

**Fisherman's Herald**  
**The Fourth Sunday of the Year (B) - 28th January 2024**  
**St John Fisher Church**

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Part of the R. C. Archdiocese of Southwark Charity No: 1173050  
 Fr Francis Nonyelu, Fr Joseph Edem, Deacon Tom Kavanagh  
 Parish Office: **Monday and Thursday from 9am to 2pm**



**MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK**

<b>Saturday 27th</b>	5:00-5:50pm 6:00pm	Confessions ( <i>Confessional</i> ) John Daly RIP & Teresa Daly (Wellbeing)
<b>Sunday 28th</b>	8:00am	People of The Parish
<b>Fourth Sunday (B)</b>  <i>Racial Justice Day</i>	9:30am	Robert Brierly RIP (1st Anniversary)
	11:00am	Giovanni Fugaccia RIP & Idalina Santos RIP
	6:30pm	Matthew D'Sa Birthday
<b>Monday 29th</b>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Mr Alan Rooke Mrs Nan Roache RIP
<b>Tuesday 30th</b>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Caremark Merton (For all our Service Users & Staff) Mrs Sophia Lobo RIP
<b>Wednesday 31st</b> <i>St John Bosco, Priest</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Eileen Tully (Intentions) Sharon Peck RIP
	9:30am	<i>Legion of Mary (Day Chapel)</i>
<b>Thursday 1st</b>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Teresa Daly (Wellbeing) Hannah Leckie (Intentions)
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
<b>Friday 2nd</b> <i>The Presentation of the Lord, Candlemas</i> <b>First Friday</b>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Daniele Maestri RIP
	7:30pm	<i>Exposition</i>
	8:00pm	Ivan & Indra Pedropillai
<b>Saturday 3rd</b> <i>St Lawrence of Canterbury</i> <b>First Saturday</b>	8:00-8:45am	<i>First Saturday Devotions</i>
	9:00am	Sheila & Alan Cross RIP
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions ( <i>Confessional</i> )
<b>Saturday 3rd</b>	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions ( <i>Confessional</i> )
	6:00pm	Mary & Paddy Daly
<b>Sunday 4th</b> <b>Fifth Sunday (B)</b>	8:00am	People of The Parish
	9:30am	Mary Moriarty RIP
	11:00am	Deceased Members of Rocha & Fugaccia Families
	6:30pm	Tadeusz Motyka RIP

**The Year of Prayer 2024 and the Jubilee Year 2025:**

The Holy Father has decided that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee. The theme is a 'Pilgrimage of Hope'. In preparation for the Jubilee Year, 2024 has been designated a 'Year of Prayer' and particular focus on the Our Father. This presents us with a great opportunity to go back to the basics of prayer.

**Racial Justice Day - Second Collection - Today:**

This weekend there is a second collection for the Catholic Association for Racial Justice. This collection supports the work of the Catholic Church to promote racial justice in our schools, parishes and in wider society.

**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)

**Parish Business:**

Monday 29th January from 7pm to 8pm.

**Post-Confirmation Alpha Youth Course:**

The parish Alpha Youth course continues on the 28th January in the church hall at 5.30pm. The first meeting in February will be a half-day on Saturday, 3rd February in the afternoon. The children have been enjoying the course and are looking forward to the sessions this term. We are still welcoming new children who would like to join. Registration can be done via the parish website:

<https://www.stjohnfishermerton.co.uk/alpha-youth-course-reply-slip-2023.pdf>

**First Friday:**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30pm followed by Mass at 8pm on Friday 2nd February.

**First Saturday Devotions:**

Rosary & keeping Our Lady company within Adoration and Benediction on Saturday 3rd February, 8am- 8:45am.

**Feast of the Presentation/Candlemas:**

The Feast of the Presentation will be observed on Friday 2nd February. 9am Mass will begin with the blessing of candles in the Narthex.

**Blessing of Throats on 3rd February:**

There will be a blessing of throats at the end of Mass on Saturday 3rd February, the feast of St. Blaise.

**Healing Mass:**

Mass of Healing on Saturday 10th February at 11am followed by refreshments in the hall.

**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.

### **Sr Catherine RIP:**

Prayer service after the 11am Mass on Sunday 11th February and every 2nd Sunday each month.

### **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.

### **Building a Better Marriage Course:**

As part of the preparation for the 2025 Jubilee year, the Southwark Marriage and Family Team will be running a Building a Better Marriage Course throughout the Archdiocese from February 2024. The one day course is for married couples (whether married for one year, 60 years or anywhere in between). It seeks to help husbands and wives to make their marriage better and to improve their communication skills. There is no group sharing and private information remains private to each couple. Couples who have attended previously have found it enjoyable, informative, and uplifting. For more information contact the Marriage and Family Life team through the Archdiocese of Southwark: website: <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/marriage-and-family-life>.

### **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.

### **Love Heals Body Mind and Spirit Ministry:**

A day Retreat of quiet Reflection on Saturday 3rd February 2024 from 11:00am – 4:30pm at The Catholic Church of our Lady of Assumption & St Gregory, Warwick Street, Piccadilly, W1F 9JR. Rosary, Holy Mass in the Extraordinary Form (Celebrant Priest: Father Mark Elliott Smith), Lunch (Please bring your own Lunch - Tea and Coffee available), Scripture-Based Talk, Christian Meditation, Blessed Adoration with Divine Mercy, Healing Prayers - Praise & Worship.

### **A Day with Mary:**

Saturday 24th Feb - St Elphege, Wallington, Surrey  
Please see posters on Church noticeboard for more information or visit [www.adaywithmary.org](http://www.adaywithmary.org)

Please remember in your prayers the sick and housebound of our parish **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**

Email: [school@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk](mailto:school@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk) Web: [www.st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk](http://www.st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk)

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



### **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)



### **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.



### **CAFOD:**

The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking for people to give some time and join them in their mission. Could you help in our parish, inspiring our church to help build a better world or by visiting our local schools? Or raise a voice and campaign for justice or perhaps speak for CAFOD throughout the area? Could you support local volunteers or share your admin or people skills to help CAFOD keep costs low? Training and support are provided. See [cafod.org.uk/Volunteer](http://cafod.org.uk/Volunteer) for more information or get in touch with [southwark@cafod.org.uk](mailto:southwark@cafod.org.uk) Or could you take part in The Big Lent Walk? [cafod.org.uk/walk](http://cafod.org.uk/walk)

### **SPUC - Administration Assistant Vacancy**

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) wishes to recruit a full-time Administration Assistant. For a full job description and application form, please contact Lucille McQuade [lucillemcquade@spuc.org.uk](mailto:lucillemcquade@spuc.org.uk) or visit <https://www.spuc.org.uk/joinourteam>

**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)