

Fisherman's Herald
The Fifth Sunday of Lent (C) - 6th April 2025
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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

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| Saturday 5th | 6:00pm | Colman & Maureen Flaherty |
| Sunday 6th | 8:00am | Domnic Justin (Thanksgiving) |
| The Fifth Sunday of Lent (C) | 9:30am | Eileen & Michael (Intentions) |
| | 11:00am | People of the Parish |
| | 4:00pm | <i>Stations of The Cross</i> |
| | 6:30pm | Dr Lawrence John Lobo, Sophia Lobo & Children |
| Monday 7th | 6:45am | Patricia Campbell RIP |
| | 8:30am | <i>Rosary</i> |
| | 9:00am | Yvette (Thanksgiving) |
| | 12 noon | <i>Requiem: Leonor Gosling RIP</i> |
| Tuesday 8th | 6:45am | Lizzie O'Donnell RIP |
| | 8:30am | <i>Rosary</i> |
| | 9:00am | Fares Moussaid RIP (5th Anniversary) |
| Wednesday 9th | 6:45am | Martha Rebello RIP |
| | 8:30am | <i>Rosary</i> |
| | 9:00am | Ilma Tong RIP |
| | 7:30pm | <i>Stations of The Cross</i> |
| Thursday 10th <i>Bidding Prayers</i> | 6:45am | Áiné Morgan RIP |
| | 8:30am | <i>Rosary</i> |
| | 9:00am | Carol Okoroafor-Ossai RIP |
| | 9:30-3:00pm | <i>Weekly Adoration</i> |
| Friday 11th <i>Jubilee Mass</i> | 6:45am | Thanksgiving |
| | 8:30am | <i>Rosary</i> |
| | 9:00am | Anna Lusack RIP |
| | 6:30pm | Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>) |
| | 7:00pm | The Persecuted Church |
| Saturday 12th | 9:00am | Ivan (Thanksgiving) |
| | 9:30-10:30am | Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>) |
| Saturday 12th | 5:00-5:50pm | Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>) |
| | 6:00pm | Michael Kavanagh RIP (1st Anniversary) |
| Sunday 13th <i>Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord (C)</i> | 8:00am | Engracio DeSouza RIP (1st Anniversary) |
| | 9:30am | Leszek Jędrzejczyk RIP (10th Anniversary) |
| | 11:00am | Philomena Canavan RIP |
| | 4:00pm | <i>Exposition</i> |
| | 4:45pm | <i>Evening Prayer of the Church</i> |
| | 6:30pm | People of the Parish |

Hope in Adoration:

As part of the Jubilee Year, Archbishop John is encouraging people to turn to the Lord Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration and have their hopes "fulfilled by Christ".

The campaign, Hope in Adoration, will share testimonies from parish priests and laity throughout the year on how Eucharistic Adoration has helped them build a closer relationship with the Lord Jesus. Resources will also be made available for free and there is a comprehensive list of times of Eucharistic Adoration in parishes across the Archdiocese. Find out more about the campaign at www.rcaos.org.uk/hopeinadoration

Happy Easter:

As Easter approaches, the parish clergy wish all the parishioners who are travelling a very happy and blessed Easter, filled with joy, peace and the renewed hope of the Resurrection. Happy Easter. *Fr Francis*

Holy Week and Easter Programme:

The Holy Week and Easter programme is now available. We have included a copy with this newsletter.


Pastoral Letter on End-of-Life-Bill:

Archbishop John Wilson has issued a Pastoral Letter regarding the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill to be read at all Masses this weekend. He urges all Catholics to contact their MP and stop assisted suicide from being rushed into law. The charity Right to Life UK offers a simple online tool that allows individuals to submit a message to their MP at righttolife.org.uk/asvote. Additionally, they have provided postcards that you can use to send a message to your MP on this important issue.

Tea / Coffee - 8am Mass Today:

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

Food Collection - Wimbledon Foodbank - Today:

This weekend we are collecting for the Wimbledon Foodbank. They appreciate: UHT  Milk, Tinned Fish, Tinned Veg (Peas, Carrots, Sweetcorn, Mixed). Squash// Long Life Juice (Not Chilled), Noodles. No Food Containing Alcohol. Toiletries: Toothpaste / Toothbrush, Shampoo.

Please bring donations to the hall before Mass.

Palm Sunday - Next Weekend:

A day on which we celebrate the Lord's entry into Jerusalem. Palms will be blessed at all Masses. The 11am Mass will begin in the Hall with the Blessing of the Palms, followed by a Procession to the Church with a Solemn Reading of the Passion according to St Luke. In the afternoon there will be: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 4pm-5pm concluding with Evening Prayer of the Church at 4:45pm.

Parish Business:

Parish business on Monday 7th April, 7pm- 8pm.

Masses during Lent:

There are two daily Masses during Lent on Monday to Friday, at 6.45am and at 9am.

Funerals:

Please remember the families in your prayers.

Leonor Gosling RIP:

Requiem Mass on Monday 7th April at 12 noon.

Jeremy 'Jerry' Mavin RIP:

Requiem Mass on Tuesday 15th April at 12:30pm.

Lenten Lunch - In support of Wimbledon Foodbank:

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.

Jubilee Mass:

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

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

Prayer for the Sanctity of all human life, specifically concerning Assisted Suicide:

All parishioners are invited to join a Holy Hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament for the sanctity of all human life on 15th April, Tuesday of Holy Week from 9:30am to 10:30am.

CAFOD - Thank You:

We have received a letter of thanks from CAFOD for our latest donation of £489 for the recent lent family fast day.

Jubilee Celebration at Aylesford Priory:

Archbishop John is inviting all of us to the Southwark Archdiocesan Jubilee Celebration at The Friars, Aylesford on Saturday 7 June 2025. It promises to be a great day. Find out more from the poster in the porch or by visiting aec.rcaos.org.uk/jubileecelibration.

Pre-booking for the 90-minute ministry sessions for children (KS1+2) and young people (KS3+4) will commence at 11 am on Wednesday 30 April at aec.rcaos.org.uk/jubileecelibration. The organisers are also asking for volunteers to help on the day. If you might like to help, register to volunteer at bit.ly/southwarkhelper.

Church Cleaning:

Wednesday 16th and Wednesday 30th April 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 mertonsgl@safeguardrcaos.org.uk. If you have any concerns please contact her immediately.

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).

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/firstholychommunion.php>

Merton Interfaith Walk:

Saturday 31st May 2025 10am. A 5 mile challenge walk to visit local faith sites including our church. Please see Church noticeboard for more information or visit our parish Facebook page for the itinerary. All proceeds go to The Merton Homeless Project – Faith in Action.

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

**NO SCHOOL SLIPS THIS WEEKEND
DUE TO THE EASTER HOLIDAYS**

Please remember in your prayers the sick and housebound of our parish **Seeta Seenayah, Margaret Pumford, Ronald Grostate, 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.

