

Fisherman's Herald
The Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) (C) - 2nd February 2025
St John Fisher Church



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 Fr Francis Nonyelu, Fr Joseph Edem, Deacon Tom Kavanagh
 Parish Office: **Monday & Thursday from 9am to 2pm.**

MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK			Feast of the Presentation/Candlemas:
Saturday 2nd	6:00pm	Elizabeth & Patrick Whelan RIP	<p>Today is the Feast of the Presentation. Masses will begin with the blessing of candles in the Narthex.</p> <p>Food Collection - This Weekend: 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. <i>Please bring donations to the hall before Mass.</i></p> <p>Tea / Coffee - 8am Mass Today: There will be tea/coffee served in the hall after the 8am Mass today. All Welcome.</p> <p>Parish Business: Parish business on Monday 3rd February, 7pm- 8pm.</p> <p>Blessing of Throats on 3rd February: There will be a blessing of throats at the end of Mass on Monday 3rd February, the feast of St. Blaise.</p> <p>Healing Mass: Mass of Healing on Saturday 15th February at 11am followed by refreshments in the hall.</p> <p>First Friday - 7th February: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30pm followed by Mass at 8pm.</p> <p>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).</p> <p>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/firstholycommunion.php</p> <p>Church Cleaning - February: Wednesday 5th and Wednesday 19th February after the 9am Mass. New volunteers are welcome.</p> <p>Funerals: Please remember the family in your prayers. Patrick Lynch RIP: Requiem Mass - Thursday 20th February at 11am.</p> <p>Sr Catherine RIP - Prayer Service - Next Sunday: Prayer service after the 11am Mass next Sunday 9th February and every 2nd Sunday of the month.</p> <p>Repository - Volunteer: Can you spare 30 minutes on a Saturday once a month? Please contact Delia & Canute 07944 692920</p>
Sunday 2nd	8:00am	Daniele Maestri RIP	
<i>The Presentation of The Lord</i>	9:30am	Marjorie Cooper RIP	
	11:00am	Barbara Desmier (Thanksgiving)	
<i>Candlemas</i>	6:30pm	People of the Parish	
Monday 3rd	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>	
St Lawrence of Canterbury	9:00am	Thomas (Health & Wellbeing)	
<i>St Blaise</i>		Remembrance of Doyle & Coyle Families	
Tuesday 4th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>	
	9:00am	Urania & Manuel Pocas Bernadette Keefe RIP	
Wednesday 5th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>	
<i>St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr</i>	9:00am	Rosario DeSouza RIP Souls in Purgatory & Deceased Members of Ngassa Family	
Thursday 6th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>	
<i>Sts Paul Miki & Companions</i>	9:00am	Eileen & Michael (Intentions) Daire O'Gallchobhair	
<i>Bidding Prayers</i>	9:30-10:30am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>	
Friday 7th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>	
<i>First Friday</i>	9:00am	John Culleton RIP	
	7:30pm	<i>Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament</i>	
	8:00pm	John Melly RIP Anniversary	
Saturday 8th	9:00am	Doris Moor Douglas	
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Confessions (Confessional)</i>	
Saturday 8th	5:00-5:50pm	<i>Confessions (Confessional)</i>	
	6:00pm	Paul Patrick D'Sa RIP Anniversary	
Sunday 9th	8:00am	Shirley Donaghue (Intentions)	
<i>Fifth Sunday of The Year (C)</i>	9:30am	Private Intention	
	11:00am	Patrick D'Sa Birthday	
	Noon	<i>Sr Catherine Prayer Service</i>	
	6:30pm	People of the Parish	

Help Needed For 'Talkabout' Parish Magazine:

We are seeking new volunteers to join the editorial team and help produce our much loved quarterly parish magazine. If you would like to help, please contact the parish office via merton@rcaos.org.uk

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

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.

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.

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.

Feast of Our Lady Pilgrimage to Fatima:

from London Gatwick 7 nights £799 per person (including flights and full board) and daily Mass. Leaving 9th May 2025 To make an initial reservation or for further information contact Delia & Canute on 07944 692920.

The Romero Rosary:

Archbishop John Wilson has written a new book entitled The Romero Rosary. With introductory chapters about St Oscar Romero and the rosary, this beautiful and creative new book contains reflections on the traditional mysteries of the rosary (Joy, Light, Sorrow & Glory) and the NEW Romero Mysteries (Charity, Compassion and Mercy, & Justice and Peace) - all illumined for reflection and prayer by the words of St Oscar Romero. The book is available from Pauline Bookshops and online at www.paulineuk.org. The Archbishops warmly invites everyone to the book launch on Wednesday 12 February 2025 at 6.00 for 6.30pm at Amigo Hall, adjacent St George's Cathedral, Southwark, South London. SE1 7HY.

A Year of Hope: Introduction to the Jubilee Year:

How can we respond to Pope Francis' call to be "tangible signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year? Find out by watching this inspirational event (find it and other Jubilee resources at cafod.org.uk/jubilee). Featuring Fr Jan Nowotnik, Director of Mission at the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, CAFOD Director Christine Allen and more. Discover how we can act in faith and in love as pilgrims of hope this Holy Year.

Medjugorje Apostolate Annual Retreat:

7th - 9th March 2025 at the Kairos Centre, Roehampton, London led by Fr Marinko Šakota OFM Fr Marinko was the parish priest in Medjugorje from 2013 to 2022 having served there as an assistant priest from 2010 to 2013. The retreat is residential but there are places for day participants. For more information please contact Paul Spencer at pilgrimsofmary@hotmail.com or on 07710567183

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 **Jim Kelly, Ceris Cook, Christina Duffy, Melina Pinto, Sean Deane, Thomas Ivan Grostate, James Walsh, Richard Skeehan, John Myles & Stewart Christopher 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.**



Our Parish Primary School is

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

