

Fisherman's Herald
The Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year (B) - 17th November 2024
St John Fisher Church



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 Parish Office: **Monday & Thursday from 9am to 2pm.**

MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 16th	6:00pm	Deceased Members of the Melly & Langan Family
Sunday 17th	8:00am	Deceased Members of McKay Family
Thirty-Third Sunday (B) <i>World Day for the Poor</i>	9:30am	Mary Moriarty RIP
	11:00am	Sharon Peck RIP (1st Anniversary)
	6:30pm	People of the Parish
Monday 18th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	William D'Sa (Birthday) Merton Goan Widows Group & Families
Tuesday 19th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Gemma Shanahan RIP Ida Britto RIP
Wednesday 20th <i>Red Wednesday</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Sharon Peck RIP Manuel & Urania Pocas
Thursday 21st <i>Bidding Prayers</i> <i>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Ilma & Clyde Tong RIP Merton Goan Widows Group & Families
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
Friday 22nd <i>St Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Deva Paul Colman & Maureen Flaherty
Saturday 23rd	9:00am	Sister Catherine RIP
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
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	6:00pm	Tim Daly RIP
Sunday 24th <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (B)</i>	8:00am	Deceased Members of Savini Family
	9:30am	People of the Parish
	11:00am	Baby Adam Collins RIP
	4:00pm	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
	6:30pm	Patrick Lam-Kin-Teng RIP (Anniversary)

Holy Souls - November - Month of Remembrance:

Cards and envelopes are available at the back of the Church for parishioners. You write the names of your deceased relatives and friends on the card and put your offering for the Holy Souls in the envelopes. The names of the Holy Souls have been placed before the Altar and will be remembered during the month of November.

Parish Business:

Parish business on Monday 18th November, 7pm- 8pm.

Confirmation November 2024:

Congratulations to all the young people of our Parish who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. May God bless you on your journey of faith and make you faithful witnesses of the Good News of the Gospel. We thank the Catechists - Liz, Miriam, Marian and Talissa, who have been involved in the confirmation program this year. Thank you for your faithful service to our Parish. We thank the parents for their support without which the program would not have been worthwhile. Thanks also to the musicians who made the liturgy very colourful and to everyone who did something to make this day enjoyable to all who attended. The confirmation candidates raised a fantastic £1,326 in their sponsored walk. Thank you to everyone who sponsored the candidates for their generosity. May God bless you all and reward you accordingly.

Red Wednesday – 20th November:

A day of prayer and action for persecuted Christians

- Wear something red.
- Pray the Rosary: The Rosary at 8.30am on 20th November will be said for the intention of Persecuted Christians.
- Go to the 9am Mass on Red Wednesday on behalf of someone who is prevented from doing so due to their being persecuted for their faith.
- Attend Red Wednesday London Event at the Brompton Oratory Cathedral – see Justice and Peace noticeboard for information
- Inform yourself: go to : www.acnuk.org/redwednesday

Senior Citizens - Christmas Party:

The Christmas celebration for our senior citizens takes place on Saturday 7th December beginning with Mass at 11:30am, followed by lunch in the hall. Anyone who would like to attend please let us know ASAP.

Talkabout:

The deadline for articles for our parish magazine is 24th November.

Solemnity of Christ the King - Next Sunday:

- The 6:30pm Mass next Sunday 24th November (Youth Day) is being arranged by the November 2024 Confirmation group. We ask that all who were confirmed this month to attend. Refreshments will be served in the hall after Mass.
- There will be a second collection for the Catholic Youth Services. This collection supports youth work in the diocese and beyond, especially the Southwark Catholic Youth Service.
- There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 4pm in Church ending with the evening prayer of the Church.

Parish Volunteers Get Together - Sat 23rd Nov:

Father Francis would like to invite all volunteers of the parish, to a get together in the hall after the 6pm Mass on Saturday 23rd November, to enjoy some food and wine. This is a way of saying: 'Thank you' to all volunteers. Please add your name to the list at the back of Church if you are able to attend.

St John Fisher Christmas Fair - Sat 14th December:

11am-3pm in the Parish Hall. Save the date for this special Christmas event. If you have any donations for any of our stalls, there is a box in the narthex for all your donations. Please bring donations of cakes to the hall on the morning of the fair. Please see noticeboard at the back of Church for more information.

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.

World Mission Sunday (Missio) Collection:

As a parish, we raised £736.56 for World Mission Sunday (20th October). Thank you to all those who contributed to this special collection.

Church Cleaning - Wednesday 20th November:

New volunteers welcome.

Advent talks:

DVD talks will be shown in the hall on the first three Mondays of Advent at 7.30pm beginning on 2 December. The first will be on the new Lectionary, which is being introduced from 1 December, and will explain what is changing and what is not. It will be given by Fr Paul Denney who worked for four years on the editing of the Lectionary.

Christmas Cards for persecuted Christians:

The Justice and Peace Group invite parishioners to send a Christmas Card to someone in prison or persecuted for their faith. We will provide the cards, address and some information. All you need is the greeting and a stamp. Please do not make any political comment in your card. We suggest you express sympathy for their situation and promise prayers. Cards are available at the back of Church.

42nd Street Band Saturday 30th November 2024:

7pm-11pm in the Parish Hall. You are all invited to this very popular evening of music and dance- back by popular demand. Tickets available from the Parish office – please get them early before they sell out.

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.

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 **Susan Diffley, Christina Duffy, Melina Pinto, Sean Deane, Maura Chhabra, Thomas Ivan Grostate, Patricia Sherren, James Walsh, Ravi Aumeerun, Richard Skeeahan, 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

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

