

**Fisherman's Herald**  
**The Nativity of The Lord (A) - 25th December 2022**  
**St John Fisher Church**

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Parish Office: **Closed until Thursday 5th January 2023**



**MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK**

<b>Saturday 24th</b>	9:30-10:30am	<b>No Morning Mass</b> <i>Confessions (Day Chapel)</i>
	5:30pm	<i>Carols</i>
	6:00pm	Sister Marian & Sister Greta
	11:30pm	Carols
	Midnight	Conroy Family
<b>Sunday 25th</b> <b>The Nativity of The Lord</b>	8:00am	Canon Acton RIP
	9:30am	Father David Gummett
	11:00am	Ilma Tong RIP <b>No Evening Mass</b>
<b>Monday 26th</b> <i>St Stephen, Deacon, the first Martyr</i>	9:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	<b>10:00am</b>	Pat Igoe RIP Evelyn Chiejina
<b>Tuesday 27th</b> <i>St John, Apostle and Evangelist</i>	9:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	<b>10:00am</b>	Deceased Members of the Lally Family Mrs Nita Lemos RIP
<b>Wednesday 28th</b> <i>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Fr David Gummett Angela Miles
	5:00pm	Reception of The Body - Canon Acton Mass for Canon Acton RIP
<b>Thursday 29th</b>		<b>No Morning Mass &amp; No Adoration</b>
	12 noon	Requiem Mass:
<b>Friday 30th</b> <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Deceased Members of Egan & O'Byrne Families Canon Acton RIP
<b>Saturday 31st</b>	9:00am	Angela Deane RIP
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Confessions (Day Chapel)</i>
<b>Saturday 31st</b>	5:00-5:50pm	<i>Confessions (Day Chapel)</i>
	6:00pm	Sean Conneely RIP
<b>Sunday 1st</b> <b>Mary, the Holy Mother of God</b>	8:00am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	Morrison Family
	11:00am	Pat Igoe RIP
	6:30pm	Ida Britto

**Canon Colm Acton RIP:**

It is with great sadness that we mourn the death of Canon Colm Acton which occurred on Saturday 3rd December at St Teresa's Nursing Home in Wimbledon. Canon Acton was parish priest here at St John Fisher for 35 years. Let us keep him in our prayers, as a Parish, as families in our homes, at St. John Fisher School, and as individuals.



Funeral Arrangements:

**Wednesday 28th December 2022**

- Reception of the Body - 5pm
- Mass - 6pm followed by the rosary

**Thursday 29th December 2022**

- Requiem Mass at 12 noon
- Burial at 2pm

Refreshments will be served in the parish hall after both masses. We welcome donations of Cakes, Biscuits and Platters of Sandwiches. Please bring food donations to the hall from 3pm on Wednesday 28th December and from 10am on Thursday 29th December.

Family flowers only. Donations in lieu of flowers to St Raphael's Hospice. <https://www.straphaels.org.uk/>

**Parish Business:**

No Parish Business this week.

**My Day by Day Advent Books:**

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

**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)

**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.

**Feast of the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary and Joseph:**

Friday 30th December is the Feast of the Holy Family, there will be prayers at Mass for Family Life.

**Prayer service**

About 30 minutes to keep alive the memory of Sr Catherine on SUNDAY 8th January 2023 @ 2pm and every 2nd Sunday of the month. Do join us in Church or online at <https://www.churchservices.tv/merton>

**Baptism Service:**

All those families who have had a baby baptised during 2022 are invited to the church on Sunday 8th January 2023, at 4pm for a service. There will be refreshments in the church hall afterwards.

### **Peace Service:**

On Sunday 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 2023. There will be refreshments in the hall afterwards.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Confessions in the Day Chapel:**

Confessions now take place in the Day Chapel. Times remain the same: Saturday morning from 9:30am to 10:30am and Saturday evening from 5:00pm to 5:50pm.

### **Funerals:**

Please remember the families in your prayers.

#### **Francis Gracias RIP:**

Requiem Mass - Wednesday 4th January at 12 noon followed by a Celebration of Francis' life at Chak89, 105 Bond Road, Mitcham, CR4 3HG.

#### **Karen Cummins (nee Grimshaw) RIP:**

Requiem Mass - Monday 9th January at 1:50pm.

### **Thank You:**

A huge thank you to the staff, children and parents of St John Fisher school for their beautiful 'Boxes of Love' which were given to the senior citizens of our parish. We wish you a Holy, Happy Christmas and may this joy stay with us throughout the year.

### **Thank You:**

Thank you to everyone involved in the Christmas lunch for our senior citizens on Sat 10th Dec. It was a wonderful occasion and we are so grateful to all the volunteers who gave up their time so generously to ensure the event ran smoothly. Thank you also to our extremely generous sponsors for their support.

**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)

### **Christmas Masses:**

**Saturday 24th December Vigil Mass at 6pm**

*Carols Sung at 5:30pm.*

**Midnight Mass at 12midnight. Carols at 11:30pm.**

**Christmas Day Masses (Sunday) 8:00am, 9:30am and 11:00am.**

*There will be NO EVENING MASS.*

**Feast of St Stephen - Monday 26th December:** Mass at 10am for all Altar Servers & for New Servers, who will be enrolled into the Guild of St Stephen.

**Bank Holiday - Tuesday 27th December:** Mass will be at 10am due to the bank holiday.



*The Clergy of the parish, wish all parishioners and their families a Happy and peaceful Christmas & joyful New Year!!*