

Fisherman's Herald
The First Sunday of Lent (C) - 9th March 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 8th	6:00pm	Jim, Mary & Tommy
Sunday 9th	8:00am	Cresso Scarlett (Intentions)
The First Sunday of Lent (C)	9:30am	Walsh Family (Intentions)
	11:00am	Kitty McVey RIP
	Noon	<i>Sr Catherine Prayer Service</i>
	4:00pm	<i>Stations of The Cross</i>
	6:30pm	People of the Parish
Monday 10th	6:45am	Barnachea Family (Intentions)
	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Pat Conroy & Family
Tuesday 11th	6:45am	Sylvia Ella Barnachea (Thanks & Intentions)
	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	St Anthony (Thanksgiving)
	12 noon	<i>Requiem: William Ryan RIP</i>
Wednesday 12th	6:45am	Anna Lusack RIP
	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Kathleen Fitzsimmons RIP
	7:30pm	<i>Stations of The Cross</i>
Thursday 13th	6:45am	BPP Family (Intentions)
	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Ignes & Vic RIP Anniversary
	9:30-3:00pm	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
Friday 14th	6:45am	Mr & Mrs Maestri RIP
	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Maureen Heuvel (Intentions)
	7:00pm	<i>Jubilee Mass</i>
Saturday 15th	9:00am	Irene Amrein RIP
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
Saturday 15th	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	6:00pm	John & Mary Cormack RIP (1st Anniversary)
Sunday 16th	8:00am	Clara D'Sa (99th Birthday)
	9:30am	Pat Igoe RIP
	11:00am	Veronica McShea RIP
	4:00pm	<i>Stations of The Cross</i>
	6:30pm	People of the Parish

Theme of the Jubilee Year 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

Pope Francis has declared the theme for the Jubilee Year 2025 as "Pilgrims of Hope" inspired by the words of St Paul in his letter to the Romans: "Hope does not disappoint" (Romans 5:5). This theme calls on all Catholics to embark on a spiritual journey, trusting in God's mercy and love. Hope is a central virtue in Christian life. It sustains us during trials, helps us remain faithful to God's promises, and inspires us to work for a better world. The Jubilee invites us to become pilgrims, both physically and spiritually, journeying towards a deeper relationship with Christ.



Masses during Lent:

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

Called to Bear Fruit consultation:

In his recent pastoral letter, Archbishop John requested that small groups of parishioners should meet together to reflect on the themes of this consultation and to provide feedback to help shape the future of our Archdiocese. The suggested format for these meetings and the six themes for discussion are set out in the booklets which accompanied the pastoral letter and which are available in the narthex. We are now inviting parishioners to set up such groups with between 4 and 7 people in each. To enable this to get underway, we invite parishioners who are interested to meet in the church at 7.30pm on the first Monday of Lent (10 March). Groups would then meet in subsequent weeks.

Parish Business:

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

Funeral:

Please remember the family in your prayers.

William Ryan RIP:

Requiem Mass - Tuesday 11th March at 12 noon.

Jubilee of Hope 2025:

Candles will be sold by the Jubilee of Hope Youth Group during Sunday Masses next weekend in support of their Pilgrimage to Rome. '...We are a group of young Catholics from across the Archdiocese of Southwark, answering Pope Francis' invitation to meet him this Jubilee year on the 2nd of August 2025 in a meeting with Catholic Youth from around the world in Rome. To get there, we need your help. We are a group of 45 young practicing Catholics, many of whom have attended similar pilgrimages and have had our lives changed by going. Every candle bought and any donation made will be a great contribution towards our journey of faith. On this pilgrimage we will be sure to pray for you, that your generosity will be repaid one hundred fold. Thank you'

Sr Catherine RIP - Prayer Service - Today:

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

CAFOD Family Fast Day - Friday 14th March:

Please take an envelope from the back of Church and support CAFOD's Family Fast Day on Friday 14th March. For more information or to donate online, please visit: www.cafod.org.uk/lent

Pray for Pope Francis:

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis' condition remains stable with no new respiratory episodes. Let us continue to pray for the grace of healing and strength.

The Jubilee Year: Eucharistic Adoration:

In this season of Lent we are extending the hours of our Thursday weekly adoration from 9:30am to 3:00pm. There will be Afternoon prayer of the Church at 2:45pm and Divine Mercy prayer at 3:00pm. Please indicate the hours you wish to stay with Jesus by filling in the form at the back of the Church.

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

Repository - Saturday 6pm Mass:

Are you a regular at the 6 pm Mass? Could you help once a month for about 20-30 minutes. Please call 07944 6928920 for full details.

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.

Assisted Suicide:

There is a dangerous Bill which, if passed in Parliament in April, will legalise Assisted Suicide. It is therefore vital that as many of us as possible write to our MP to explain our opposition to the Bill, and ask our MP to vote against it. Leaflets are available on the table in the narthex.

Parish Shop:

St Patrick Days cards and Rosettes, Easter cards, Mass Bouquets & Mass Cards @ £1.00 each .

Church Cleaning:

Wednesday 19th March and Wednesday 2nd April after the 9am Mass.

New volunteers are welcome.

Gift Aid envelopes:

Boxes of envelopes for the coming financial year are available at all Masses this weekend. If you are in the scheme, please collect yours. You will need to give your Gift Aid number which you can find on your current envelopes.

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 merton@rcaos.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>

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**

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 **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.

