

Fisherman's Herald
The Third Sunday of Advent (C) - 15th 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

Saturday 14th	6:00pm	Deceased Members of Langan & Melly Family
Sunday 15th	8:00am	People of the Parish
Third Sunday of Advent (C) <i>Gaudete Sunday</i>	9:30am	Sister Catherine RIP
	11:00am	Alfonso, Antionetta & Michael Proto RIP
	6:30pm	Aoife Betts RIP (Anniversary)
Monday 16th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Michelle (Health & Intentions) Michael & Eileen
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
Tuesday 17th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Rita Aguiar RIP Michael Cunningham RIP
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
Wednesday 18th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Catherine Agboegbulem Clare Hodge RIP (50th Anniversary)
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
Thursday 19th <i>Bidding Prayers</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Kate Colthup RIP (1st Anniversary) Sarah Shanahan RIP (4th Anniversary)
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	9:30-3:00pm	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
Friday 20th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Eileen & Michael Tully Kitty McVey RIP
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
Saturday 21st	9:00am	Marlene Saldanha RIP
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
Saturday 21st	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	6:00pm	Eric Larche RIP
Sunday 22nd Fourth Sunday of Advent (C)	8:00am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	Deceased Members of Conroy Family
	11:00am	Helen & Tim Daly RIP
	6:30pm	Paddy Coyne RIP (6th 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 to subscribe.

Parish Business:

Parish business on Monday 16th December, 7pm- 8pm.

Advent talks:

The final two of the 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 Monday at 7.30pm. They will be on the 'The Bible' and 'The Power of Prayer'.

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 Confession:

There will be Christmas Confession from Monday 16th December to 24th December from 9:30am to 10:30am and on Saturday 21st from 5:00pm to 5:50pm. Please note there will be no confession on Sunday 22nd December. Please check the parish Advent and Christmas leaflet available from the back of Church.

Christmas Offerings:

Your personal gift to the Priests of the Parish, envelopes are at the back of the Church. You may know that 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.

Christmas Masses:

Tuesday 24th December Vigil Mass at 6pm

Midnight Mass

at 12midnight. Carols at 11:30pm.

Christmas Day Masses (Wednesday)

8:00am, 9:30am and 11:00am.

There will be NO 6:30pm EVENING MASS.



Feast of St Stephen - Thursday 26th December:

Mass at 10am for all Altar Servers & for New Servers, who will be enrolled into the Guild of St Stephen.

Funeral:

Please remember the family in your prayers.

Rena Phillips RIP:

Requiem Mass on Monday 23rd December at 11am.

Church Cleaning - December:

Wednesday 18th December at 9:30am. New volunteers welcome.

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

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' 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

Carols Preceding the Vigil Mass:

Singing Christmas carols precedes the 6pm Vigil Mass on 24th December at St John Fisher Church from 5:30pm. Children who attend primary schools are invited to take part in acting out the Christmas story and singing carols. The rehearsal will be at 4:30pm-5:30pm on Thursday 19th December.

Senior Citizens Party - Thank You:

Thank you to everyone involved in the Christmas lunch for our senior citizens on Sat 7th Dec. It was a wonderful occasion and we are so grateful to all the volunteers who gave up their time so generously to ensure the event ran smoothly. Thank you also to our extremely generous sponsors for their support. God Bless You. Fr Francis.

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.

Talkabout - December 2024 Edition:

You can view the latest edition of our parish magazine from our website at:

www.stjohnfishermerton.co.uk/talkabout.pdf

Paper copies will be available from the back of Church next week. A donation towards printing costs is appreciated, suggested donation: £1.50.

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.

Peace Service:

On Wednesday 1st January, World Day of Prayer for Peace, we will have a Peace Service in the Church at 4.00 pm. Please do join us in prayer for Peace in the World in 2025. There will be refreshments in the hall afterwards.

Baptism Service:

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

Day By Day Advent Books:

Available at the back of Church, cost £1.

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 remember in your prayers the sick and housebound of our parish Ceris Cook, Christina Duffy, Melina Pinto, Sean Deane, Maura Chabbra, 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)

Our Parish Primary School is

St. John Fisher R. C. Primary and Nursery School, Grand Drive, West Wimbledon, SW20 9NA, Tel: 020 8540 2637

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

