

Fisherman's Herald
The Second Sunday of the Year (B) - 14th January 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 13th	5:00-5:50pm 6:00pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>) George Sothinathan (Thanksgiving)
Sunday 14th <i>Second Sunday (B)</i> <i>Peace Sunday</i>	8:00am 9:30am 11:00am Noon 6:30pm	People of The Parish Barry Peck RIP (10th Anniversary) Carol Counsell RIP (3rd Anniversary) <i>Sr Catherine RIP Prayer Service</i> Wilfredo Prado RIP
Monday 15th	8:30am 9:00am	<i>Rosary</i> Irene Jamieson Intentions Mrs Jean Farag RIP
Tuesday 16th	8:30am 9:00am	<i>Rosary</i> Sharon Peck RIP Sr Vianney RIP
Wednesday 17th <i>St Anthony, Abbot</i>	8:30am 9:00am 9:30am	<i>Rosary</i> John Walsh RIP Sadie Davin <i>Legion of Mary (Day Chapel)</i>
Thursday 18th	8:30am 9:00am 9:30-10:30am	<i>Rosary</i> Milag Intentions Martin Lorp <i>Weekly Adoration</i>
Friday 19th	8:30am 9:00am	<i>Rosary</i> Harry Wood RIP Luca Buttaci & Friends & Family
Saturday 20th	9:00am 9:30-10:30am	John Daly RIP Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
Saturday 20th	5:00-5:50pm 6:00pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>) Thanksgiving
Sunday 21st <i>Third Sunday (B)</i> <i>Sunday of the Word of God</i>	8:00am 9:30am 11:00am 2:00pm 6:30pm	Sharon Peck RIP People of The Parish Marion Scrivener RIP <i>Ven Angelo Mass</i> Joe Grant RIP (30th Anniversary)

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.

Peace Sunday - Today:

Today is Peace Sunday, there will be a prayer for peace at the end of all Masses. The second collection is for *Pax Christi*. The work of *Pax Christi* is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms.

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

Parish Business:

Monday 15th January from 7pm to 8pm.

Funerals:

Please remember the family in your prayers.

Kate Colthup RIP:

Requiem Mass - Tuesday 16th Jan 2024 at 2:00pm.

Sr Catherine RIP - Prayer Service Today:

Prayer service after the 11am Mass today, Sunday 14th January and every 2nd Sunday each month.

Senior Citizens Group:

Returns on Thursday 18th January from 1pm to 3pm.

Ven, Agnelo D'Souza:

All invited to special Mass to pray for the Canonization of Ven Agnelo on Sunday 21st January 2024 at 2pm.

After Mass join us in the hall next door and encourage everyone to bring along a plate of food for general sharing. There will be teas and coffee served.

Christian Unity Octave:

From 18th to 25th January the Church observes eight days' prayer for Christian Unity.

First Holy Communion Candidates - Next Sunday:

There will be a mini-penitential service for the first holy communion candidates at the 9:30am Mass next Sunday.

Crib Offering - Catholic Children's Society:

Our crib offerings totalled £600.71. The funds have been sent to the Catholic Children's Society's Southwark Crisis Fund who provide emergency support for families in our Archdiocese. Visit www.cathchild.org.uk for more information.

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.

Building a Better Marriage Course:

As part of the preparation for the 2025 Jubilee year, the Southwark Marriage and Family Team will be running a Building a Better Marriage Course throughout the Archdiocese from February 2024. The one day course is for married couples (whether married for one year, 60 years or anywhere in between). It seeks to help husbands and wives to make their marriage better and to improve their communication skills. There is no group sharing and private information remains private to each couple. Couples who have attended previously have found it enjoyable, informative, and uplifting. For more information contact the Marriage and Family Life team through the Archdiocese of Southwark: website. <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/marriage-and-family-life>.

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.

Repository:

Can you spare about an hour on the first Sunday of each month. Before and after the 9.30 Mass to help in the Repository (Church Shop). Please Contact Canute or Delia.

Post-Confirmation Alpha Youth Course:

The parish Alpha Youth course continues on 14th, 21st and 28th January on Sundays in the church hall at 5.30pm. The first meeting in February will be a half-day on Saturday, 3rd February in the afternoon. The children have been enjoying the course and are looking forward to the sessions this term. We are still welcoming new children who would like to join. Registration can be done via the parish website:

<https://www.stjohnfishermerton.co.uk/alpha-youth-course-reply-slip-2023.pdf>

Please remember in your prayers the sick and housebound of our parish **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.**



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.



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.



Love Heals Body Mind and Spirit Ministry:

A day Retreat of quiet Reflection on Saturday 3rd February 2024 from 11:00am – 4:30pm at The Catholic Church of our Lady of Assumption & St Gregory, Warwick Street, Piccadilly, W1F 9JR. Rosary, Holy Mass in the Extraordinary Form (Celebrant Priest: Father Mark Elliott Smith), Lunch (Please bring your own Lunch - Tea and Coffee available), Scripture-Based Talk, Christian Meditation, Blessed Adoration with Divine Mercy, Healing Prayers - Praise & Worship.

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.

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