

**Fisherman's Herald**  
**The Second Sunday of Lent (C) - 16th 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**

<b>Saturday 15th</b>	6:00pm	John & Mary Cormack RIP (1st Anniversary)
<b>Sunday 16th</b>  <i>The Second Sunday of Lent (C)</i>	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
<b>Monday 17th</b>  <i>St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland</i>	6:45am	Peter Long RIP
	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Rita Aguiar RIP
<b>Tuesday 18th</b>	6:45am	Irene Louisa Highmoor RIP
	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Bernie & Michael Conroy
<b>Wednesday 19th</b>  <i>St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	6:45am	Eileen Sheehan RIP
	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Rita Aguiar RIP
	7:30pm	<i>Stations of The Cross</i>
<b>Thursday 20th</b>  <i>Bidding Prayers</i>	6:45am	Maura Chhabra RIP
	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Cynthia Addeh
	9:30-3:00pm	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
<b>Friday 21st</b>  <i>Jubilee Mass</i>	6:45am	Michael O'Brien RIP
	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Joseph Okorafor RIP
	6:30pm	<i>Confessions (Confessional)</i>
	7:00pm	Peace in Ukraine and Russia
<b>Saturday 22nd</b>	9:00am	Ann Teresa O'Donnell (Int)
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Confessions (Confessional)</i>
<b>Saturday 22nd</b>	5:00-5:50pm	<i>Confessions (Confessional)</i>
	6:00pm	James Lam-Kin-Teng RIP (Anniversary)
<b>Sunday 23rd</b>  <i>The Third Sunday of Lent (C)</i>	8:00am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	Conway Family (Intentions)
	11:00am	Joseph Okorafor RIP
	4:00pm	<i>Stations of The Cross</i>
	6:30pm	Joe Grant RIP

**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.

**Parish Business:**

Parish business on Monday 17th March, 7pm- 8pm.

**Jubilee of Hope 2025:**

Candles will be sold by the Jubilee of Hope Youth Group during Sunday Masses this 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'*

**Hope in Adoration:**

As part of the Jubilee Year, Archbishop John is encouraging people to turn to the Lord Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration and have their hopes "fulfilled by Christ".

The campaign, Hope in Adoration, will share testimonies from parish priests and laity throughout the year on how Eucharistic Adoration has helped them build a closer relationship with the Lord Jesus. Resources will also be made available for free and there is a comprehensive list of times of Eucharistic Adoration in parishes across the Archdiocese. Find out more about the campaign at [www.rcaos.org.uk/hopeinadoration](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/hopeinadoration)

**Poor Parishes Second Collection Next Weekend:**

Next weekend there will be a second collection for Poor Parishes, formally the needs of the diocese collection, this collection enables the Archbishop to make grants to some of the poorer parishes in the diocese.

**1st Holy Communion Candidates - June 2025:**

Service of commitment at the 9:30am Mass today.

**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.

**CAFOD Family Fast Day - Friday 14th March:**

Please return your envelope as soon as possible. For more information or to donate online, please visit: [www.cafod.org.uk/lent](http://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](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)



**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.

**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 Parade:**

At the 9:30am Mass next Sunday for the Uniform groups.

**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](mailto: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](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>

**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 **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.

