

**Fisherman's Herald**  
**Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord (C) - 13th April 2025**  
**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 12th</b>	6:00pm	Michael Kavanagh RIP (1st Anniversary)
<b>Sunday 13th</b>  <i><b>Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord (C)</b></i>	8:00am	Engracio DeSouza RIP (1st Anniversary)
	9:30am	Leszek Jedrzejczyk 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
<b>Monday 14th</b>	6:45am	Mr & Mrs Lobo RIP
	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Maura Chhubra RIP
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions ( <i>Confessional</i> )
<b>Tuesday 15th</b>	6:45am	George White RIP
	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Bridie O'Halloran RIP
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions ( <i>Confessional</i> )
<b>Wednesday 16th</b> <i>("Spy Wednesday")</i>	6:45am	Thanksgiving
	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Michael Tully (Birthday)
<i>No Confessions Today</i>	7:30pm	<i>Stations of The Cross</i>
<b>Thursday 17th</b> <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	<b>No Morning</b>	<b>Mass &amp; No Exposition</b>
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions ( <i>Confessional</i> )
	5:00pm	<b>Mass for Families &amp; Elderly</b> Patrick Betts RIP Anniversary
	8:00pm	<b>Mass of The Lord's Supper</b> Rita Aguiar RIP (1st Anniversary)
	11:15pm	<i>Night Prayer of the Church</i>
<b>Friday 18th</b> <i>Friday of the Passion of the Lord</i>	<b>No Mass</b>	<i>Service for Families &amp; Elderly</i>
	11:00am	
	3:00pm	<b>Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of Our Lord</b>
<i>Good Friday</i>	7:30pm	<i>Stations of The Cross</i>
<b>Saturday 19th</b> <i>Holy Saturday</i>	<b>No Morning</b>	<b>Mass</b>
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions ( <i>Confessional</i> )
<b>Saturday 19th</b> <i>The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night</i>	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions ( <i>Confessional</i> )
	<b>No 6pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>
	8:00pm	<i>Easter Vigil</i> Michael Tully (Intentions)
<b>Sunday 20th</b>  <i><b>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of The Lord</b></i>	8:00am	Angela D'Silva RIP
	9:30am	Brierly, Morison & Marsh Families
	11:00am	Rita Aguiar RIP
	6:30pm	People of the Parish

**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER PROGRAMME**



.....Begins Today with Palm Sunday  
 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.**

**HOLY WEEK MASSES:**

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Mass will be at 6:45am and 9am as usual. Please note, there will be no 9am Mass on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Saturday NOR 6:00pm Mass on Holy Saturday.  
 The Church will be open from 7am on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday from 7am for private prayer.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY:**

Mass at 5pm for young families and the elderly who cannot come to the Celebration at 8pm: **Mass of the Lord's Supper begins at 8pm**, includes the washing of feet and concludes with watching and praying until 11:30pm at the Altar of Repose. Please try and spend some time watching. 11:15pm **Night Prayer of the Church** (Compline).

**GOOD FRIDAY:**

**Is a Day of Fasting and Abstinence.**

There will be a service at 11am for children based on the sufferings of Jesus.  
 Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of Our Lord at 3pm with the Liturgy of the word, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion. **There will be a collection for Holy Places.** Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm. Novena for Divine Mercy begins today.

**EASTER VIGIL:**

(First Mass of Easter) at 8pm including Blessing of the New Fire and the Easter Candle; The Vigil of Readings; The Liturgy of Baptism and Renewal of Baptismal Promises, wherein Zanitha Majasi Watt, Sirius Majasi Watt & Theodore Williams will be baptised.

**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.

**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*

**Easter Offerings:**

Your personal gift to the Priests of the Parish, envelopes are at the back of the Church. You may know that the Clergy do not receive a salary as such and rely upon the Christmas and Easter Offerings to supplement any income received through Mass Stipends and Stole Fees for Baptisms, Funerals, and rare Weddings.

**Parish Business:**

Parish business on Monday 14th April, 7pm- 8pm.

**Funeral:**

Please remember the family in your prayers.

**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, from 12.30 till 2pm on Thursday 17th April.

**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)

**Jubilee Mass - Friday 25th April:**

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

**Church Cleaning:**

Wednesday 16th and Wednesday 30th April after the 9am Mass. New volunteers are welcome.

**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. As a parish we are organising a coach to join the celebration. If you would like to book a seat on the coach, please enter your contact details on the registration form in the narthex. Cost is £20 per person.

**St Joseph Support Group:**

The parish is organising an opportunity for those who are bereaved. This group is offering support to help prevent isolation and to support each other on the ongoing grief journey. Please call this number 07712443964 if you would like to attend. The first gathering will be on Wednesday 30th April from 1:30pm to 3:00pm in the parish hall.

**Over 60's Group:**

Returns after the Easter break on Thursday 1st May from 1pm to 3pm.

**Repository / Parish Shop:**

Easter Cards, Sympathy Cards, Mass Cards all at £1.00 in the Parish Shop along with many books and gift ideas.

**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](mailto:mertonsgl@safeguardrcaos.org.uk). If you have any concerns please contact her immediately.

**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.**



**Funeral Arrangements for Canon John O'Toole RIP:**

The funeral Mass will be at St George's Cathedral on Friday 2nd May 2025 at 12:30pm. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.