

Fisherman's Herald
Fourth Sunday of Advent (A) - 18th December 2022
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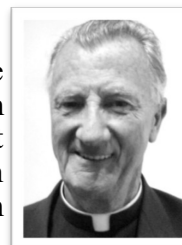


Part of the R. C. Archdiocese of Southwark Charity No: 1173050
 Fr Matthias Kizito, Fr Francis Nonyelu, Deacon Fred Carter, Deacon Tom Kavanagh
 Parish Office: **Monday & Thursday 9am to 2pm**

MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 17th	6:00pm	Zia & Douglas Esaw RIP
Sunday 18th	8:00am	Angela Deane RIP
Fourth Sunday of Advent (A) <i>Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers</i>	9:30am	People of The Parish
	11:00am	Alfonso, Antonietta & Michael Proto RIP
	4:00pm	Carol Service
	6:30pm	Pat & Margaret Donegan
Monday 19th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Leslie D'Sa RIP
	9:30-10:30am	Angela Miles - Wellbeing
		<i>Confessions (Day Chapel)</i>
Tuesday 20th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Michelle Donegan RIP
	9:30-10:30am	Eileen Browne RIP
	7:30pm	<i>Confessions (Day Chapel)</i> <i>Penitential Service</i>
Wednesday 21st	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Deceased Members of the Walsh Family
	9:30-10:30am	Charles Vaz RIP Anniversary
<i>Confessions (Day Chapel)</i>		
Thursday 22nd	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Paddy Coyne RIP Anniversary
	9:30-10:30am	Janet Fernandes RIP
		<i>Weekly Adoration</i> <i>Confessions (Day Chapel)</i>
Friday 23rd	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Sister Catherine RIP
	9:30-10:30am	Eve Leccacorvi RIP
<i>Confessions (Day Chapel)</i>		
Saturday 24th Christmas Eve	9:30-10:30am	No Morning Mass <i>Confessions (Day Chapel)</i>
	5:30pm	<i>Carols</i>
	6:00pm	Sister Marian & Sister Greta
	11:30pm	<i>Carols</i>
Sunday 25th The Nativity of The Lord	Midnight	Conroy Family
	8:00am	Canon Acton RIP
	9:30am	Father David Gummett
	11:00am	Ilma Tong RIP
		No Evening Mass

Canon Colm Acton RIP:



It is with great sadness that we mourn the death of Canon Colm Acton which occurred on Saturday 3rd December at St Teresa's Nursing Home in Wimbledon. Canon Acton was parish priest here at St John Fisher for 35 years. Let us keep him in our prayers, as a Parish, as families in our homes, at St. John Fisher School, and as individuals.

Funeral Arrangements:

Wednesday 28th December 2022

- Reception of the Body - 5pm
- Mass – 6pm followed by the rosary

Thursday 29th December 2022

- Requiem Mass at 12 noon
- Burial at 2pm

Refreshments will be served in the parish hall after both masses. We welcome donations of Cakes, Biscuits and Platters of Sandwiches. Please bring food donations to the hall from 3pm on Wednesday 28th December and from 10am on Thursday 29th December.

Family flowers only. Donations in lieu of flowers to St Raphael's Hospice. <https://www.straphaels.org.uk/>

Christmas Carol Service:

Sunday 18th December at 4pm. All welcome.

Parish Business:

Monday 19th December from 6pm to 7pm.

Penitential Service with Confessions:

Tuesday 20th December at 7:30pm.

My Day by Day Advent Books:

Available at the back of Church - Suggested donation £1.

CAFOD - World Gifts Catalogue:

Please take a catalogue from the back of Church or visit www.cafod.org.uk/adventseason and raise funds for refugee families in desperate need.

Missio - Crib Offering:

We are collecting this year for Missio. Your support at Christmas will help children living in poverty across the world to: hear the story of Jesus and see his love for all God's children. Benefit from a healthy meal and good pastoral care. Receive and education and practical support.

Talkabout - December 2022 Edition:

Copies of our parish magazine are available from the back of Church and can also be viewed on our website. Donations towards printing costs are appreciated, Suggested donation: £1.

Confessions in the Day Chapel - Next Week:

Confessions in the day chapel, Monday to Saturday from 9:30am to 10:30am next week.

Christmas Offerings:

Your personal gift to the Priests of the Parish, envelopes are at the back of the Church. You may know that Clergy do not receive a salary as such and rely upon the Christmas and Easter offerings to supplement any income received through Mass Stipends and Stole Fees for Baptisms, Funerals, and rare weddings.

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 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

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.

School Supplementary Forms

If you require a school supplementary form to be signed for **Nursery**, **Reception** or **High School**, please drop the forms through the presbytery letterbox at anytime and include a copy of the Baptism certificate. You will be contacted when the form is ready for collection.

Baptism Service:

All those families who have had a baby baptised during 2022 are invited to the church on Sunday 8th January 2023, at 4pm for a service. There will be refreshments in the church hall afterwards.

Feast of the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary and Joseph:

Friday 30th December is the Feast of the Holy Family, there will be prayers at Mass for Family Life.

Peace Service:

On Sunday 1st January, World Day of Prayer for Peace, we will have a Peace Service in the Church at 4.00 pm. Please do join us in prayer for Peace in the World in 2023. There will be refreshments in the hall afterwards.

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.

Prayer service

About 30 minutes to keep alive the memory of Sr Catherine on SUNDAY 8th January 2023 @ 2pm and every 2nd Sunday of the month. Do join us in Church or online at <https://www.churchservices.tv/merton>

Funerals:

Please remember the families in your prayers.

Francis Gracias RIP:

Requiem Mass - Wednesday 4th January at 12 noon.

Karen Cummins RIP:

Requiem Mass - Monday 9th January at 1:50pm.

Christmas Masses:

Saturday 24th December Vigil Mass at 6pm

Midnight Mass

at 12midnight. Carols at 11:30pm.

Christmas Day Masses (Sunday)

8:00am, 9:30am and 11:00am.

There will be NO 6:30pm EVENING MASS.

Feast of St Stephen - Monday 26th December:

Mass at 10am for all Altar Servers & for New Servers, who will be enrolled into the Guild of St Stephen.

Bank Holiday - Tuesday 27th December:

Mass will be at 10am due to the bank holiday.

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

Please remember in your prayers the sick and housebound of our parish : **Angela Miles, Victor Pierson, Catherine Yeats, Giovanni Fugaccia, Deacon Fred Carter, James Johnson, Tony Brook, Maura Chhabra, Luca Buttaci, Kitty McVey, Rita Platel, Teresa Daly, Edward Alvares, Christine Henderson, Naomi Whetton, Johnny Symmonds, Kathy Metcalf, Patricia Anderson, Irene McGrenra, Anthony Carter, Charles Ducker, Richard Sullivan, Joseph McGahren, Irene Jamieson and John Heffron.**

NO SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCES SLIP THIS WEEK DUE TO THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY