



**Fisherman's Herald**  
**Third Sunday of Easter (B) - 14th April 2024**  
**St John Fisher Church**  
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Part of the R. C. Archdiocese of Southwark Charity No: 1173050  
 Fr Francis Nonyelu, Fr Joseph Edem, Deacon Tom Kavanagh  
 Parish Office: **Monday & Thursday from 9am to 2pm.**

**MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK**

<b>Saturday 14th</b>	6:00pm	Elizabeth & Patrick Whelan RIP
<b>Sunday 15th</b>  <i>Third Sunday of Easter (B)</i>	8:00am	People of The Parish
	9:30am	Kate Colthup RIP
	11:00am	Basil De Souza (Wellbeing)
	Noon	<i>Prayer Service - Sr Catherine</i>
	6:30pm	Patrick Betts RIP Anniversary
<b>Monday 15th</b>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Mrs Ana Maria Lobo RIP
		Margaret Boyle RIP
<b>Tuesday 16th</b>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Patricia Hegarthy (Birthday)
		Patricia Murray RIP
<b>Wednesday 17th</b>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Michael Tully (Intentions)
		Bridie Fitzgerald RIP
<b>Thursday 18th</b>  <i>Bidding Prayers</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Susan & Eddie Gallagher
	9:30-10:30am	Douglas Desmier (93rd Birthday) <i>Weekly Adoration</i>
<b>Friday 19th</b>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Angela D'Silva RIP Neville Desmier (90th Birthday)
<b>Saturday 20th</b>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Peter & Becky McCotter RIP Anniversary
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Confessions (Confessional)</i>
<b>Saturday 20th</b>	5:00-5:50pm	<i>Confessions (Confessional)</i>
	6:00pm	Patricia McGuckin RIP
<b>Sunday 21st</b>  <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter (B)</i>  <i>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</i>	8:00am	People of The Parish
	9:30am	Tom Kinsella RIP
	11:00am	Celia Mascarenas (Good Health)
	6:30pm	Claude & Judex Sew Foo Lun

**Fatima Visitation - 27th & 28th April:**

On the weekend of 27th and 28th April there will be the visitation of the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and the Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco to our parish. Events include Holy Mass, Confession, Adoration, Procession, Enrolment of the Brown Scapular, Consecration, Rosary, Veneration of Relics, Film show and talks.

**Parish AGM - Sunday 28th April:**

The Parish Annual General Meeting will take place in the Parish Hall on Sunday 28th April after the 6.30pm Mass. Light refreshments will be available before the Meeting at 7.15pm. Please note, the Meeting is open to all Parishioners.

**Parish Business:**

Monday 15th April from 7pm to 8pm.

**Sr Catherine RIP - Prayer Service - Today:**

Prayer Service on Sunday 14th April to keep alive the memory of Sister. after the 11am Mass. Hope you're able to join us for about half an hour.

**Priest Training Fund - Second Collection**

**Next Weekend:**

The priesthood has always been essential to the life of the Church, from the time of Jesus until today. Good Shepherd Sunday is the day we pray for vocations, for our priests, and take up the Priest Training Fund second collection. This fund pays for the formation of men to become priests in our Archdiocese.

After their ordination, our priests dedicate their lives to serving Christ and His people in our parishes, hospitals, schools, chaplaincies, prisons and in service to the needy, throughout South London, Kent and Surrey. We are blessed to have 3 men in formation to the Priesthood for our Archdiocese. However, it costs £30,000 a year to sponsor each seminarian. They study for 6 years before being ordained a Catholic priest. We therefore rely on your generous support and prayers. Please support our priests of the future with a gift today. Thank you!

- Donate Online: [www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF)
- Or Scan QR Code using telephone camera (right)
- Telephone weekdays 9 am – 5 pm: 020 7960 2504
- Cash / Cheque – please use the Priest Training Fund envelopes at the back of church.



**First Holy Communion Candidates - June 2024:**

Presentation of the Gospel to First Holy Communion candidates at the 9:30am Mass next Sunday, 21st April.

### **Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist:**

The next meeting for the new extraordinary ministers of the Holy Eucharist is on Thursday 18th April 2024 in the parish hall at 7:00pm.

### **Youth Club:**

Youth club returns on Friday 19th April from 7:30pm to 9pm for those in School years 6-8. We are hoping to start a group for those in year 9 and above in September.

### **42nd Street Dance Band - Saturday 11th May:**

Our new parish social committee have arranged their first fundraising event. Please see the poster at the back of Church for more details. Tickets can be purchased after Mass or from the parish office, cost: £10. They are planning to hold a raffle on the evening. If you have any prizes that would be suitable for the raffle, please drop them off to the parish office.

### **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>

### **Confirmation - Saturday 16th November 2024:**

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).

### **Holy Places Collection:**

We received **£ 834.25** for the Holy Places of Palestine collection on Good Friday. The places connected with Our Lord's Passion have always been centres of veneration and pilgrimage. This Good Friday collection is sent for their upkeep, and to help maintain Christian schooling in the area.

### **Poor Parishes Collection:**

We received **£ 421.71** for the Poor Parishes collection on the 17th March. This collection enables the Archbishop to make grants to some of the smaller parishes.

### **Cathedral Mass celebrating Marriage:**

If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th or any later wedding anniversary this year, you are invited to renew your marriage vows at a Mass to be celebrated at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, at 3pm on July 13. Close family members can attend with you. In order to receive a personal invitation from Archbishop John, email to [mflsw@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflsw@rcaos.org.uk) with your names, address, phone number, anniversary and parish.

### **Pierre & Josette Kisorbo - Thank You:**

We wish to thank the St John Fisher Family for their prayers, support and affection. Pierre and I have been in and out of hospital several times in recent months. I wish you all a big heartfelt 'Thank you' -Yours in love and prayers Josette

### **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 Cleaning - April:**

Cleaning of the Church on Wednesday 24th April at 9:30am. New volunteers welcome.

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

### **A Day With Mary:**

Sunday 12th May at the National Shrine of Our Lady, Walsingham. Please see poster on Church noticeboard for more information or visit: [www.adaywithmary.org](http://www.adaywithmary.org)

### **Catholic Association Pilgrimage to Lourdes:**

23rd-30th August. See poster on the Church noticeboard for more information or visit: [www.tangney-tours.com](http://www.tangney-tours.com)

**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.** **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 **Pierre & Josette Kisorbo, 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, Louis Gouveia, Joseph McGahren, John Heffron and Jim Cosgrove.**



**NO SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE SLIPS THIS WEEK DUE TO THE EASTER HOLIDAYS**

### *Our Parish Primary School is*

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Boys & Girls Aged 3-11. Breakfast & After School Club. 30 hours Nursery provision.

