



Fisherman's Herald
Third Sunday of Easter (C) - 4th May 2025
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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 & Thursday from 9am to 2pm.**

MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 3rd	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	6:00pm	Eugene McCarthy RIP
Sunday 4th	8:00am	Domnic Fernandes RIP
	9:30am	Dominic Prior RIP
Third Sunday of Easter (C)	11:00am	People of The Parish
	4:00pm	<i>Our Lady Procession</i>
	6:30pm	Ann Quinn (Intentions)
Monday 5th	9:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	10:00am	Selina Paul
		Claire Sullivan RIP
Tuesday 6th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Eileen & Michael Intentions
		John Cooney RIP
Wednesday 7th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Andrew Sharkey RIP
		Reginaldo Cabral (Health & Wellbeing)
Thursday 8th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Robert Challoner RIP
		David O'Reilly RIP (1st Anniversary)
<i>Bidding Prayers</i>	9:30-10:30am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
Friday 9th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Margaret Standford RIP
		Susan Webb RIP
	6:30pm	<i>Confessions (Confessional)</i>
<i>Jubilee Mass</i>	7:00pm	The Terminally Ill
Saturday 10th	9:00am	Daniel McKay RIP (Anniversary)
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Confessions (Confessional)</i>
Saturday 10th	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	6:00pm	George & Leonilda Hills RIP Anniversary
Sunday 11th	8:00am	People of The Parish
	9:30am	Maria Addeh
Fourth Sunday of Easter (C)	11:00am	Teofilo RIP Anniversary
<i>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</i>	6:30pm	Dr Lawrence John Lobo & Sophia Lobo & Children

May Marian Procession in honour of Our Lady:

We have now begun the month of May. For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of May to honour Mary, the Mother of God. There will be a special devotion, Procession and Crowning of the Statue of Our Lady today at 4:00pm. Ave Maria!!!

Pope Francis - Rest In Peace:

Please pray for the repose of the soul of our Holy Father, Pope Francis. We join the universal Church in nine consecutive days of mourning- April 26th to May 4th (Novemdiales). Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him, may he rest in peace. Amen.

Priest Training Fund - Second Collection

Next Weekend:

The priesthood has always been essential to the life of the Church, from the time of Jesus until today. Good Shepherd Sunday is the day we pray for vocations, for our priests, and take up the Priest Training Fund second collection. This fund pays for the formation of men to become priests in our Archdiocese. After their ordination, our priests dedicate their lives to serving Christ and His people in our parishes, hospitals, schools, chaplaincies, prisons and in service to the needy, throughout South London, Kent and Surrey. We are blessed to have 9 men in formation to the Priesthood for our Archdiocese. However, it costs £30,000 a year to sponsor each seminarian. They study for 6 years before being ordained a Catholic priest. We therefore rely on your generous support and prayers. Please support our priests of the future with a gift today. Thank you!

- Donate Online: www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF
- Or Scan QR Code using telephone camera
- Telephone weekdays 9 am – 5 pm: 020 7960 2504
- Cash / Cheque – please use the Priest Training Fund envelopes at the back of church.



Justice & Peace Food Collection - Today:

This weekend we are collecting for **Christian Care**. They appreciate: Basmati Rice, Tinned Tuna, Corned Beef, Pasta Sauce, Biscuits, Crisps - bags of 6, Tea bags - boxes of 40, Tinned Ham, Hot dogs, Chopped Tomatoes, Sweet Corn.

Please bring donations to the hall before Mass.

Funerals:

Please remember the families in your prayers.

Michele Mongiovi RIP:

Requiem Mass on Tuesday 13th May at 12:30pm.

Sean Deane RIP:

Requiem Mass on Wednesday 21st May at 11am.

Tea / Coffee - 8am Mass - Today:

There will be tea/coffee served in the hall after the 8am Mass today. All Welcome.

St John fisher Primary School:

We have spaces available for children born between the 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022 in our Nursery and for children born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 in our Reception class, both for an immediate start. <https://youtu.be/1YIZnkrT0Xg>

We also have spaces available for September start in the Nursery and Reception Classes. Please contact Mrs Aldred for more information and to book a visit – 0208 540 2637.

Parish Business:

Monday 5th May from 7pm to 8pm.

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Please note that Monday 5th May is a bank holiday, Mass will be at 10am.

Sister Catherine RIP - Prayer Service:

Sunday 18th May after the 11am Mass.

Jubilee Mass - Friday 9th May:

The parish will be celebrating Jubilee Mass every Friday at 7:00pm. Confessions starts at 6:30pm.

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

St Joseph Support Group:

The parish is organising an opportunity for those who are bereaved. This group is offering support to help prevent isolation and to support each other on the ongoing grief journey. Please call this number 07712443964 if you would like to attend. The next gathering will be on Weds 7th May from 1:30pm-3pm in the parish hall.

Confirmation - Saturday 22nd November 2025:

Please download a registration form from www.stjohnfishermerton.co.uk/confirmation.php and return it to the parish office with a copy of the baptism certificate (for those currently in school year 7).

First Holy Communion Programme - June 2026:

Please download the registration form on our website to register for First Holy Communion next year (for those children currently in school year 2)

<http://www.stjohnfishermerton.co.uk/firstholychommunion.php>

Reading At Mass:

Are you able to help with reading at the Saturday evening Mass once every 4-5 weeks? So roughly 10 times a year? Full support and training is available. Please contact a member of the Clergy.

Church Cleaning - May:

Cleaning of the Church on Wednesday 14th and 28th May at 9:30am. New volunteers welcome.

Cathedral Mass Celebrating Marriage:

If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th or any later wedding anniversary this year, you are invited to renew your marriage vows at a Mass to be celebrated at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, at 3pm on July 12. Please mail to mflsw@rcaos.org.uk the following details: your full names, address, phone number, anniversary being celebrated and parish.

Pope Francis RIP - St George's Cathedral:

Solemn Memorial Mass on Sunday 4th May at 12 noon at St George's Cathedral, Celebrated by Archbishop John Wilson. A book of condolences is available to sign in the Cathedral.

Merton Interfaith Walk - Saturday 31st May 2025:

10am. A 5 mile challenge walk to visit local faith sites including our church. Please see Church noticeboard for more information or visit our parish Facebook page for the itinerary. All proceeds go to The Merton Homeless Project – Faith in Action.

Jubilee Celebration at Aylesford Priory:

Southwark Archdiocesan Jubilee Celebration, The Friars, Aylesford on Saturday 7 June 2025. As a parish we are organising a coach to join the celebration. If you would like to book a seat on the coach, please enter your contact details on the registration form in the narthex. Cost is £20 per person.

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. Catholic Chaplains at ST GEORGE'S, Tooting, their number is: 020 8725 3069 email catholicchaplains@stgeorges.nhs.uk

PLEASE COMPLETE A SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE SLIP
(SLIPS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF CHURCH FOR THOSE IN SCHOOL YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6)

Please remember in your prayers the sick and housebound of our parish **Bernie Simmons, Mike Cairns, Seeta Seenayah, Margaret Pumford, Ronald Grostate, Douglas Desmier, Anastasia Coyle, Kenneth Crowe, Christina Duffy, Thomas Ivan Grostate, James Walsh, Richard Skeehan, John Myles, Charles Lusack, Grant Cozens, Malcolm Varran, Catherine Yeats, Rita Platel, Edward Alvares, Christine Henderson, Johnny Simmonds, Patricia Anderson, Irene McGrenra, Anthony Carter, Louis Gouveia, Joseph McGahren, John Heffron and Jim Cosgrove.**



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

