

# Fisherman's Herald

The Second Sunday of Lent (B) - 25th February 2024

St John Fisher Church

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Parish Office: Monday and Thursday from 9am to 2pm



## MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

<b>Saturday 24th</b>	5:00-5:50pm 6:00pm	Confessions ( <i>Confessional</i> ) Deacon Fred Carter & Ken & Margaret Scurry RIP
<b>Sunday 25th</b> <i>Second Sunday of Lent (B)</i>	8:00am 9:30am 11:00am 4:00pm 6:30pm	Deborah Knight RIP Anton Zahra RIP T. Fahy RIP <i>Stations of The Cross</i> People of The Parish
<b>Monday 26th</b>	6:45am 8:30am 9:00am	Eileen & Michael Tully <i>Rosary</i> Cianna - Intentions
<b>Tuesday 27th</b>	6:45am 8:30am 9:00am	John Daly RIP <i>Rosary</i> Bianca Larch
<b>Wednesday 28th</b>	6:45am 8:30am 9:00am 9:30am 7:30pm	Keith Grimshaw RIP <i>Rosary</i> Tim & Maggie Hayes (Thank you) <i>Legion of Mary (Day Chapel)</i> <i>Stations of The Cross</i>
<b>Thursday 29th</b>	6:45am 8:30am 9:00am 9:30am -6pm	Martin Murphy RIP <i>Rosary</i> Frank & Neil Bourke RIP <i>Weekly Adoration</i>
<b>Friday 1st</b> <i>St David, Bishop Patron of Wales</i> <i>First Friday</i>	6:45am 8:30am 9:00am 7:30pm 8:00pm	Private Intention <i>Rosary</i> Kate Colthup RIP <i>Exposition</i> Philomena Canavan (RIP 1st Anniversary)
<b>Saturday 2nd</b> <i>First Saturday</i>	8:00-8:45am 9:00am 9:30-10:30am	<i>First Saturday Devotions</i> Andrew Charles Baker (Birthday) Confessions ( <i>Confessional</i> )
<b>Saturday 2nd</b>  <b>Sunday 3rd</b>  <i>Third Sunday of Lent (B)</i>	5:00-5:50pm 6:00pm 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am 4:00pm 6:30pm	Confessions ( <i>Confessional</i> ) Kevin & Freda People of The Parish Olga Thompson RIP Elsie & John Gomes RIP <i>Stations of The Cross</i> Michael D'Sa RIP Anniversary

## Our Parish, Our Needs, Our Responsibility

### Planned Giving Appeal:

'Each one of you has received a special grace, so, like good stewards responsible for all these varied graces of God, put it at the service of others' - 1 Peter 4:10

This weekend we launch our Stewardship renewal. Over the coming weeks we ask all parishioners to prayerfully reflect on their commitment to our parish. As a parish and as individuals, we have been blessed with many, varied gifts. Biblical Stewardship calls us to share our gifts of time, talent and financial blessings with our parish community and our world. These gifts come from God, so let us strive to return a sacrificial, not token, portion to Him.

Today, please take an appeal newsletter. We shall be hearing more about stewardship and the needs of our parish over the coming weeks. Please give prayerful consideration to this appeal. If you have any questions, there will be volunteers available after Mass today.

### Parish Lenten Activities:

Please take a copy of our Lenten Supplement for more details of our Lenten activities:

**Weekly Adoration** - Thursdays 9:30am to 6pm

**Lenten Talk** - Mondays 7:30pm (Parish Hall)

**Stations of The Cross** - Weds 7:30pm and Sun 4pm

**Weekday Masses** - 6:45am and 9am

**Lenten Lunch** - Friday 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd March and Thursday 28th March (Parish Hall)

### Church Parade - Today:

For the uniform groups at the 9:30am Mass.

### CAFOD - Second Collection - Today:

There is a second collection for CAFOD this weekend.

**Friday 23rd February was Family Fast Day.** Please return your envelope and support CAFOD's Family Fast Day. For more information or to donate online, please visit: [www.cafod.org.uk/lent](http://www.cafod.org.uk/lent)

### Parish Business:

Monday 26th February from 7pm to 8pm.

### The Year of Prayer: Eucharistic Adoration:

Note that this is not a year about prayer but a year for prayer. In Addition to other spiritual activities in this season of Lent we are extending the hours of our Thursday weekly adoration from 9:30am to 6:00pm. There will be Divine Mercy prayer at 3:00pm. Please indicate the hours you wish to stay with Jesus by filling in the form at the back of the Church.

### Parish Readers' Workshop:

There will be a parish readers' Lenten and Triduum workshop for all parish readers at 7pm on Thursday 7th March in the parish hall. At the end of the workshop we will share the readings, passion narratives and summarise the arrangements for Easter Triduum.

**First Friday:**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30pm followed by Mass at 8pm on Friday 1st March.

**First Saturday Devotions:**

Rosary & keeping Our Lady company within Adoration and Benediction on Saturday 2nd March, 8am- 8:45am.

**Faith In Action - Food Collection Next Weekend:**

Next weekend, we will be collecting for Faith in Action. They appreciate:

Cereal Bars and Protein Bars, Multi-packs of Crisps, Multi-packs of small Juice, Cartons, Sugar, Small ring pull tins of Sardines, Mackerel fillets, Tins of corned beef, Jars of Jam and Peanut Butter.

*Please bring donations to the hall before Mass.*

**Funeral:**

Please remember the family in your prayers.

**Bridie Fitzgerald RIP:**

Reception of Body into Church - Mon 4<sup>th</sup> March at 5pm  
Requiem Mass - Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 12:30pm.

**Repository:**

Can you spare about an hour on the first Sunday of each month. Before and after the 9.30 Mass to help in the Repository (Church Shop). Please Contact Canute or Delia.

**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.

**Parish Registration - Forms:**

We would like to update our parish records. Registration forms are available from the back of Church and on our website at [https://www.stjohnfishermerton.co.uk/our\\_parish.php](https://www.stjohnfishermerton.co.uk/our_parish.php)

Please post completed forms through the presbytery letterbox or email a copy to [merton@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:merton@rcaos.org.uk)

**For The Bereaved - Grief In Loss: Hope In Christ:**

A weekend for those who have been bereaved. March 22-24, The residential cost is £230 for a single, £210 for a shared room. Due to the special nature of this weekend retreat, held at Aylesford Priory in Kent, places are ordinarily limited and subject to a telephone call to determine if it is right for you. Tel: 01622 717 272.

**The Annual Marriage Mass:**

The date is July 13, 3pm at St George's Cathedral. Couples celebrating a special anniversary – one, 10, 25, 40, 50 or 60 or more years – and wishing to receive a personal invitation from Abp John, should email [mflsw@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflsw@rcaos.org.uk)

**Lenten Booklets - 'My Day by Day' :**

Available at the back of the church. Cost: £1.

**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.

**World Day of Prayer:**

The World Day of Prayer, written this year by Christian Women of Palestine, is on Friday 1st March. A service takes place at St Mark's Church, St Mark's Place, Wimbledon, at 10.30 am. All are welcome.

**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 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](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-john-fisher-merton)

**Wimbledon College Science Technician vacancy:**

Further information available on the school website [www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk](http://www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk) under 'about us'/ 'job opportunities' or apply by online application form via eteach website.

**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](mailto: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, 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 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*

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

