

**Fisherman's Herald**  
**The Baptism of The Lord - 12th 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.**

<b>MASS INTENTIONS &amp; PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK</b>		
<b>Saturday 11th</b>	6:00pm	Sophia Lobo
<b>Sunday 12th</b>  <i>The Baptism of The Lord (C)</i>	8:00am	Michael & Eileen Tully
	9:30am	Marcellina Chiejina
	11:00am	Sharon & Barry Peck RIP
	12noon	<i>Sr Catherine Prayer Service</i>
	3:00pm	<i>Baptism Service</i>
	6:30pm	People of the Parish
<b>Monday 13th</b>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	George Sothinathon (Thanksgiving)
<b>Tuesday 14th</b>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Jim McCarthy RIP (1st Anniversary)
<b>Wednesday 15th</b>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Carol Counsell RIP (4th Anniversary)
<b>Thursday 16th</b>  <i>Bidding Prayers</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Laura Castelli RIP
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
<b>Friday 17th</b>  St Anthony, Abbot	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Rita Aguiar RIP
<b>Saturday 18th</b>	9:00am	Terry Steel RIP
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions ( <i>Confessional</i> )
<b>Saturday 18th</b>	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions ( <i>Confessional</i> )
	6:00pm	Grace & Louis Alvares RIP
<b>Sunday 19th</b>  <i>The Second Sunday of the Year (C)</i>  <i>Peace Sunday</i>	8:00am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	Private Intention
	11:00am	Stephanie & Marcus (Thanksgiving)
	2:00pm	<i>Fr Agnelo Mass</i>
	6:30pm	Eugene McCarthy RIP

**Sister Catherine Prayer Service - Today:**  
 after the 11am Mass.

**Baptism Service - Today:**

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

**Parish Business:**

Parish business on Monday 13th January, 7pm- 8pm.

**Church Parade:**

At the 9:30am Mass next Sunday.

**First Holy Communion Candidates - Next Sunday:**

There will be a mini-penitential service for the first holy communion candidates at the 9:30am Mass on Sunday 19th January.

**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 .

**White Flower Appeal - 18th/19th Jan:**

Next Sunday there will be a second collection for the White Flower Appeal, dedicated to protecting unborn children and promoting the right to life in society. The Society for the protection of the Unborn Child appeals in Churches raise awareness of pro-life matters to parishioners and the donations we receive allows SPUC to continue our tireless work to build a culture of life. We work to educate youth, lobby politicians, mobilise pro-life activities in the community, provide support to students facing crisis pregnancies and much more.

**Peace Sunday - 19th January:**

Next Sunday, 19th January is Peace Sunday. "The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Our Vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, we work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice." Envelopes are available at the back of Church for your donations to Pax Christi. Donations can also be made on the contactless machines.

**Christian Unity Octave:**

From 18th to 25th January the Church observes eight days' prayer for Christian Unity.

### **Annual Holiday/Vacation:**

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

### **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.

### **Church Cleaning:**

Wednesday 22nd January after the 9am Mass. New volunteers are welcome.

### **Over 60's Club:**

Our parish over 60's club meets on Thursday 16th January from 1pm to 3pm in the church hall.

### **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](mailto:merton@rcaos.org.uk)

### **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.

### **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.

### **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](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 **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 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.

