

Fisherman's Herald
The Epiphany of The Lord - 5th January 2025
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

Saturday 4th	6:00pm	Maria Moncado RIP
Sunday 5th	8:00am	People of the Parish
The Epiphany of The Lord	9:30am	Mary Farrell (Intentions)
	11:00am	Shirley & Adrian Donaghue
	6:30pm	Renato Paoli (Intentions)
Monday 6th	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Eileen & Michael (Intentions)
Tuesday 7th	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Brendan Coyne (Intentions)
Wednesday 8th	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Nicholas D'Silva (Thanksgiving)
Thursday 9th <i>Bidding Prayers</i>	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Deacon Fred Carter RIP (2nd Anniversary)
	9:30-10:30am	Weekly Adoration
Friday 10th	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Femy Cabache RIP
Saturday 11th	9:00am	Joan McGuy (Birthday)
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
Saturday 11th	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	6:00pm	Sophia Lobo
Sunday 12th The Baptism of The Lord (C)	8:00am	Michael & Eileen Tully
	9:30am	Marcellina Chiejina
	11:00am	Sharon Peck RIP
	12noon	Sr Catherine Prayer Service
	3:00pm	Baptism Service
	6:30pm	People of the Parish

Crib Offering - Catholic Children's Society:

Every penny you donate will go into the Catholic Children's Society's Southwark Crisis Fund to provide emergency support for families in our Archdiocese. Visit www.cathchild.org.uk for more information.

Annual Holiday/Vacation:

Fr Francis will be on his annual vacation in the month of January. Please contact Fr Joseph if you need the attention of a priest.

Food Collection - This Weekend:

Our Parish Justice and Peace Group are collecting for the Wimbledon Foodbank this weekend. They appreciate: Shampoo, Sugar, Jam, Biscuits, UHT Milk, Deodorant.



Please bring donations to the hall before Mass

Sister Catherine Prayer Service:

Next Sunday, 12th January after the 11am Mass.

Parish Business:

Parish business on Monday 6th January, 7pm- 8pm.

Christmas Fair Meeting:

Review of Christmas fair meeting on Thursday 9th January 2025 at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall. Any volunteers or stall holders involved are all welcome to attend as a follow up to the event.

Baptism Service:

All those families who have had a baby baptised during 2024 are invited to the church next Sunday 12th January 2025, at 3pm for a service. There will be refreshments in the church hall afterwards.

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

Over 60's Club:

Our parish over 60's club returns on Thursday 9th January from 1pm to 3pm in the church hall.

Church Cleaning:

Wednesday 8th January after the 9am Mass. New volunteers are welcome.

Fr Agnelo Mass:

Sunday 19th January 2025 at 2pm. All welcome to the Fr Agnelo Birth Anniversary Mass. After Mass we gather in the hall next door. Do bring a plate of food for general sharing. Teas and coffee served. Contact Delia & Canute for further details .

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.

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.

Building A Better Marriage:

This is a one-day marriage-enrichment course aimed at couples with average-to-good marriages who would like to try and make them better. There is no charge and no group sharing. Couples have the opportunity individually to explore their relationship and levels of communication, which is the key to relationship. These BABM days start at 9.30am and finish by 4.30pm. Dates and venues for 2025 are: March 15, East Sheen; April 12, West Croydon; June 28, Kingston-upon-Thames; and September 13, Amigo Hall, Southwark. More details – T: 07983 524 727 or E: mflkent@rcaos.org.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.

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.

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

MASS ATTENDANCE SLIPS RESUME NEXT SUNDAY



The Clergy offer New Year's Greetings to all parishioners, and pray that God will bless all our efforts during 2025, And that in the spirit of Christmas, one of peace and goodwill will remain in the hearts of all.

Please remember in your prayers the sick and housebound of our parish **Dominic Prior, Ceris Cook, Christina Duffy, Melina Pinto, Sean Deane, Maura Chhabra, Thomas Ivan Grostate, James Walsh, Richard Skeeahan, 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.**



Our Parish Primary School is

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Email: school@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk Web: www.st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/stjohnfisherprimary>

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

