

Fisherman's Herald

The First Sunday of Lent (B) - 18th February 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 17th	5:00-5:50pm 6:00pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>) Max Fernandes RIP Anniversary
Sunday 18th <i>First Sunday of Lent (B)</i>	8:00am 9:30am 11:00am 4:00pm 6:30pm	George Cyril Watson RIP Kathleen Glynn & Family St Blaise (Thanksgiving) <i>Stations of The Cross</i> People of The Parish
Monday 19th	6:45am 8:30am 9:00am	The Murphy Family <i>Rosary</i> Margaret Redding (80th Birthday)
Tuesday 20th	6:45am 8:30am 9:00am	Mary & Mattie (Intentions) <i>Rosary</i> The Walsh Family
Wednesday 21st	6:45am 8:30am 9:00am 9:30am 7:30pm	Kitty Doyle <i>Rosary</i> Sr Marion & Sr Gretta (Intentions) <i>Legion of Mary (Day Chapel)</i> <i>Stations of The Cross</i>
Thursday 22nd <i>The Chair of St Peter the Apostle, Feast</i>	6:45am 8:30am 9:00am 9:30am -6pm	Nicholas D'Silva RIP <i>Rosary</i> Molly O'Meara (Intentions) <i>Weekly Adoration</i>
Friday 23rd <i>CAFOD Family Fast Day</i>	6:45am 8:30am 9:00am	Margaret Joyce RIP <i>Rosary</i> Paul & Magdalen Spooner (Golden Wedding Anniversary)
Saturday 24th	9:00am 9:30-10:30am	Gladwin Vaz RIP Anniversary Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
Saturday 24th	5:00-5:50pm 6:00pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>) Deacon Fred Carter & Ken & Margaret Scurry RIP
Sunday 25th <i>Second Sunday of Lent (B)</i>	8:00am 9:30am 11:00am 4:00pm 6:30pm	Deborah Knight RIP Anton Zahra RIP T. Fahy RIP <i>Stations of The Cross</i> People of The Parish

The Presentation of Catechumens & Candidates to the Parish:

Sunday 18th February those who have been preparing to be received into the Catholic Church, baptised and Confirmed, will be formally presented to the parish at 9:30am Family Mass. We have three Catechumens and one Candidate. Please keep them all in your prayers as we look forward to their Baptism and Confirmation during the Easter Vigil.

Parish Business:

Monday 19th February from 7pm to 8pm.

Clergy Support Fund - Collection Today:

There is a second collection today for the Clergy Support fund (Sick and Retired Priests). The Clergy Support Fund of the Archdiocese of Southwark provides care for priests in their old age and retirement, and in their time of ill health. A gift to this worthy fund will ensure a dignified retirement for our priests, after they have dedicated a lifetime of service to Christ, His Church and His people. In 2022, the Clergy Support Fund provided care to 73 priests, at a cost of £1.33 million. With the number of priests over the age of 65 steadily increasing, so too will the financial obligation to the Archdiocese.

Please be generous with a gift to the Clergy Support Fund and continue to keep our priests in your prayers. Thank you! You can donate online: <https://rcaos.org.uk/donate/csf>, by telephone on 020 7960 2504, or cash/cheque - please use the Clergy Support envelopes at the back of church.

The Year of Prayer: Eucharistic Adoration:

Note that this is not a year about prayer but a year for prayer. In Addition to other spiritual activities in this season of Lent we are extending the hours of our Thursday weekly adoration from 9:30am to 6:00pm. There will be Divine Mercy prayer at 3:00pm. Please indicate the hours you wish to stay with Jesus by filling in the form at the back of the Church.

Masses during Lent:

From Monday 19th February there will be two daily Masses during Lent on Monday to Friday, at 6.45am and at 9am.

Lent Talks:

Weekly DVD talks by Fr Denis McBride of the Redemptorist Fathers will be shown in the Church Hall at 7.30pm on Mondays during Lent, beginning on 19th February. The title of the first talk will be "*Stations of the Cross: then and now.*"

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 23rd Feb**, Friday 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd March and Thursday 28th March.

Stations of The Cross during Lent:

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

CAFOD Family Fast Day - Friday 23rd February:

Please take an envelope from the back of Church and support CAFOD's Family Fast Day on Friday 23rd February. For more information or to donate online, please visit: www.cafod.org.uk/lent

Parish Readers' Workshop:

There will be a parish readers' Lenten and Triduum workshop for all parish readers at 7pm on Thursday 7th March in the parish hall. At the end of the workshop we will share the readings, passion narratives and summarise the arrangements for Easter Triduum.

Church Parade:

For the uniform groups at the 9:30am Mass next Sunday.

CAFOD - Second Collection - Next Weekend:

There is a second collection for CAFOD next weekend. **Friday 23rd February is Family Fast Day.** Please return your envelope and support CAFOD's Family Fast Day. For more information or to donate online, please visit: www.cafod.org.uk/lent

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.

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.

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).

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/firstholymass.php>

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

Lenten Booklets - 'My Day by Day' :

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

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.

World Day of Prayer:

The World Day of Prayer, written this year by Christian Women of Palestine, is on Friday 1st March. A service takes place at St Mark's Church, St Mark's Place, Wimbledon, at 10.30 am. All are 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 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 Ameerun, 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.**



NO SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE SLIPS THIS WEEK DUE TO THE HALF-TERM HOLIDAY

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.

