

# Fisherman's Herald

## First Sunday of Advent (C) - 27th November 2022

**St John Fisher Church**

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

### MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

<b>Saturday 26th</b>	6:00pm	Patrick & Jean-Claude Lam-Kin-Teng
<b>Sunday 27th</b>	8:00am	Fran Fenwick RIP (from the 8am readers and welcomers)
<b>First Sunday of Advent (A)</b>	9:30am	Kevin Gracias - Birthday
	11:00am	Baby Adam Collins RIP Anniversary
	6:30pm	People of The Parish
<b>Monday 28th</b>	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Cecilia & Leonard Richardson Harry Doherty RIP
<b>Tuesday 29th</b>	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Maxwell Grostate RIP Ally Beirne - Wellbeing
<b>Wednesday 30th</b> <i>St Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland</i>	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Sarah Shanahan RIP Anniversary Ana & Pawel Crispin-Syjud
<b>Thursday 1st</b>	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Michael E O'Brien Baby Amara - Thanksgiving
	9:30-10:30am	Weekly Adoration
<b>Friday 2nd</b> <i>First Friday</i>	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Gladys Peacock
	7:30pm	Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament
	8:00pm	Manolo Marinas & Elegino Family RIP
<b>Saturday 3rd</b> <i>St Francis Xavier, Priest</i>  <i>First Saturday</i>	8:00am	First Saturday Devotions
	9:00am	Francis Gracias - Birthday
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions (Day Chapel)
<b>Saturday 3rd</b>  <b>Sunday 4th</b>  <i>Second Sunday of Advent (A)</i>	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (Day Chapel)
	6:00pm	John Grace RIP
	8:00am	Fran Fenwick RIP
	9:30am	Steven Street RIP Anniversary
	11:00am	People of The Parish
	6:30pm	Teresa Campbell RIP

### Advent Season:

Today we begin the Holy Season of Advent, the start of a New Liturgical Year. The Church not only wishes to indicate the beginning of a period but the beginning of a renewed commitment to the faith by all of us who follow Christ, the Lord. We are encouraged to use this time as a prayerful preparation for the birth of Christ in our hearts. This Season is an opportunity to make Christmas 2022 a worthy celebration of the Lord's birth, as we welcome him anew into our hearts.

### Advent Course: Believe – Reflections on the Creed:

This course of six 30 minute videos will be shown on the Mondays of Advent beginning at 7.30pm on Monday 28th November in the Church Hall. All parishioners are encouraged to attend this course as part of our preparation for Christmas.

### My Day by Day Advent Books:

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

### Parish Business:

Monday 28th November from 7pm to 8pm.

### Christmas Cards to Prisoners:

The Justice and Peace Group invite parishioners to send a Christmas Card to someone in prison or persecuted for their faith. We will provide the cards, address and some information. All you need is the greeting and a stamp. Please do not make any political comment in your card.

### First Friday - 2nd December:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30pm followed by Mass at 8pm.

### First Saturday Devotions - 3rd December:

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

### Christian Care Christmas Collection - Next Weekend:

On 3/4th December we will be collecting for hampers for needy families, items required: Sparkling non-alcoholic drink, Large or mini Christmas Pudding [non-alcoholic], Chocolate Puddings, Mince Pies, Chocolate Log, Stollen, Tin / Box Chocolate or Fancy Biscuits, Tin / Box Shortbread, Tin Fruit, Tin Custard, Cranberry Sauce, Stuffing, Gravy, Box Chocolates, Children's sweets. *Please bring items to the hall after Mass.*

### Senior Citizens - Christmas Party:

The Christmas celebration for our senior citizens takes place on **Saturday 10th December** beginning with Mass at 11:30am, followed by lunch in the hall. Anyone who would like to attend please let us know ASAP.

### Advent Walk - First Communion Candidates:

There will be an advent walk around the Church for 1st Communion candidates from 5pm to 6pm on Tuesday 29th November for those in Group 1 and on Thursday 1st December for those in Group 2.

### **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.

### **Over 60's Club:**

Thursday 1st December from 1pm to 3pm in the Church hall, all welcome.

### **St John Fisher Youth Club:**

Friday 2nd December from 7:30pm to 9pm in the hall for school year 6 and above.

### **Sister Catherine RIP:**

Thursday 8th December at 7pm 3rd Anniversary Mass for dear Sr Catherine RIP All Welcome to Church or join us online at [https:// www.churchservices.tv/merton](https://www.churchservices.tv/merton) Please contact Canute for further information.

### **Christmas Carol Service:**

Sunday 18th December at 4pm.

### **Penitential Service with Confessions:**

Tuesday 20th December at 7:30pm.

### **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](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.

### **Flower Collection - Sunday 11th December:**

Our annual flower and Christmas decoration collection takes place on Sunday 11th December.

### **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) that can help you to pray and raise funds for refugee families in desperate need.

### **The 5th Morden Scout Troop:**

The 5th Morden Scout Troop is in urgent need of some new leaders. We are looking for volunteers, 18+yrs to join the leadership team. No experience needed, you'll be surprised what you already know. You will make new friends, learn new skills, and it will look great on your C.V. There is a real possibility that the troop will close if we do not get anyone coming forward. Please consider whether you could help. For further details contact Tracy Sterlini on [fifthmordensl@gmail.com](mailto:fifthmordensl@gmail.com). Thank you.

### **Missio - Thank You:**

We have received a letter from Missio thanking our parishioners for the gift of £608.09 from the collection on World Mission Sunday. Please see the noticeboard at the back of Church for a copy of the letter.

### **Thank You:**

'My name is Julie Rafferty and on behalf of St Vincent's Parish in Hull I just want to say a huge thank you to your generous Parishioners who have donated Holy Communion dresses and suits to our Parish. Every year we have a number of families who struggle to buy outfits for their children and thanks to your donations/generosity this coming year we will be able to help more of our families in need. Words cannot describe how we feel here in Hull but thank you, thank you, thank you.'

### **A free short reflection brought to you each day of Advent:**

Advent can be such a busy demanding time, but we encourage you to make some space to reflect and pray this advent. Sign up for our free Southwark Diocesan 'daily advent reflections' to aid your prayer. Every day during advent you will receive an email with a very brief thought for the day based on the daily reading. It is an opportunity to listen to Gods invitation to you this advent. All you have to do is sign up and then set aside a couple of minutes each day to reflect! <http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/> clicking on the Advent Reflection box or view online: <https://southwarkdsc.us11.list-manage.com/subscribe?>

**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)

Please remember in your prayers the sick and housebound of our parish : **Angela Miles, Karen Cummins, Victor Pierson, Catherine Yeats, Canon Acton, Giovanni Fugaccia, Deacon Fred Carter, James Johnson, Tony Brook, Maura Chhabra, Luca Buttaci, Kitty McVey, Rita Platel, Teresa Daly, Edward Alvares, Christine Henderson, Naomi Whetton, Johnny Symmonds, Kathy Metcalf, Patricia Anderson, Irene McGrenra, Anthony Carter, Charles Ducker, Richard Sullivan, Joseph McGahren, Tommy & John Heffron.**



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