

Fisherman's Herald

The Fifth Sunday of Lent (B) - 17th March 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 16th	5:00-5:50pm 6:00pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>) John Moore RIP Anniversary
Sunday 17th <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent (B)</i> <i>St Patrick's Day</i> 	8:00am 9:30am 11:00am 4:00pm 6:30pm	Grace & Louis Alvares RIP Carmela Attard RIP People of The Parish <i>Stations of The Cross</i> Pat Igoe RIP
Monday 18th	6:45am 8:30am 9:00am	Keith Grimshaw RIP <i>Rosary</i> Clara D'Sa (Birthday)
Tuesday 19th	6:45am 8:30am 9:00am	Mari Bronwen Strinati RIP <i>Rosary</i> Rita Aguiar (Intentions)
Wednesday 20th	6:45am 8:30am 9:00am 9:30am 7:30pm	Tom Diffley Anniversary <i>Rosary</i> Cynthia Addeh <i>Legion of Mary (Day Chapel)</i> <i>Stations of The Cross</i>
Thursday 21st	6:45am 8:30am 9:00am 9:30am -6pm	Kate Colthup RIP <i>Rosary</i> Garry O'Shaughnessy RIP <i>Weekly Adoration</i>
Friday 22nd	6:45am 8:30am 9:00am	Charlie McGinley RIP <i>Rosary</i> Adie Barron RIP
Saturday 23rd	9:00am 9:30-10:30am	Jim McCarthy RIP Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
Saturday 23rd	5:00-5:50pm 6:00pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>) James Lam-Kin-Teng RIP Anniversary
Sunday 24th <i>Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord (B)</i>	8:00am 9:30am 11:00am 4:00pm 6:30pm	People of The Parish Adrian Godall RIP Malcolm Desmier RIP <i>Stations of The Cross</i> Cathrina Barnachea (Intentions)

The Sick and the Housebound:

We are organising Easter Confession and Holy Communion for the sick and the housebound within the parish community. Please, if you know anyone, forward their details to the parish office.

Our Parish, Our Needs, Our Responsibility

Planned Giving – Thank You

"...for who am I and what is my people, for us to be able to volunteer offerings like this? – since everything comes from you and we have given you only what you bestowed in the first place." - 1 Chronicles 29: 14-16

Thank you for taking part in our 'Planned Giving' appeal last weekend. There was an excellent response and we are working through the forms received. All who did respond will receive a letter of thanks.

If you missed signing a pledge card last weekend, and would like a box of donation envelopes, or to donate to the parish by standing order (bankers order) or wish to Gift Aid, please complete a pledge card at the back of the Church today and post it through our Presbytery letterbox. Once again, thank you for all that you do. Please keep our parish in your prayers.

Church Parade Today:

At the 9:30am Mass today.

First Holy Communion - June 2024:

Service of Commitment for First Holy Communion Candidates today during the 9:30am Mass.

Funeral:

Please remember the family in your prayers.

Kevin McGrath RIP:

Requiem Mass - Monday 18th March at 11:30am.

Parish Business:

Monday 18th March from 7pm to 8pm.

Poor Parishes Collection - This Weekend:

This weekend there is 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.

Talkabout - This Weekend:

Our parish magazine is available to download from our website. Copies are also available from the back of Church. A donation towards printing costs is appreciated. Suggested donation:£1.

Gift Aid envelopes:

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

Church Cleaning:

Cleaning of the Church this month on Wednesday 27th March at 9:30am. New volunteers welcome.

Lenten Booklets - 'My Day by Day' :

Available at the back of the church. Cost: £1.

Good Friday – Children in Years 3, 4 and 5:

The Good Friday Service is taking place on Friday 29th March, at 11am. The morning service is particularly for children and includes a mime of the Passion of Jesus.

Father Francis would very much like children to take part in this mime; especially children preparing for their First Holy Communion this year. Your child will need to take part in both practices which will take place in the church from 4pm – 5.15pm on the following dates: Wednesday 20th March and Wednesday 27th March. In order to prepare for the service, children will need to arrive at the church by 10.30am on Good Friday. If your child is able to take part, please email school@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk

Clare Brierly and Josephine Morrison

Parish Lenten Activities:

Please take a copy of our Lenten Supplement for more details of our Lenten activities:

Weekly Adoration - Thursdays 9:30am to 6pm

Lenten Talk - Mondays 7:30pm (Parish Hall)

Stations of The Cross - Weds 7:30pm and Sun 4pm

Weekday Masses - 6:45am and 9am

Lenten Lunch - Friday 22nd March and Thursday 28th March (Parish Hall)

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

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/firstholycommunion.php>

Lettings Caretaker - St John Fisher School:

Weekend work Saturdays – 8 hours per day

For job description and application pack visit:

<https://www.eteach.com/job/lettings-caretaker-1406870>

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).

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 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

HCPT Pilgrimage to Lourdes:

Fr Luke's 2024 HCPT Group - 13th – 20th September. To find out more, please contact the Group leaders: Sandra Allen (07768080537), Manus Finnerty (020 8669 5265), or Father Luke (020 8642 3863) or go to the HCPT website www.hcpt.org.uk and look for Summer Pilgrimages.

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

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.**



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.

