

**Fisherman's Herald**  
**The Thirty-First Sunday of the Year (B) - 3rd November 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 2nd</b>	6:00pm	Gerald Fox RIP
<b>Sunday 3rd</b>  <i>Thirty-First Sunday (B)</i>	8:00am	Marlene Saldanha RIP
	9:30am	Patrick D'Sa RIP
	11:00am	Jimmy Brophy RIP
	6:30pm	People of the Parish
<b>Monday 4th</b> <i>St Charles Borromeo, Bishop</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Deceased Members of the McNicholl Family  Merton Goan Widows Group & Families
<b>Tuesday 5th</b>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Deceased Clergy & Religious Brian Egan RIP
<b>Wednesday 6th</b>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Holy Souls  Michael Cunningham RIP
<b>Thursday 7th</b> <i>Bidding Prayers</i> <i>The Dedication of the Cathedral Church of St George</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Deceased Members of the Aguiar & Fernandes Families Terry Sheridan & Family
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
<b>Friday 8th</b>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Mr & Mrs Paganuzzi  Siobhan Williams
<b>Saturday 9th</b> <i>The Dedication of The Lateran Basilica</i>	9:00am	Sid Miles RIP
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions ( <i>Confessional</i> )
<b>Saturday 9th</b>	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions ( <i>Confessional</i> )
	6:00pm	Marcella (Thanksgiving)
<b>Sunday 10th</b> <i>Thirty-Second Sunday (B)</i> <i>Remembrance Day</i>	8:00am	Deceased Members of Tully Family
	9:30am	People of the Parish
	11:00am	Dead of Two World Wars
	Noon	<i>Sr Catherine Prayer Service</i>
	6:30pm	Tadevsz Motyka RIP (1st Anniversary)

**Holy Souls - November - Month of Remembrance:**

Cards and envelopes are available at the back of the Church for parishioners. You write the names of your deceased relatives and friends on the card and put your offering for the Holy Souls in the envelopes. The names of the Holy Souls have been placed before the Altar and will be remembered during the month of November.

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

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.

**Blessing of Graves - Today:**

On Sunday 3rd Nov at 2:30pm there will be a short service outside the chapel at the Merton and Sutton Joint Cemetery in Garth Road. Following it, clergy will be available to bless individual graves of any relatives or friends of parishioners who are buried there or in the Morden Cemetery/Crematorium. Those who visit a cemetery between 1st and 8th November and pray for the faithful departed may obtain a plenary indulgence applicable to the holy souls.

**Funeral:**

Please remember the family in your prayers.

**Catherine 'Kitty' McVey RIP:**

Requiem Mass on Monday 4th November at 11:10.

**Parish Business:**

Parish business on Monday 4th November, 7pm to 8pm.

**Faith in Action Food Collection - This Weekend:**

This weekend our parish Justice & peace group are collecting for Faith in Action, drop in for the homeless. They appreciate: Packed lunch items, Cereal Bars & Protein Bars, Multi-packs of Crisps, Multi-packs of small Juice Cartons, Sugar, Small ring-pull tins of Sardines or Mackerel fillets, Tins of Corned Beef, Tins of Sweetcorn, Jars of Peanut Butter and Jam.

*Please leave donations in the narthex.*

**Archbishop's Appeal 2nd Collection - 9th/10th Nov:**

The Archbishop's Appeal is a Diocesan second collection that funds key areas of ministry: Youth and Evangelisation, Our Faith in Action (Caritas) and Clergy Care and Formation. Your support will enable the Archdiocese of Southwark to support innovative projects taking place within Catholic parishes and Schools throughout South London and Kent that seek to invest Faith, Hope and Love into the communities they serve. Please be generous to the Archbishop's Appeal 2024. Every gift is welcome. Find out more, or donate online: [www.rcaos.org.uk/archbishops-appeal](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/archbishops-appeal) Thank you for your generosity of heart.



### **Confirmation Ceremony – Saturday 16th November:**

Canon Gerard Bradley, the Episcopal Vicar of the Southwest Area will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation in our Parish on Saturday 16th November at 10am. Please note that there will be no 9am Mass or morning Confessions on that day.

### **Parish Volunteers Get Together - Sat 23rd Nov:**


Father Francis would like to invite all volunteers of the parish, to a get together in the hall after the 6pm Mass on Saturday 23rd November, to enjoy some food and wine. This is a way of saying: 'Thank you' to all volunteers. Please add your name to the list at the back of Church if you are able to attend.

### **St John Fisher Christmas Fair - Sat 14<sup>th</sup> December:**

11am-3pm in the Parish Hall. Save the date for this special Christmas event. Next weekend we will be collecting donations for the **Home Made Goods Stall**. There is a box in the narthex for all your donations of jam preserves, chutneys and fruit cakes. Please bring donations of cakes to the hall on the morning of the fair. If you would like to stall or would like to volunteer to run a stall, please email the parish office. Please see noticeboard at the back of Church for more information.

### **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)

### **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.

### **Church Cleaning - Weds 6th & 20th November:**

New volunteers welcome.

### **Senior Citizens - Christmas Party:**

The Christmas celebration for our senior citizens takes place on Saturday 7th December beginning with Mass at 11:30am, followed by lunch in the hall. Anyone who would like to attend please let us know ASAP.

### **Sister Catherine RIP - Prayer Service:**

Sunday 10th November after the 11am Mass. Prayer service to keep alive the memory Sr Catherine RIP.

### **Repository:**

Repository (Parish Shop) is open every WEEK before & after 9.30am Sunday Mass AND ALSO before & after 6.00pm Saturday Mass.

### **42<sup>nd</sup> Street Band Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024:**

7pm-11pm in the Parish Hall. You are all invited to this very popular evening of music and dance- back by popular demand. Tickets available from the Parish office – please get them early before they sell out.

### **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.

### **A Day with Mary:**

Please visit [www.adaywithmary.org](http://www.adaywithmary.org) or see the poster on Church noticeboard for dates and more information.

### **Wimbledon College - Job Vacancy:**

Teaching Support Assistant vacancy at Wimbledon College. Visit [www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk/jobopportunities](http://www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk/jobopportunities) under 'about us'/'job opportunities' or apply by online application form via eteach [www.eteach.com/job/teaching-support-assistant-1448569](http://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-support-assistant-1448569) Closing date: 12noon on 4th November

**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 **Christina Duffy, Melina Pinto, Sean Deane, Maura Chhabra, Thomas Ivan Grostate, Patricia Sherren, James Walsh, Ravi Aumeerun, Richard Skeehan, John Myles & Stewart Christopher Myles, Charles & Anna 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.**



**NO SCHOOL SLIPS THIS WEEKEND DUE TO THE HALF TERM HOLIDAY**

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

