

Fisherman's Herald

The Second Sunday after The Nativity (C) - 2nd January 2022

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Parish Office: Monday & Thursday - 9am to 2pm



PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 1st	6:00pm	John Redding RIP
Sunday 2nd	8:00am	Mary Lepcha RIP (1st Anniversary)
Second Sunday after The Nativity (C)	9:30am	James & Marie O'Byrne RIP
	11:00am	Kevin McKeown
	4:00pm	Peace Service
	6:30pm	People of The Parish
Monday 3rd <i>The Beatified Martyrs of the Diocese</i>	10:00am	Mabel Platel
Tuesday 4th	9:00am	Marjorie Stevenage RIP
Wednesday 5th	9:00am	Thanksgiving
<i>Vigil Mass of Epiphany</i>	6:00pm	Marie Geal
Thursday 6th <i>The Epiphany of The Lord</i>	9:00am	John Golden RIP
	9:30-10:30am	Weekly Adoration
	7:30pm	Jennifer Grever RIP
Friday 7th	9:00am	Jack Lonergan RIP
Saturday 8th	9:00am	Sophia Lobo
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions (Hall)
Saturday 8th	6:00pm	Gaetana Ginex Bonomo RIP (5th Anniversary)
Sunday 9th <i>The Baptism of The Lord (C)</i>	8:00am	Nicholas D'Silva RIP
	9:30am	Kathleen - Intentions
	11:00am	People of The Parish
	4:00pm	Baptism Service
	6:30pm	Eileen Ramford RIP

Covid 19 Omicron Variant- Guidance for Churches:

The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have made the following recommendations in the wake of Covid 19 Omicron Variant:

- Anyone displaying any symptoms of Covid 19 should stay at home and not travel to church or participate in person.
- Hand sanitizer provided in Church should be used when entering and leaving the Church building.
- That the practice of wearing face coverings (both covering nose and mouth) during the act of worship should be strictly adhered to unless exempted
- To ensure good ventilation/air saturation in the Church building. Given the current climatic conditions, this might imply wrapping up well when coming to church.
- That those engaged in any pastoral ministry which involves visiting the sick and housebound should take regular lateral flow tests to ensure it is safe to do so.
- That those who have not yet been vaccinated or received the booster jab should be encouraged to do so, when able.

Sunday Teas & Coffee:

After the 9:30 & 11 o'clock Mass today.

Bank Holiday - Monday 3rd January:

Mass will be at 10am on Monday 3rd January.

Epiphany (Holyday of obligation):

This solemnity will be celebrated on Thursday 6th January 2022. The program of Masses will be as follows: Wednesday 6pm (vigil), 9am & 7.30pm on Thursday.

Peace Service:

There will be a Peace Service today 2nd January at 4pm in the Church. A collection will be taken during the service to support the work of Pax Christi, the International Catholic Movement.

There will be refreshments in the Hall afterwards

Baptism Service:

All those families who have had a baby baptised during 2021 are invited to a service next Sunday at 4pm in the Church. There will be refreshments in the church hall afterwards.

Eucharistic Adoration:

Thursday 6th Jan from 9:30am to 10:30am in Church.

Confessions:

There will be Confessions on Saturday 8th Jan in the Hall, from 9:30am-10:30am.

Christmas Break:

Fr. Matthias and Fr. Francis will be taking a Christmas break. During their absence Fr. Vincent Nnatuannya (CSSp.) will be looking after the Parish. Please use the Parish email address or ring the Parish office in case you need anything.

We Miss You Cards:

A good number of our parishioners have not yet returned to the celebration of Sunday Mass. If you know anyone in this category, please take them a card from the back of the Church. Don't forget to fill in the name of the Parish for them to know where the Card is coming from.

Faith in Action - Food Collection - Next Sunday:

On Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th Jan we will be collecting for Faith in Action, drop in for the homeless. They appreciate: Cereal bars and protein bars, Multi-packs of crisps, Small juice cartons, Sugar, Small, ring-pull, tins of Sardines, Mackerel fillets, Corned beef, Sweetcorn, Jars of peanut butter.

Sr. Catherine, RIP

Next Sunday 9th January and on every 2nd Sunday of the month, there will be a prayer session in the Church at 2pm to keep alive the memory of Sr. Catherine who served our Parish for over 40 years. Please help us spread the word via all your contacts and come along to pray for Sr. Catherine and our Parish.

Confirmation-November 2021:

There is a follow up meeting for all young people of the parish confirmed in November last year. The meeting will take place in the Parish Hall on Thursday, 27th January at 7.00 pm. The meeting coincides with our parish participation in the Synodal Process currently taking place. During the meeting, the young people will have an opportunity to share their own thoughts and ideas about the questions being raised and how they can best be supported in their faith. Everyone confirmed in the parish last year should attend.

White Flower Appeal - Sunday 16th January:

There will be a second collection at all Masses on Sunday 16th January to support this appeal. For more information about it please read the advert on the notice board at the back of the Church or take a leaflet with you from the back of the Church

Mission Appeal by the Comboni Missionaries:

The Comboni Missionaries commonly known as Verona Fathers will be appealing in our Parish on the weekend of 22nd/23rd January. All Masses will be said by a Priest from their Congregation and a second collection will be taken to support this appeal.

Missio:

Thank you for helping us to raise £200 for MISSIO (red box) by making a donation when borrowing books or buying second-hand items, and donating your loose change when buying from the Repository.

Mothers Prayers Group:

Resumes on Friday 7th January at 9.30am in the Day Chapel. Do come and pray for your children/grandchildren. All welcome.

Children's Liturgy:

Will resume on Sunday 9th January.

RCIA:

Meetings will resume on Tuesday 11th January at 8pm in the Presbytery.

Catholic Children's Society - Crib Offering:

We are collecting once again this year for the Catholic Children's society Southwark Crisis fund. Every penny donated provides direct support to local children and families in Southwark who are facing a crisis in their lives.

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 to those parishioners who contribute generously towards the running costs of the Parish. In case anyone wishes to make donations in this regard, please use any of the following 3 ways:

1. Please email merton@rcaos.org.uk for a pledge form
2. Continue to use your weekly gift aid envelopes
3. Donate to our parish justgiving page:

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-john-fisher-merton

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

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.

School Supplementary Forms:

If you have a school supplementary form that needs to be signed, please drop it in the Parish letter box. You will be contacted once it has been signed.

Fr. Francis and Fr. Matthias would like to thank all Parishioners for their generous Christmas offerings and other gifts which helped to make Christmas a very happy time in the Presbytery.

The Parish clergy offer New Year's Greetings to all Parishioners and pray that God will bless all our efforts during 2022

NO SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE SLIPS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE