

Fisherman's Herald

Fourth Sunday of Easter (B) - 21st April 2024

St John Fisher Church

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



MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 20th	6:00pm	Patricia McGuckin RIP
Sunday 21st <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
Monday 22nd	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Cadance D'Aguiar (Thanksgiving) Daniel Syjud Crispin (1st Birthday)
Tuesday 23rd <i>St George, Martyr, Patron of England</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Val Lobo (Intentions) Rosalind Davis RIP
Wednesday 24th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Maura & Tony Gielty Mark Jennings (Thank you)
Thursday 25th <i>St Mark, Evangelist</i> <i>Bidding Prayers</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Paddy Barry RIP Ana & Pawel Syjud (Thank you)
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
Friday 26th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Michael McGrath RIP Anniversary Nigel & Jolene (Thanksgiving)
Saturday 27th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Giovanni Fugaccia RIP
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Confessions (Confessional)</i>
Saturday 27th	5:00-5:50pm	<i>Confessions (Confessional)</i>
	6:00pm	Benny Fernandes RIP Anniversary
Sunday 28th <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)</i>	8:00am	Leonardo Macaraig
	9:30am	People of The Parish
	11:00am	Giovanni Fugaccia RIP (1st Anniversary)
	6:30pm	Margaret Clancy RIP (1st Anniversary)

First Holy Communion Candidates - June 2024:

Presentation of the Gospel to First Holy Communion candidates at the 9:30am Mass today.

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.

The timetable is as follows:

- 1:30pm - Procession
- 1:45pm - Crowning
- 2:00pm - Holy Mass & Consecration
- 2:35pm - Rosary
- 2:40pm - Veneration of Relics
- 3:00pm - Divine Mercy
- 3:15pm - Enrolment & Investiture
- 3:40pm - Tea break
- 3:55pm - Talk on Fatima Message
- 5:00pm - Adoration
- 6:00 pm - Saturday Vigil Mass followed by Consecration & Veneration

Parish Business:

Monday 22nd April from 7pm to 8pm.

Priest Training Fund - Second Collection

This 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
- 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.



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.

Maintenance of St George's Cathedral

Second Collection - Next Weekend:

Next weekend there will be a second collection for the maintenance of St George's Cathedral, Southwark, the mother Church of the diocese. This collection helps meet with the cost of the upkeep of the Cathedral.

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. The last few remaining tickets can be purchased after Mass or from the parish office, cost: £10. Thank you to those who have donated the amazing raffle prizes.

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>

Confirmation - Saturday 16th November 2024:

Please download a registration form from www.stjohnfishermerton.co.uk/confirmation and return it to the parish office with a copy of the baptism certificate (for those currently in school year 7).

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. In order to receive a personal invitation from Archbishop John, email mflsw@rcaos.org.uk with your names, address, phone number, anniversary and parish.

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.

Church Cleaning - April:

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

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

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

Catholic Association Pilgrimage to Lourdes:

23rd-30th August. See poster on the Church noticeboard for more information or visit: 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

Please remember in your prayers the sick and housebound of our parish **Pierre & Josette Kisorbo, Patricia Sherren, James Walsh, Zia Esaw, Ivan Fernandes, Ravi Ameerun, 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.

