

Fisherman's Herald

Fourth Sunday of Advent (B) - 24th December 2023

St John Fisher Church

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Parish Office: **CLOSED UNTIL MONDAY 8TH JANUARY 2024**



MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 23rd	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	6:00pm	Liam Mullen RIP
Sunday 24th <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent (B)</i>	8:00am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	Canon Acton RIP
	11:00am	Fr David Gummett
Christmas Eve	5:30pm	<i>Carols</i>
	6:00pm	<i>Christmas Vigil Mass</i> Pat Igoe RIP
	11:30pm	<i>Carols</i>
	Midnight	<i>Midnight Mass</i> May Hession RIP
Monday 25th <i>The Nativity of The Lord</i>	8:00am	Ilma Tong RIP
	9:30am	Brierly & Morrison Families
	11:00am	Michael Dooley RIP No Evening Mass
Tuesday 26th <i>St Stephen, Deacon, the first Martyr</i>	9:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	10:00am	Deacon Fred Carter RIP Peter Charman RIP
Wednesday 27th <i>St John, Apostle & Evangelist</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Opas Seriniyom RIP Shirley, Adrian Donaghue & Family
	9:30am	<i>Legion of Mary (Day Chapel)</i>
Thursday 28th <i>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Michelle Donegan RIP Catharine & Kenneth Williams (Wellbeing)
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
Friday 29th <i>St Thomas of Canterbury, Bishop & Martyr</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Evelyn Cheijina Raymond Joyce RIP
Saturday 30th	9:00am	Josephine Duffy RIP
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
Saturday 30th Sunday 31st <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph (B)</i>	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	6:00pm	John Hasson RIP
	8:00am	Leszek Jedrzejczyk RIP
	9:30am	Jeanne D'Arc Bejjani RIP
	11:00am	Matt & Matthew T O'Meara
	6:30pm	People of The Parish

Parish Warm Welcome:

This Christmas, there will be a number of people coming to Mass for the first time this year and perhaps for the very first time. Each member of our parish has an important part in fostering a sense of joy and welcome. Share a smile and make an introduction. This Christmas, try to be one of the reasons that our visitors come back in the New Year. Please pick a 'Warm Welcome Card' from the Narthex.

The Clergy of the parish, wish all parishioners and their families a Happy and peaceful Christmas. May the joy of Jesus' birth fill our hearts. And may the coming year bring us closer to God.

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.

Crib Offering - Catholic Children's Society:

Every penny you donate will go into the Catholic Children's Society's Southwark Crisis Fund to provide emergency support for families in our Archdiocese. Visit www.cathchild.org.uk for more information.

Florists and Decorators:

The parish urgently need florists and decorators to beautify and adorn the Church by bringing life, help our common worship and inspire devotion. Please speak to any of the parish clergy.

Parish Business:

No Parish Business this week.

Parish Office:

Closed until Monday 8th January. Please email merton@rcaos.org.uk if you have any queries. Please call 0208542 6355 with any urgent enquires and speak to a member of the Clergy.

Funerals:

Please remember the families in your prayers.

Peter Wright RIP:

Requiem Mass - Friday 5th Jan 2024 at 12:30pm.

Carmel Ball RIP:

Requiem Mass - Friday 11th Jan 2024 at 12:30pm.

Kate Colthup RIP:

Requiem Mass - Tuesday 16th Jan 2024 at 2:00pm.

**NO CHURCH ATTENDANCE SLIPS THIS WEEKEND
DUE TO THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY**

Talkabout - December 2023 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.

Post - Confirmation Alpha Youth Course:

Our Alpha Youth course will continue in the Spring 2024 term. Please visit www.alpha.org.uk for more information. Please download a registration form from our website and return to the parish office if your child would like to attend www.stjohnfishermerton.co.uk/alpha-youth-course-reply-slip-2023.pdf

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.

Peace Service:

On Monday 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 2024. There will be refreshments in the hall afterwards.

Baptism Service:

All those families who have had a baby baptised during 2023 are invited to the church on Sunday 7th January 2024, at 3pm for a service. There will be refreshments in the church 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.

Thank You:

A huge 'Thank You' to the staff, parents and children from St John Fisher Primary School for the beautiful 'Boxes of Love' that they provided for the senior citizens of our parish. We received over 200 boxes this year.

My Day by Day Advent Books:


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

Repository - Volunteer Needed:

For about an hour each Sunday before and after the 9.30 Mass to help in the Repository (Church Shop). If interested speak to the clergy or contact the Parish Office.

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

Father Matthias Kizito:

Fr Matthias' farewell mass is on Saturday 13th January at 6pm followed by a party in the parish hall. If you wish to contribute to the parish gift, envelopes are available at the back of Church or you can donate at <https://donate.myдона.com/st-john-fisher-rc-church>

Caremark:

At Caremark Merton we deliver excellent home care with compassion and a cheery smile! Whatever you need, whatever time of day, for however long and however frequent, we are here to help. We provide personalised care that keeps you safe and happy at home. We also offer live-in care packages. Considering home care for yourself or a loved one? Give us a call on 020 8687 6633 to find out how we can help. 

Christmas Masses:

Sunday 24th December

Morning: 4th Sunday of Advent

Mass - 8am, 9:30am and 11am

Evening: Christmas Eve - 5:30pm Carols,

6pm Vigil Mass 11:30pm Carols, Midnight Mass at 12am.

Christmas Day Masses (Monday)

Mass at 8am, 9:30am and 11am.

There will be NO 6:30pm EVENING MASS.

Feast of St Stephen - Tuesday 26th December:

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



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 **Ivan Fernandes, Rita Aguiar, Ravi Aumeerun, 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, Jim Cosgrove and Natalie Williams.**



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Boys & Girls Aged 3-11. Breakfast & After School Club. 30 hours Nursery provision.

