

**Fisherman's Herald**  
**The Second Sunday of Advent (C) - 8th December 2024**  
**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**

<b>Saturday 7th</b>	6:00pm	Peter & Kay Healy RIP
<b>Sunday 8th</b>  <i>Second Sunday of Advent (C)</i>	8:00am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	Sister Catherine RIP
	11:00am	Canon Acton RIP (2nd Anniversary) & Sister Catherine RIP (5th Anniversary)
	Noon	<i>Sr Catherine Prayer Service</i>
	6:30pm	Kate & Michael Igoe RIP
<b>Monday 9th</b>  <i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Leslie D'Sa RIP (Anniversary) Sonny Hearty RIP
	8:00pm	Barry Norman RIP
<b>Tuesday 10th</b>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Sister Catherine RIP  Karen Cummings RIP
<b>Wednesday 11th</b>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Rosary Prayer Group (Thanksgiving)  All Souls in Purgatory & Deceased members of Ngassa Family
<b>Thursday 12th</b>  <i>Bidding Prayers</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Anthony Betts RIP (Anniversary)  Euphrasia Paul
	9:30-3:00pm	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
<b>Friday 13th</b>  <i>St Lucy, Virgin &amp; Martyr</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Shirley Donaghue (Intentions) Aubrey & Rita Platel (Intentions)
<b>Saturday 14th</b>  <i>St John of the Cross</i>	9:00am	Neville D'Souza RIP
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions ( <i>Confessional</i> )
<b>Saturday 14th</b>	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions ( <i>Confessional</i> )
	6:00pm	Deceased Members of Langan & Melly Family
<b>Sunday 15th</b>  <i>Third Sunday of Advent (C)</i>  <i>Gaudete Sunday</i>	8:00am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	Sister Catherine RIP
	11:00am	Alfonso, Antionetta & Michael Proto RIP
	6:30pm	Aoife Betts RIP (Anniversary)

**Spirituality Commission Advent Reflection:**

Archdiocese of Southwark Spirituality Commission is sending a daily email reflection and we trust that you will find this a helpful aid to your Advent prayer. Please visit [tinyurl.com/adventreflections2024](http://tinyurl.com/adventreflections2024) to subscribe

**Advent Season:**

The Holy season of Advent began last Sunday, it is the start of a New Liturgical Year. The Church not only wishes to indicate the beginning of a period but the beginning of a renewed commitment to the faith by all of us who follow Christ, the Lord. We are encouraged to use this time as a prayerful preparation for the birth of Christ in our hearts. This Season is an opportunity to make Christmas 2024 a worthy celebration of the Lord's birth, as we welcome him anew into our hearts.

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

after 11am Mass. Prayer service to keep alive the memory Sr Catherine RIP.

**Anniversary Mass at 11am today:**

Mass at 11am today for Canon Acton RIP (2nd Anniversary) and Sister Catherine RIP (5th Anniversary). Tea and Coffee will be served after Mass in the hall.

**Advent talks:**

A series of four short DVD Advent talks by Fr Stephen Wang (founder of the Sycamore project and currently Rector of the English College in Rome) will be shown in the hall on the next two Mondays at 7.30pm. The first two this Monday will be on the 'Search for Happiness' and 'a God who speaks'.

**Thursday Adoration in Advent:**

The parish Thursday Adoration is extended in the Advent season from 9:30am to 3:00pm. We say together the Afternoon Prayer of the Church at 2:30pm, the Divine Mercy Prayer at 3:00pm and we conclude with the Benediction. Please choose your adoration time and fill in the adoration form time slot at the back of the Church.

**Christmas Decorations/Flower Collection:**

This weekend there is a second collection for our church flowers and Christmas decorations. This annual collection allows our church decorating team to purchase beautiful flowers for the entire year.

**Christian Care Christmas Collection:**

This Weekend we are collecting for hampers for needy families. Items required: Sparkling non-alcoholic drink/ fruit juice, Large or mini Christmas Pudding, Chocolate/ Sticky toffee Puddings, Mince Pies, Chocolate Log, Stollen, Tin / Box Chocolate or Fancy Biscuits, Tin / Box Shortbread, Tin Fruit, Tin Custard, Cranberry Sauce, Stuffing, Gravy, Box Chocolates, Children's sweets. Please bring items to the hall before Mass.

### **Parish Business:**

Parish business on Monday 9th December, 7pm- 8pm.

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

11am-3pm in the Parish Hall. We still need donations of mince pies and cakes (boxed/shop bought). Please bring donations of homemade cakes to the hall on the morning of the fair. 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.

### **Help Needed For 'Talkabout':**

After many years of dedicated service, two valued members of the Talkabout Editorial Team, Marianne and Marina, will be stepping down from their roles. As a result, we are now seeking new volunteers to join the team and help produce our much-loved quarterly parish magazine. This is a wonderful opportunity to get involved in an essential part of our parish life, and we'd love to have you on board! We are looking for individuals who can help in a variety of ways. Would you be interested in assisting with the layout and design of the magazine? Alternatively, if you have good communication skills, you might enjoy helping liaise with our existing advertisers and sourcing new ones to support the magazine financially. These volunteer roles are an excellent way to contribute to our parish community, gain new skills, and work as part of a friendly and supportive team. Whether you have experience or are looking to learn something new, there's a place for you on the Talkabout team! If you'd like to learn more about these opportunities or have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak with Melissa or one of the clergy. They can provide you with more information and connect you with the rest of the editorial team. We look forward to hearing from you and hope you'll consider lending your time and talents to this important parish project. On behalf of the parish we sincerely thank Marianne & Marina for their services. Thank You!!!

### **Funeral:**

Please remember the family in your prayers.

### **Rena Phillips RIP:**

Requiem Mass on Monday 23rd December at 11am.

### **Day By Day Advent Books:**

Available at the back of Church, cost £1.

### **Church Cleaning - December:**

Wednesday 4th and 18th December at 9:30am.

New volunteers 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 Mrs Ursula O'Byrne and she can be contacted on 07943800663. If you have any concerns please contact her immediately.

### **Spirituality Commission Advent reflections:**

The Spirituality Commission will be sending daily reflections during Advent featuring Scripture, thoughts and prayers. You can sign-up to receive them directly into your inbox each morning here: [tinyurl.com/adventreflections2024](https://tinyurl.com/adventreflections2024).

### **St George's Cathedral Carol Service - 12 December:**

Carol Service at St George's Cathedral on Thursday 12 December at 7.30pm.

### **Wimbledon College - Job Vacancies:**

Full Time Learning Support Assistant SEN and Kitchen Supervisor. Visit: <https://www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk/jobopportunities> for more information.

**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, 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.**



**PLEASE COMPLETE A SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE SLIP**  
(SLIPS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF CHURCH FOR THOSE IN SCHOOL YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6)

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

