

Fisherman's Herald
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph (B) - 31st December 2023
St John Fisher Church



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Part of the R. C. Archdiocese of Southwark Charity No: 1173050
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 Parish Office: **CLOSED UNTIL MONDAY 8TH JANUARY 2024**

MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 30th	5:00-5:50pm 6:00pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>) John Hassan RIP
Sunday 31st <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph (B)</i>	8:00am 9:30am 11:00am 6:30pm	Leszek Jedrzejczyk RIP Jeanne D'Arc Bejjani RIP Matt & Matthew T O'Meara People of The Parish
Monday 1st <i>Mary, The Holy Mother of God</i>	9:30am 10:00am 4:00pm	<i>Rosary</i> Ida Britto RIP Angela Deane RIP <i>Peace Service</i>
Tuesday 2nd <i>Sts Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen</i>	8:30am 9:00am	<i>Rosary</i> Sister Vianney RIP Larch Family
Wednesday 3rd	8:30am 9:00am 9:30am	<i>Rosary</i> Tony Addeh Keaveney Family <i>Legion of Mary (Day Chapel)</i>
Thursday 4th <i>The Beatified Martyrs of the Diocese</i>	8:30am 9:00am 9:30-10:30am	<i>Rosary</i> Julian & Heather Desmier Alf & Maria Jessiman <i>Weekly Adoration</i>
Friday 5th	8:30am 9:00am 7:30pm 8:00pm	<i>Rosary</i> Thelma & Nigel Lobo <i>Exposition</i> Peter Healy RIP
Saturday 6th	8:00-8:45am 9:00am 9:30-10:30am	<i>First Saturday Devotions</i> Shirley & Adrian Donoghue Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
Saturday 6th	5:00-5:50pm 6:00pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>) Gaetana Ginex Bonomo RIP (7th Anniversary)
Sunday 7th <i>The Epiphany of The Lord (B)</i>	8:00am 9:30am 11:00am 3:00pm 6:30pm	Marlene Saldanha RIP Moussaid Family People of The Parish <i>Baptism Service</i> Sophia Lobo

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

Today is the Feast of the Holy Family, there will be prayers said for Family Life at all Masses.

Bank Holiday - Monday 1st January 2024:

Mass will be at 10am.

Peace Service:

On Monday 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 2024. There will be refreshments in the hall afterwards.

Parish Business:

No Parish Business this week.

Parish Office:

Closed until Monday 8th January. Please email merton@rcaos.org.uk if you have any queries. Please call 0208542 6355 with any urgent enquires and speak to a member of the Clergy.

Funerals:

Please remember the families in your prayers.

Peter Wright RIP:

Requiem Mass - Friday 5th Jan 2024 at 12:30pm.

Carmel Ball RIP:

Requiem Mass - Thurs 11th Jan 2024 at 12:30pm.

Kate Colthup RIP:

Requiem Mass - Tuesday 16th Jan 2024 at 2:00pm.

An Expression of Gratitude:

On behalf of our parish family, I wish to say thanks to all the individuals and groups who have contributed so much to the life of the parish this year, by their services and ministries. We thank also those who recently signed up to join the voluntary services in the parish through the 'Time and Talents Appeal'. Thanks also to the editorial team of Talkabout Magazine, the S.V.P, Catechists, Choirs, Altar Servers, Readers, Collectors, Welcomers, Church Cleaners, Gardeners and Decorators. May we continue in our commitment and service of the parish, to make our Lord Jesus known and loved in the coming year. - *Fr Francis*

Wimbledon Foodbank Collection Next Weekend:

Next weekend the Justice & Peace group are collecting for the Wimbledon Foodbank. They need: Sugar, Shampoo, Jam, Biscuits, UHT Milk, Deodorant.
Please bring donations to the hall before Mass.

Thank You

Father Francis and Fr Joseph thank you for your generous Christmas Offerings and many gifts, cards and good wishes received, which help make Christmas a very happy time in the presbytery.

Crib Offering - Catholic Children's Society:

Every penny you donate will go into the Catholic Children's Society's Southwark Crisis Fund to provide emergency support for families in our Archdiocese. Visit www.cathchild.org.uk for more information.

Sr Catherine RIP:

Prayer service after the 11am Mass on Sunday 14th January and every 2nd Sunday each month.

First Friday:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30pm followed by Mass at 8pm on Friday 5th January.

First Saturday Devotions:

Rosary & keeping Our Lady company within Adoration and Benediction on Saturday 6th January, 8am- 8:45am.

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.

Baptism Service:

All those families who have had a baby baptised during 2023 are invited to the church on Sunday 7th January 2024, at 3pm for a service. There will be refreshments in the church hall afterwards.

Used Stamps:

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

Time & Talents - Volunteers Appeal:

Your parish of St John Fisher, Merton needs **YOU** and your talents and time! Please pick up a form as you leave Church if you are able to help.

Repository -Volunteer Needed:

For about an hour each Sunday before and after the 9.30 Mass to help in the Repository. If interested speak to the clergy or contact the Parish Office.

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 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

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.



**NO CHURCH ATTENDANCE SLIPS THIS WEEKEND
DUE TO THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY**

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.

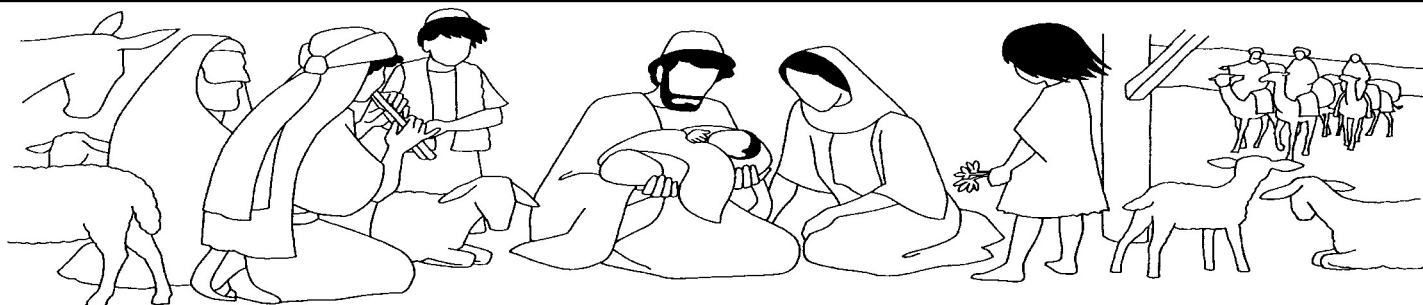
Hospital:

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

Please remember in your prayers the sick and housebound of our parish **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, Jim Cosgrove and Natalie Williams.**



The Clergy offer New Year's Greetings to all parishioners, and pray that God will bless all our efforts during 2024, And that in the spirit of Christmas, one of peace and goodwill will remain in the hearts of all.

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 Web: www.st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk

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

