

Fisherman's Herald
The Fourth Sunday of The Year (A) - 29th January 2023

St John Fisher Church

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



MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 28th	6:00pm	Joan Collins RIP
Sunday 29th Fourth Sunday (A)	8:00am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	The Douglas Family
	11:00am	Idalina Santos RIP (1st Anniversary)
	6:30pm	Douglas Platel RIP
Monday 30th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Karen Cummins RIP
Tuesday 31st <i>St John Bosco, Priest</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Eileen - Intentions
Wednesday 1st	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Louis Alvares
Thursday 2nd <i>The Presentation of The Lord, Candlemas</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Daniele Maestri RIP
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
Friday 3rd <i>St Laurence of Canterbury, Bishop, Memorial</i> <i>St Blaise</i> <i>First Friday</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Mary Walsh
	7:30pm	<i>Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament</i>
	8:00pm	Elaine McGing
Saturday 4th <i>First Saturday</i>	8:00am	<i>First Saturday Devotions</i>
	9:00am	Josette & Pierre Kisnorbo
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Confessions (Day Chapel)</i>
Saturday 4th	5:00-5:50pm	<i>Confessions (Day Chapel)</i>
	6:00pm	Angela Nassif RIP
Sunday 5th Fifth Sunday (A) <i>Racial Justice Day</i>	8:00am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	Canon Acton RIP (From the staff at SJF School)
	11:00am	Francis Gracias RIP
	6:30pm	John Culleton RIP (10th Anniversary)

Deacon Fred Carter RIP:

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Deacon Fred Carter on Monday 9th January. Funeral Arrangements:

Tuesday 7th February 2023

- Reception of the Body and Mass - 4:30pm

Wednesday 8th February 2023

- Requiem Mass - 12 noon
- Burial at 2pm (Private to Family)

Family flowers only.

Donations in lieu of flowers to St Raphael's Hospice:

<https://www.straphaels.org.uk/appeal/donate>

Parish Business:

No parish business this week.

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.

Parish Advisory Council:

The next PAC Meeting takes place on Monday 30th January at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall

Funerals:

Please remember the families in your prayers.

Audrey Soosaipillai RIP:

Requiem Mass - Monday 30th January at 10:00am.

Maria Moncado RIP:

Requiem Mass - Monday 6th February at 12:45pm.

Brenda Muggeridge RIP:

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

First Friday:

Friday 3rd February. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30pm followed by Mass at 8pm.

First Saturday Devotions:

Rosary and keeping Our Lady company within Adoration and Benediction on Saturday 4th February from at 8am to 8:45am.

Feast of the Presentation/Candlemas:

The Feast of the Presentation will be observed on Thursday 2nd February. 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 Friday 3rd February, the feast of St. Blaise.

Racial Justice Day - Second Collection next weekend:

Next weekend there will be a second collection for the Catholic association for Racial Justice. This collection is taken to support the work of the Catholic Church to promote racial justice in our schools, parishes and in wider society.

Food Collection - Next Weekend:



Next weekend we are collecting for the Wimbledon Foodbank. They urgently need: UHT/Long Life Milk, Long Life Fruit Juice/Squash, Rice, Tinned Meat, Tinned Tomatoes.

Youth Club:

Parent volunteers are urgently needed in order for our parish youth club to continue. If you are able to help on a rota basis, please speak to one of the leaders. The next meeting is on Friday 3rd February from 7:30pm-9pm in the hall for those in school year 6 and above.

Over 60's Club:

Thursday 2nd February from 1pm to 3pm in the Church hall, all welcome

St John Fisher Youth Club:

Friday 3rd February from 7:30pm to 9pm in the hall for school year 6 and above.

Missio Christmas Crib Collection - Thank you:

We have received a letter of thanks from Missio for the £417.02 raised by our 2022 crib appeal. Please see the noticeboard for more information.

Mass of Healing on Friday 11th February:

There will be a Mass of Healing on Saturday 11th February at 11am, the Feast of our Lady of Lourdes and the World Day of prayer for the Sick. Mass will be followed by refreshments in the Hall. If you know anyone who needs transport to come to this Mass, please ring or email the Parish Office.

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.

Used Stamps:

Jesuit Missions are very grateful for all donations of stamps. Please continue to collect your used stamps and put them in the box at the back of Church.

Fr. Pontian:

We thank Fr. Pontian for his ministry in our Parish during the month of January in the absence of Fr. Matthias and Fr. Francis. We wish him well as he leaves us to continue his apostolate elsewhere.

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

Ursuline Preparatory School - Open Events:

The first open event of the academic year will take place on Wednesday 1st February 2023 at 9:30am with a second event on Wednesday 15th March at 9.30am. For more information, please visit the schools website:

<https://www.ursulineprep.org/admissions/open-events>

Childrens' & Families' Activities Coordinator:

Do you have a heart for children? Do you have the vision to develop the work our team already does through carefully chosen birthday presents, outings, Polka Theatre workshops, activity camps and holidays to give these youngsters new opportunities and to help them know that they are special? To find out more go to:

<https://www.christiancaremerton.org.uk/volunteering> or phone the CARE Coordinator on: 07932 628840

Grief in Loss, Hope in Christ:

If you are mourning the death of a loved one, this weekend may be for you. It's being held at Aylesford Priory from March 24-26; cost £230 single, £210 shared. For more details phone 01622 717272 or email reception@thefriars.org.uk

Marriage Week:

This annual event takes place from February 7-14. If you are fortunate enough to be in a marriage you should look after it – and there are several ways of doing just that: visit <https://marriage-week.org.uk/>

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 **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.**

