

Fisherman's Herald
Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord (B) - 24th March 2024
St John Fisher Church



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 Fr Francis Nonyelu, Fr Joseph Edem, Deacon Tom Kavanagh
 Parish Office: **Monday and Thursday from 9am to 2pm**

MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 23rd	6:00pm	James Lam-Kin-Teng RIP Anniversary
Sunday 24th <i>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (B)</i>	8:00am	People of The Parish
	9:30am	Adrian Godall RIP
	11:00am	Malcolm Desmier RIP
	4:00pm	Exposition
	4:45pm	Evening Prayer of the Church
	6:30pm	Cathrina Barnachea (Intentions)
Monday 25th	6:45am	St Jude (Thanksgiving)
	9:00am	Urania, Manuel & Marcelino Pocas
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Confessions (Confessional)</i>
Tuesday 26th	6:45am	Debbie Pretorius RIP
	9:00am	Adrian Donaghue (Thanksgiving)
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Confessions (Confessional)</i>
Wednesday 27th <i>("Spy Wednesday")</i> <i>No Confessions Today</i>	6:45am	Kate Colthup RIP
	9:00am	Patricia Francis (Thanksgiving)
	7:30pm	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Thursday 28th <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	No Morning Mass & No Exposition	
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Confessions (Confessional)</i>
	5:00pm	Mass for Families & Elderly Fr Bernadino Andrade RIP
	8:00pm	Mass of The Lord's Supper Des Lambe
	11:15pm	<i>Night Prayer of the Church</i>
Friday 29th <i>Friday of the Passion of the Lord</i> <i>Good Friday</i>	No Mass	
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Confessions (Confessional)</i>
	11:00am	Service for Families & Elderly
	3:00pm	Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of Our Lord
	7:30pm	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Saturday 30th <i>Holy Saturday</i>	No Morning Mass	
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Confessions (Confessional)</i>
Saturday 30th <i>The Easter Vigil in the Holy night</i>	No 6:00pm Mass	
	8:00pm	<i>Easter Vigil</i> Rita Aguir (Thanksgiving)
Sunday 31st <i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</i>	8:00am	Mrs Ana Maria Lobo RIP
	9:30am	Marsh Family
	11:00am	People of The Parish
	6:30pm	Patricia Benn

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.



.....Begins Today with Palm Sunday

A day on which we celebrate the Lord's entry into Jerusalem. Palms will be blessed at all Masses. The 11am Mass will begin in the Hall with the Blessing of the Palms, followed by a **Procession to the Church** with a Solemn Reading of the **Passion according to St Mark**. In the afternoon there will be: **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 4pm-5pm** concluding with **Evening Prayer of the Church at 4:45pm**.

Holy Week Masses:

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Mass will be at 6:45am and 9am as usual. Please note, there will be no 9am Mass on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Saturday NOR 6:00pm Mass on Holy Saturday.

The Church will be open from 7am on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday from 7am for private prayer.

Maundy Thursday:

Mass at 5pm for young families and the elderly who cannot come to the Celebration at 8pm: **Mass of the Lord's Supper begins at 8pm**, includes the washing of feet and concludes with watching and praying until 11:30pm at the Altar of Repose. Please try and spend some time watching. 11:15pm **Night Prayer of the Church** (Compline).

Good Friday:

Is a Day of Fasting and Abstinence.

There will be a service at 11am for children based on the sufferings of Jesus.

Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of Our Lord at 3pm

with the Liturgy of the word, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion. There will be a collection for Holy Places. Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm. Novena for Divine Mercy begins today.

Easter Vigil: (First Mass of Easter) at 8pm including Blessing of the New Fire and the Easter Candle; The Vigil of Readings; The Liturgy of Baptism and Renewal of Baptismal Promises, wherein Jacob and Megan will be baptised. Samantha receives all sacraments of Christian initiation and Cynthia will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Parish Business:

Monday 25th March from 7pm to 8pm.

Talkabout - This Weekend:

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

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. Tickets can be purchased after Mass or from the parish office, cost: £10. They are planning to hold a raffle on the evening. If you have any prizes that would be suitable for the raffle, please drop them off to the parish office.

CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day - Thank You:

We have received a letter of thanks from CAFOD for the £597.02 raised by our parish in response to the lent family fast day on Friday 23rd Feb. Please see notice-board at the back of Church for a copy of the letter.

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. Events include Holy Mass, Confession, Adoration, Procession, Enrolment of the Brown Scapular, Consecration, Rosary, Veneration of Relics, Film show and talks.

Parish Annual General Meeting - Sunday 28th April:

The Parish AGM takes place after 6:30pm Mass on Sunday 28th April in the parish hall. All parishioners are welcome.

Easter Offerings:

your personal gift to the Priests of the Parish, envelopes are at the back of the Church. You may know that the 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.

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.

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.

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.



Church Cleaning:

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

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>

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

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