

**Fisherman's Herald**  
**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (C) - 20th November 2022**  
**St John Fisher Church**

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Parish Office: **Monday & Thursday 9am to 2pm**



**MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK**

<b>Saturday 19th</b>	6:00pm	Ida Britto
<b>Sunday 20th</b>	8:00am	People of The Parish
<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (C)</b> <i>Youth Sunday</i>	9:30am	Davie Whelan RIP Anniversary
	11:00am	Mary Moriarty RIP (1st Anniversary)
	4:00pm	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
	6:30pm	Consuelo & Raul Fueutes
<b>Monday 21st</b> <i>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Bernadette McManus
<b>Tuesday 22nd</b> <i>St Cecilia, Virgin &amp; Martyr</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Cynthia Carss
<b>Wednesday 23rd</b>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Deva Paul RIP (10th Anniversary)
<b>Thursday 24th</b> <i>St Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest &amp; Companions</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Mr & Mrs Paganuzzi RIP
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
<b>Friday 25th</b>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Hughdie O'Donnell RIP
<b>Saturday 26th</b>	9:00am	Joanie O'Sullivan RIP
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions ( <i>Day Chapel</i> )
<b>Saturday 26th</b>	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions ( <i>Day Chapel</i> )
	6:00pm	Patrick & Jean-Claude Lam-Kin-Teng
<b>Sunday 27th</b> <i>First Sunday of Advent (A)</i>	8:00am	Fran Fenwick RIP (from the 8am readers and welcomers)
	9:30am	Kevin Gracias - Birthday
	11:00am	Baby Adam Collins RIP Anniversary
	6:30pm	People of The Parish

**Church Parade & Cake Sale:**

Church Parade for the uniform groups at the 9:30am Mass today followed by a cake sale in the hall to raise funds for the scouts.

**Parish Business:**

Monday 21st November from 7pm to 8pm.

**Solemnity of Christ The King / Youth Sunday:**

- ◆ There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament today Sunday 20th November at 4pm as we mark the Solemnity of Christ the King
- ◆ There will be a second collection at all Masses this weekend for the Catholic Youth Services. This collection supports Youth work in the Archdiocese of Southwark and beyond

**Confirmation November 2022:**

Congratulations to all the young people of our Parish who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. May God bless you on your journey of faith and make you faithful witnesses of the Good News of the Gospel. We thank all the Catechists who have been involved in the confirmation program this year. Thank you for your faithful service to our Parish. We thank the parents for their support without which the program would not have been worthwhile. Thanks also to the musicians who made the liturgy very colourful and to everyone who did something to make this day enjoyable to all who attended. May God bless you all and reward you accordingly.

**Sponsored Walk - Confirmation Candidates:**

On Saturday 5th November our Confirmation candidates took part in a sponsored walk to raise funds for the Wimbledon Food Bank. They raised over £2000. Thank you to all the Confirmation candidates and those who sponsored them.

**Advent Season:**

Next Sunday we begin the Holy Season of Advent and a New Liturgical Year. The Season of Advent has a two-fold character:

- ◆ It is the time of preparation for Christmas, when Christ's first coming is remembered
- ◆ It is a time to direct our minds and hearts to await His Second Coming. It is therefore a time of devout and joyful expectation.

**Advent Course: Believe – Reflections on the Creed:**

This course of six 30 minute videos will be shown on the Mondays of Advent beginning at 7.30pm on Monday 28th November in the Church Hall. All parishioners are encouraged to attend this course as part of our preparation for Christmas.

## **Funerals:**

Please remember the families in your prayers.

### **Pat Clifford RIP:**

Requiem Mass - Tues 22nd November at .12:45pm.

### **Ave (Eve) Leccacorvi RIP:**

Requiem Mass - Fri 25th November at 1:50pm.

## **Christian Care Christmas Collection:**

On 3/4th December we will be collecting for hampers for needy families. Items required:

Sparkling non-alcoholic drink, Large or mini Christmas Pudding [non-alcoholic], Chocolate Puddings, Mince Pies, Chocolate Log , Stollen, Tin / Box Chocolate or Fancy Biscuits, Tin / Box Shortbread, Tin Fruit, Tin Custard, Cranberry Sauce, Stuffing , Gravy, Box Chocolates, Children's sweets.

*Please bring items to the hall after Mass.*

## **Senior Citizens - Christmas Party:**

The Christmas celebration for our senior citizens takes place on **Saturday 10th December** beginning with Mass at 11:30am, followed by lunch in the hall. Anyone who would like to attend please let us know ASAP.

## **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](mailto: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](http://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.

## **Cake Sale - Thank you:**

A massive thank you to all who helped in any way with the Cake and Craft sale on the 5th/6th November, including all who shopped. We raised a magnificent £1000 for Aid to the Church in Need and Life.

## **Over 60's Club:**

Thursday 24th November from 1pm to 3pm in the Church hall, all welcome.

## **Red Wednesday – 23rd November:**

A day of prayer and action for persecuted Christians

- Send a card to someone persecuted for their faith (cards will be available at Mass on Saturday/Sunday 19/20th November).
- Pray the Rosary: The Rosary at 8.30 am on 23rd November will be said for the intention of Persecuted Christians.
- Go to the 9am Mass on Red Wednesday (wearing red) on behalf of someone who is prevented from doing so due to their being persecuted for their faith. Attend a Red Wednesday London Event – see Justice and Peace noticeboard for information.
- Inform yourself: go to: [www.acnuk.org/redwednesday](http://www.acnuk.org/redwednesday)

## **Pilgrimage to Knock:**

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 15th March 2023. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Special St. Patrick's Day Celebrations. Single supplement £150.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com).

## **CAFOD - World Gifts Catalogue:**

Please take a catalogue from the back of Church or visit [www.cafod.org.uk/adventseason](http://www.cafod.org.uk/adventseason)

## **St John Fisher Youth Club:**

Friday 2nd December from 7:30pm to 9pm in the hall for school year 6 and above.

## **My Day by Day Advent Books:**

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

**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](mailto:catholicchaplains@stgeorges.nhs.uk)

Please remember in your prayers the sick and housebound of our parish : **Angela Miles, Karen Cummins, Victor Pierson, Catherine Yeats, Canon Acton, 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, Tommy & John Heffron.**



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