

**Fisherman's Herald**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter (B) - 5th May 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 & Thursday from 9am to 2pm.**



**MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK**

<b>Saturday 4th</b>	6:00pm	George & Leonilda Hills RIP Anniversary	
<b>Sunday 5th</b>	8:00am	Selina Paul	
<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter (B)</b>	9:30am	John Davis RIP	
	11:00am	Neville Desmier (T/G)	
	6:30pm	People of The Parish	
<b>Monday 6th</b>	9:30am	<i>Rosary</i>	
<b>Bank Holiday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Jane Gracias	
		Jonathan Neesom (W/B)	
<b>Tuesday 7th</b>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>	
	9:00am	Kate Colthup RIP Electa & Eloide Almeida	
<b>Wednesday 8th</b>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>	
	9:00am	Sister Paschal RIP (Anniv.)	
	6:00pm	Elizabeth Power	
<b>Thursday 9th</b>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>	
	9:00am	Ellen Shanahan RIP (Anniv.)	
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>	
	<i>Bidding Prayers</i>	7:30pm	Kitty Doyle RIP
<b>Friday 10th</b>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>	
	9:00am	Daniel McKay RIP (Anniv.)	
	7:30pm	<i>Holy Spirit Novena</i>	
	8:00pm	Derek Kean RIP (5th Anniv.)	
<b>Saturday 11th</b>	9:00am	Maria Addeh	
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Confessions (Confessional)</i>	
	7:30pm	<i>Holy Spirit Novena</i>	
<b>Saturday 11th</b>	5:00-5:50pm	<i>Confessions (Confessional)</i>	
<b>Sunday 12th</b>	6:00pm	Mary Cormack RIP	
	8:00am	Marie Lourdes Chedembrun	
	9:30am	People of The Parish	
	11:00am	Mary & George Donaghue RIP	
	<i>World Communications Sunday</i>	12noon	<i>Sr. Catherine Prayer Service</i>
		6:30pm	Nicola Paoli (Intentions)
	7:30pm	<i>Holy Spirit Novena</i>	

**Mary, the "Queen of May":**

Traditionally, Catholics devote the whole month of May to celebrating and honouring Mary, the Mother of Jesus, the Lord. Mary is even sometimes known as the 'Queen of May'. There is a "May Crowning", where the statue of Mary is crowned and even adored with flowers.

**Rite of Election - 1st Holy Communion Candidates:**

At the 9:30am Mass today.

**Tea / Coffee - After 8am Mass:**

Today and on the first Sunday of every month there will be Tea/Coffee served in the Church Hall after the 8am Sunday Mass. Everyone welcome.

**Food Collection - Christian Care - This Weekend:**

This weekend we are collecting for Christian Care. They appreciate: Biscuits, Cooking Oil, Tins of Fish/Meat, Tins of Fruit & Toiletries.

Please bring donations to the hall before Mass.

**Bank Holiday - Monday 6th May:**

- Mass will be at 10am
- No parish business this week
- Parish office will be closed

**Second Collection - Next Sunday to support CCN:**

CCN is The Catholic Communications Network This collection supports the work of the Catholic Communications Network (CCN), the media office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The CCN seeks to be of service both to the Church and the world in offering professional channels of communication, and provides support for the Bishops of England and Wales and the wider Church in promoting the Gospel through the media on current issues.

**Funerals:**

Please remember the families in your prayers.

**Rita Aguiar RIP:**

Requiem Mass - Tuesday 14th May at 12:30pm.

*(For catering purposes, if you are planning to attend Rita's wake in our parish hall, please contact Canute at [canuted@hotmail.com](mailto:canuted@hotmail.com))*

**Elaine Moniz RIP:**

Requiem Mass - Friday 31st May at 12:30pm.

**Church Cleaning - May:**

Cleaning of the Church on Wednesday 8th May and Wednesday 22nd May at 9:30am. New volunteers welcome.

**Prayer Service - Sister Catherine - Next Sunday:**

Prayer Service to keep alive the memory of Sr Catherine RIP. after the 11am Mass next Sunday.

**42nd Street Dance Band - Saturday 11th May:**

Our new parish social committee have arranged their first fundraising event. Please see the poster at the back of Church for more details. Ticket cost: £10.

### **Mass for New Catholics:**

Bishop Philip will celebrate a special Mass for new Catholics who were baptised and received into the Church at Easter on Saturday 23rd May at 2pm at St Anselm's Church, 309 Balham High Road, SW17 7BA. This joyous occasion is to celebrate your faith journey.

### **Novena to the Holy Spirit 2024:**

The Novena to the Holy Spirit for the reunion of Christendom begins on Friday 10th May and ends on Saturday 18th May 2024. The novena prayer starts at 7:30pm and ends with a Holy Mass in the Church at 8pm.

### **Nursery Places - St John Fisher Primary School:**

Afternoon Nursery places available for September 2024. There is also an opportunity for children to start an hour earlier and join lunch club (chargeable) where they can have lunch together. Please call Mrs Aldred for more information. <https://www.st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk/>

### **First Holy Communion Programme - June 2025:**

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/firstholycommunion.php>

### **Confirmation - Saturday 16th November 2024:**

Please download a registration form from [www.stjohnfishermerton.co.uk/confirmation.php](http://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).

### **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 13. In order to receive a personal invitation from Archbishop John, email [mflsw@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflsw@rcaos.org.uk) with your names, address, phone number, anniversary and parish.

### **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.

### **A Day With Mary:**

Sunday 12th May at the National Shrine of Our Lady, Walsingham. Please see poster on Church noticeboard for more information or visit: [www adaywithmary.org](http://www adaywithmary.org)

### **Catholic Association Pilgrimage to Lourdes:**

23rd-30th August. See poster on the Church noticeboard for more information or visit: [www.tangney-tours.com](http://www.tangney-tours.com)

### **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 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)

### **Youth 2000 Retreat - Saturday 11th May:**

Sacred Heart Church, Wimbledon is a jam-packed one-day event, where we come together as a community of young adults in prayer and friendship. The retreat is an invitation to come as you are, and to come and see who Jesus is and what He can do in your life.

Sacred Heart Church, Edge Hill, SW19 4LU from 10am to 10pm on Saturday 11th May.

<https://www.youth2000.org/events/london2024>

### **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](mailto:catholicchaplains@stgeorges.nhs.uk)

Please remember in your prayers the sick and housebound of our parish **Maura Chhabra, Thomas Ivan Grostate, Pierre & Josette Kisorbo, Patricia Sherren, James Walsh, Zia Esaw, Ivan Fernandes, Ravi Aumeerun, Richard Skeehan, Ceris Cook, Charles & Anna Lusack, Grant Cozens, Malcolm Varran, Catherine Yeats, Kitty McVey, Rita Platel, Edward Alvares, Christine Henderson, Johnny Symmonds, Patricia Anderson, Irene McGrenra, Anthony Carter, Louis Gouveia, 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*

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

