

**Fisherman's Herald**  
**The Fifth Sunday of The Year (C) - 9th February 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**

<b>Saturday 8th</b>	6:00pm	Paul Patrick D'Sa RIP Anniversary
<b>Sunday 9th</b> <i>Fifth Sunday (C)</i>	8:00am	Shirley Donaghue (Intentions)
	9:30am	John Melly RIP Anniversary
	11:00am	Patrick D'Sa Birthday
	Noon	<i>Sr Catherine Prayer Service</i>
	6:30pm	People of the Parish
<b>Monday 10th</b> <i>St Scholastica</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Bridie Fitzgerald RIP (1st Anniversary)
<b>Tuesday 11th</b> <i>World Day for the Sick</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Emmanuel Chiejina
<b>Wednesday 12th</b>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Private Intention
<b>Thursday 13th</b> <i>Bidding Prayers</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Eileen Tully (Intentions)
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
<b>Friday 14th</b> <i>Sts Cyril, Monk &amp; Methodius, Bishops</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	John Shanahan RIP Anniversary
<b>Saturday 15th</b>	9:00am	Pamela Grostate RIP (17th Anniversary)
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions ( <i>Confessional</i> )
	11:00am	<i>Healing Mass</i>
<b>Saturday 15th</b>	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions ( <i>Confessional</i> )
	6:00pm	Max Fernandes RIP Anniversary
<b>Sunday 16th</b> <i>Sixth Sunday (C)</i>	8:00am	Jane Gracias (Birthday)
	9:30am	Neil & Hazel (Intentions)
	11:00am	Kitty Mc Vey RIP
	6:30pm	People of the Parish

**Parish Business:**

Parish business on Monday 10th February, 7pm- 8pm.

**Healing Mass:**

Mass of Healing on Saturday 15th February at 11am followed by refreshments in the hall.

Confessions are available before Mass.

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

Prayer service after the 11am Mass today and every 2nd Sunday of the month.

**Confirmation - Saturday 22nd November 2025:**

Please download a registration form from- [www.stjohnfishermerton.co.uk/confirmation.php](http://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/firstholycommunion.php>

**Church Cleaning - February:**

Wednesday 19th February after the 9am Mass. New volunteers are welcome.

**Funerals:**

Please remember the families in your prayers.

**Anna Lusack RIP:**

Requiem Mass - Thursday 13th February at 11am.

**Dominic Prior RIP:**

Requiem Mass - Monday 17th February at 11am.

**Patrick Lynch RIP:**

Requiem Mass - Thursday 20th February at 11am.

**Maura Chhubra RIP:**

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

**Racial Justice - Second Collection - Next Weekend:**

Next weekend there will be a second collection for the Catholic Association for Racial Justice. This collection supports the work of the Catholic Church to promote racial justice in our schools, parishes and in wider society.

**Thank You:**

We have received thank you letters from **Stella Maris, Faith in Action** and **Christian Care** for our recent donations to them. Please see the noticeboard at the back of Church for copies of the letters.

**Second Intentions:**

Fr Joseph has now returned to Nigeria for his Fathers funeral and we only have one priest available for daily Mass. As a result, any second mass intentions booked during the period whilst Father Joseph is away have been moved to the next available date.

We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause.

### **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.



### **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.

### **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.

### **A Year of Hope: Introduction to the Jubilee Year:**

How can we respond to Pope Francis' call to be "tangible signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year? Find out by watching this inspirational event (find it and other Jubilee resources at [cafod.org.uk/jubilee](http://cafod.org.uk/jubilee)). Featuring Fr Jan Nowotnik, Director of Mission at the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, CAFOD Director Christine Allen and more. Discover how we can act in faith and in love as pilgrims of hope this Holy Year.

### **A Day With Mary - Saturday 1st March:**

Westminster Cathedral. Further information is available at <https://www adaywithmary.org/>

### **Celebrate your Marriage:**

National Marriage Week is an opportunity to celebrate your marriage, a national event which runs from February 7-14. For a rich resource of information, prayers and events visit the Bishops' Conference website: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/>

### **Major Marriage Problems?**

Do you feel alone? Are you constantly frustrated or angry with your spouse? Have you stopped talking to each other? Retrouvaille may be for you. Its programme has helped hundreds of couples through difficult times in their marriages. No group therapy or group work. For confidential information about Retrouvaille or to register for the next online programme running from Feb 27 – March 2 call 07887296983 /email [info@retrouvaille.org.uk](mailto:info@retrouvaille.org.uk)

### **For the Bereaved - Grief In Loss: Hope In Christ:**

A weekend for those who have been bereaved. This weekend, from March 21-23, will take place away from the pressures of day-to-day life and can help one begin to come to terms with bereavement. It is a time for quiet, prayer, talking and acceptance. Due to the special nature of this weekend retreat, held at Aylesford Priory in Kent, places are limited and subject to a telephone call to determine if it is right for you – 01622 717 272 or email [reception@thefriars.org.uk](mailto:reception@thefriars.org.uk)

### **Building a better Marriage:**

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 their relationship. Times are 9.30am to 4.30pm. Dates and venues for 2025 are: March 15, East Sheen; April 12, West Croydon; June 28, Kingston-upon-Thames; July 5, Camberwell; September 13, Amigo Hall, Southwark; October 4, Lewisham; and November 1, Bromley. T: 07983524727 or E: [mflkent@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflkent@rcaos.org.uk)

**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 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 **Anastasia Coyle, Kenneth Crowe, Jim Kelly, 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.

Head Teacher – Ms Janine Kenna

