

Fisherman's Herald
The First Sunday of Lent (A) - 26th February 2023
St John Fisher Church

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



MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 25th	6:00pm	Mary Cormack - Health & Wellbeing
Sunday 26th	8:00am	Deacon Fred Carter & Ken Scurry RIP
First Sunday of Lent (A) <i>Day for the Unemployed</i>	9:30am	Neil Calvert RIP
	11:00am	Francis Gracias RIP
	4:00pm	<i>Stations of The Cross</i>
	6:30pm	People of the Parish
Monday 27th	6:45am	Violet D'Silva RIP
	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Lily Sothinathan (Thanksgiving)
Tuesday 28th	6:45am	Maria Moncado RIP
	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Mary & Kieran Walsh
Wednesday 1st <i>St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales</i>	6:45am	Nancy Brennan & Family
	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Kate Colthup
	12:30pm	Requiem: Brenda Mugeridge RIP
	7:30pm	<i>Stations of The Cross</i>
Thursday 2nd	6:45am	Shirley & Adrian Donoghue
	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Andrew Charles Baker (Birthday)
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
Friday 3rd <i>CAFOD Fast Day</i>	6:45am	Michael Lawler & Family
	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	John Moor RIP
Saturday 4th	8:00am	<i>First Saturday Devotions</i>
	9:00am	Domnic Fernandes RIP
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Confessions (Day Chapel)</i>
Saturday 4th	5:00-5:50pm	<i>Confessions (Day Chapel)</i>
Sunday 5th	6:00pm	Francis Saldanha
	8:00am	Eileen Thompson - Wellbeing
Second Sunday of Lent (A)	9:30am	Deacon Fred Carter (Staff at SJF School)
	11:00am	Francis Gracias RIP
	4:00pm	<i>Stations of The Cross</i>
	6:30pm	People of the Parish

Church Parade - 9:30am Mass Today:

The scouts will be holding a cake and sweet treats sale in the hall after the 9:30am Mass today, Sunday, 26th February to help raise funds for their camping trip.

Parish Business:

Monday 27th February 6pm-7pm.

Clergy Support Fund - Collection This Weekend:

There is a second collection this weekend for the Clergy Support fund (Sick and Retired Priests). The Clergy Support Fund of the Archdiocese of Southwark provides care for priests in their old age and retirement, and in their time of ill health. A gift to this worthy fund will ensure a dignified retirement for our priests, after they have dedicated a lifetime of service to Christ, His Church and His people. In 2022, the Clergy Support Fund provided care to 73 priests, at a cost of £1.33 million. With the number of priests over the age of 65 steadily increasing, so too will the financial obligation to the Archdiocese. Please be generous with a gift to the Clergy Support Fund and continue to keep our priests in your prayers. Thank you!

You can donate online: <https://rcaos.org.uk/donate/csf>, by telephone on 020 7960 2504, or cash/cheque - please use the Clergy Support envelopes at the back of church.

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.

Masses during Lent:

During Lent there will be two daily Masses on Monday to Friday, at 6.45am and at 9am.

Lenten lunch:

Join us in the parish hall for a Lenten lunch of soup and a roll, tea or coffee between noon and 2pm on Fridays in Lent. Any money raised will go to Wimbledon food bank. Lenten lunch dates **Friday 3rd March**, Friday 10th March, Friday 17th March, Friday 24th March, Friday 31st March and Thursday 6th April.

CAFOD:

- **Family Fast Day - Friday 3rd March.** Please take an envelope from the back of Church and support CAFOD's Family Fast Day on Friday 3rd March. For more information or to donate online, please visit: www.cafod.org.uk/lent

- **Second Collection - Next Weekend.** There will be a second collection for CAFOD next Sunday, 5th March

First Saturday Devotions - 4th March:

Rosary and keeping Our Lady company within Adoration and Benediction from 8am to 8:45am.

Funeral:

Please remember the family in your prayers.

Brenda Muggeridge RIP:

Requiem Mass - Wednesday 1st March at 12:30pm.

Stations of The Cross during Lent:

Wednesdays at 7:30pm and on Sundays at 4pm.

Lent Course:

During Lent a series of DVDs will be shown in the Church hall on Mondays at 7.30pm from **27th February** lasting about an hour.

The first three will offer insights into the life and spirituality of St Paul by tracing his missionary journeys and how these impacted on his life and teachings.

Youth Club:

The next meeting is on Friday 3rd March from 7:30pm-9pm in the hall for those in school year 6 and above.

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.

Gift Aid envelopes:

Boxes of envelopes for the coming financial year will be available at all Masses from next 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.

Fairtrade fortnight:

Fairtrade fortnight is from 27th February to 12th March. Please support Fairtrade by buying Fairtrade products such as tea, coffee, sugar, chocolate and fruit. Fairtrade means workers' rights, safer working conditions and fairer pay. For shoppers it means high quality, ethically produced products.



My Day by Day Lent Books:

Available from the back of Church, cost £1.

Food Collection - Christian Care - Next Weekend:

On 4th/5th March we are collecting for Christian Care. They appreciate: Cereals, Biscuits, Crisp, Cooking Oil, Tins of Fish/Meat, Tins of Fruit, Lunch box items and Toiletries. *Please bring donations to the Hall before Mass.*

World Day of Prayer – Friday 3rd March:

The World Day of Prayer, written this year by women of Taiwan, takes place worldwide on Friday 3rd March. There will be a service at Martin Way Methodist Church, Buckleigh Avenue, at 10.30 am. All are welcome, especially anyone with a Taiwanese connection.

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 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

Deacon Fred Carter RIP - Thank You:

Pat and Deacon Fred's family wish to thank the parishioners for the many prayers, cards and Masses received following their sad loss. Also for the many kind words in the book of remembrance. A Mass will be said in thanksgiving.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage - 9th to 16th May 2023:

Jane Gracias is organising a pilgrimage to Medjugorje from the 9th to 16th May. If you are interested in joining the pilgrimage, please add your name to the sheet at the back of Church by Monday 27th Feb or contact Jane on 07915 697 340 or email jane.gracias@btinternet.com

A Day With Mary:

Saturday 1st April at St Dunstan's, Southborough, Kent. Please the poster on the church noticeboard or visit www adaywithmary.org for more information.

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

Please remember in your prayers the sick and housebound of our parish **Michael Glynn, Anna Lusack, Malcolm Varran, Catherine Yeats, Giovanni Fugaccia, James Johnson, Luca Buttaci, Kitty McVey, Rita Platel, Edward Alvares, Christine Henderson, Johnny Symmonds, Kathy Metcalf, Patricia Anderson, Irene McGrenra, Anthony Carter, Charles Ducker, Richard Sullivan, Joseph McGahren and John Heffron.**



PLEASE COMPLETE A SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE SLIP

(SLIPS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF CHURCH FOR THOSE IN SCHOOL YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6)