

Fisherman's Herald
The Eighth Sunday of The Year (C) - 2nd March 2025
St John Fisher Church

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Parish Office: **Monday & Thursday from 9am to 2pm.**



MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

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| Saturday 1st | 6:00pm | Danny & Joanie Hallissey & Family |
| Sunday 2nd <i>The Eighth Sunday of The Year (C)</i> <i>Day for the Unemployed</i> | 8:00am | Joanna Saldanha (Wellbeing) |
| | 9:30am | Igoe Family (Intentions) |
| | 11:00am | Patrick Canavan (Intentions) |
| | 6:30pm | People of the Parish |
| Monday 3rd | 8:30am | Rosary |
| | 9:00am | Angela & Marcus Conroy |
| | 12:30pm | <i>Requiem: Maura Chhubra RIP</i> |
| Tuesday 4th | 8:30am | <i>Rosary</i> |
| | 9:00am | Alf & Maria Jessiman |
| Wednesday 5th <i>Ash Wednesday</i> | 8:30am | <i>Rosary</i> |
| | 9:00am | Michael Tully (Intentions) |
| | 7:30pm | Deidre Mulhall (Intentions) |
| Thursday 6th <i>Bidding Prayers</i> | 6:45am | Eileen Tully (Intentions) |
| | 8:30am | <i>Rosary</i> |
| | 9:00am | Michael Glynn RIP (2nd Anniversary) |
| | 9:30-3:00pm | <i>Weekly Adoration</i> |
| Friday 7th <i>First Friday</i> <i>Woman's World Day of Prayer</i> | 6:45am | Patrick Devers RIP |
| | 8:30am | Rosary |
| | 9:00am | Francis Saldanha |
| | 7:30pm | <i>Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament</i> |
| | 8:00pm | Terry Doyle RIP |
| Saturday 8th | 9:00am | Deceased Members of Conroy Family |
| | 9:30-10:30am | Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>) |
| Saturday 8th Sunday 9th <i>The First Sunday of Lent (C)</i> | 5:00-5:50pm | Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>) |
| | 6:00pm | Jim, Mary & Tommy |
| | 8:00am | Cresso Scarlett (Intentions) |
| | 9:30am | Walsh Family (Intentions) |
| | 11:00am | Kitty McVey RIP |
| | Noon | <i>Sr Catherine Prayer Service</i> |
| | 4:00pm | <i>Stations of The Cross</i> |
| 6:30pm | People of the Parish | |

Theme of the Jubilee Year 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

Pope Francis has declared the theme for the Jubilee Year 2025 as "Pilgrims of Hope" inspired by the words of St Paul in his letter to the Romans: "Hope does not disappoint" (Romans 5:5). This theme calls on all Catholics to embark on a spiritual journey, trusting in God's mercy and love. Hope is a central virtue in Christian life. It sustains us during trials, helps us remain faithful to God's promises, and inspires us to work for a better world. The Jubilee invites us to become pilgrims, both physically and spiritually, journeying towards a deeper relationship with Christ.



The Holy Season of Lent:

This year the Lenten Season begins on Wednesday 5th March. Lent is a time of self-renewal as we prepare to celebrate the Paschal Mystery. The 3 important pillars of the Lenten Season are: Fasting, Prayer, and Almsgiving. Prayer offers us a very special opportunity to grow in our relationship with God and to deepen our commitment to a way of life, rooted in our baptism. Fasting and almsgiving are intended to help us to subdue our desires. During Lent God needs us to look deep within ourselves and reflect. He wants our hearts. We pray that this Lenten Season will be a journey of faith that will lead us to a more intimate relationship with God and with each other.

Ash Wednesday & Masses during Lent:

There will be two Masses on Ash Wednesday, at 9am and 7.30pm. From Thursday 6th March there will be two daily Masses during Lent on Monday to Friday, at 6.45am and at 9am.

Called to Bear Fruit consultation:

In his recent pastoral letter, Archbishop John requested that small groups of parishioners should meet together to reflect on the themes of this consultation and to provide feedback to help shape the future of our Archdiocese. The suggested format for these meetings and the six themes for discussion are set out in the booklets which accompanied the pastoral letter and which are available in the narthex. We are now inviting parishioners to set up such groups with between 4 and 7 people in each. To enable this to get underway, we invite parishioners who are interested to meet in the church at 7.30pm on the first Monday of Lent (10 March). Groups would then meet in subsequent weeks.

Parish Business:

Parish business on Monday 3rd March, 7pm- 8pm.

First Friday - 7th March:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30pm followed by Mass at 8pm

Pray for Pope Francis:

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, continues treatment for bilateral pneumonia, with a stable yet gradual recovery. Let us unite in fervent prayer for his healing and strength.

Faith in Action Food Collection - Today:

This weekend our parish Justice & peace group are collecting for Faith in Action, drop in for the homeless. They appreciate: Packet soups (especially Chicken), Pot Noodles or similar, Multi-packs of Crisps, Packets of biscuits, Ring-pull cans of Mackerel, Tuna or Sardines, Protein Bars, Jars of Jam, Marmalade & Honey. Please leave donations in the narthex.

Tea / Coffee - 8am Mass Today:

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

The Jubilee Year: Eucharistic Adoration:

In this season of Lent we are extending the hours of our Thursday weekly adoration from 9:30am to 3:00pm. There will be Afternoon prayer of the Church at 2:45pm and Divine Mercy prayer at 3:00pm. Please indicate the hours you wish to stay with Jesus by filling in the form at the back of the Church.

Jubilee Mass:

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

Funerals:

Please remember the families in your prayers.

Maura Chhubra RIP:

Requiem Mass - Monday 3rd March at 12:30pm.

William Ryan RIP:

Requiem Mass - Tuesday 11th March at 11:30am.

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

Jubilee of Hope 2025:

Candles will be sold by the Jubilee of Hope Youth Group during Sunday Masses on 16th March in support of the Pilgrimage to Rome.

Day By Day - Lent Books:

Available from the back of Church. Suggested donation: £1.

World Day of Prayer:

World Day of Prayer, prepared by Christian women of the Cook Islands, celebrated on Friday 7th March at Christchurch, West Wimbledon, SW20 0RZ at 10.30 am. All are welcome.

Lenten Lunch - In support of Wimbledon Food Bank:

you are warmly welcomed for homemade soup, a roll and tea or coffee in the church hall, 12.30 till 2pm every Friday of Lent and Maundy Thursday.

Sr Catherine RIP - Prayer Service - Next Sunday:

Prayer service after the 11am Mass next Sunday 9th March and every 2nd Sunday of the month.

Gift Aid envelopes:

Boxes of envelopes for the coming financial year will be available at all Masses from next weekend. If you are in the scheme, please collect yours. You will need to give your Gift Aid number which you can find on your current envelopes.

Church Cleaning - March:

Wednesday 5th & 19th March after the 9am Mass. New volunteers are welcome.

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 Nicola Moriarty and she can be contacted at merton@rcaos.org.uk. If you have any concerns please contact her immediately.

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 **Douglas Desmier, Anastasia Coyle, Kenneth Crowe, Ceris Cook, Christina Duffy, 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.**



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

