com)

**Funerals:**

Please remember the families in your prayers.

**Philomena Canavan RIP:**

Requiem Mass on Tuesday 28th March at 11:45am

**Michael Glynn RIP:**

Requiem Mass on Monday 3rd April at 12:30pm.

**A Day With Mary:**

Saturday 1st April at St Dunstan's, Kent. Please the poster on the church noticeboard or visit [www adaywithmary.org](http://www adaywithmary.org)

**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](mailto:catholicchaplains@stgeorges.nhs.uk)

Please remember in your prayers the sick and housebound of our parish **Ceris Cook, Diane 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 and John Heffron.**



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