



**Fisherman's Herald**  
**The Seventh Sunday of The Year (C) - 20th February 2022**  
**St John Fisher Church**  
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Part of the R. C. Archdiocese of Southwark Charity No: 1173050  
 Fr Matthias Kizito, Fr Francis Nonyelu, Deacon Fred Carter, Deacon Tom Kavanagh  
 Parish Office: **Monday & Thursday - 9am to 2pm**

**PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK**

**MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK**

<b>Saturday 19th</b>	6:00pm	Pat Igoe RIP
<b>Sunday 20th</b>	8:00am	Maureen Gallagher (Wellbeing)
<b>Seventh Sunday of the Year (C)</b>	9:30am	People of The Parish
	11:00am	Becky McCotter
	6:30pm	Argenis & William Nieves
<b>Monday 21st</b>	9:00am	Breda Conway & Family  Shirley Donaghue
<b>Tuesday 22nd</b> <i>The Chair of St Peter the Apostle</i>	9:00am	Keaveney Family  Jolene Donaghue
<b>Wednesday 23rd</b> <i>St Polycarp, Bishop &amp; Martyr</i>	9:00am	Nicholas D'Silva  Margaret O'Sullivan
<b>Thursday 24th</b>	9:00am	Private Intention  Clan Francis
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
<b>Friday 25th</b>	9:00am	Maria & Alf Jessiman  Mary Hogan
<b>Saturday 26th</b>	9:00am	Pat Igoe RIP
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Confessions (Hall)</i>
<b>Saturday 26th</b>	6:00pm	Rita Aguiar - Thanksgiving
<b>Sunday 27th</b>  <b>Eighth Sunday of the Year (C)</b> <i>Day for the Unemployed</i>	8:00am	People of The Parish
	9:30am	Romeo Francis RIP
	11:00am	Eileen Tully - Intentions
	6:30pm	Margaret Donegan RIP

**Covid 19- New Guidelines from the Catholic Bishops of England & Wales:**

Following the announcement by HM Government on 19th January that the measures put in place to mitigate against Covid virus transmission as "Plan B" will be lifted in full on 27th January, the following guidance is offered by the Bishops of England and Wales.

- The main mitigation against serious health issues arising from covid infection is to be fully vaccinated; this means two doses plus booster for anyone aged 16 or above. All those not yet vaccinated are encouraged to do so.
- Anyone displaying any symptoms of Covid 19 should stay at home and not travel to church or participate in person.
- Hand sanitizer provided in Church should be used when entering and leaving the Church building. All ministers of Holy Communion should sanitise before distributing Holy Communion.
- The practice of wearing face coverings (both covering nose and mouth) during the act of worship should continue.
- To ensure good ventilation/air saturation in the Church building. Given the current climatic conditions, this might imply wrapping up well when coming to church.
- Those engaged in any pastoral ministry which involves visiting the sick and housebound should ensure that the number of visits to different homes in a single session of visiting is managed.
- The sign of peace can now be offered again
- Holy Communion is to be given under one kind only (Sacred Host)
- Holy Water stoops may be refilled
- No need to complete Track & Trace Forms

**Confirmation - Saturday 26th November 2022:**

Bishop Paul Hendricks will administer the sacrament of Confirmation to the young people of our parish (those who will be in Year 8 in September 2022) on Saturday 26th November. Please download a registration form from [www.stjohnfishermerton.co.uk/confirmation.php](http://www.stjohnfishermerton.co.uk/confirmation.php) and return to the parish office. Please include a copy of the baptism certificate.

**Ministry of visiting the elderly and housebound:**

Anyone who is interested in visiting the senior citizens in our Parish living on their own and are lonely, please contact the Parish office.

### **First Holy Communion Parents Meetings:**

There will be a meeting for the parents of First Holy Communion candidates on Tuesday 22nd Feb (Group 1) and on Thursday 24th Feb (Group 2). Meetings start at 8pm in the Church Hall.

### **Eucharistic Adoration:**

Thursday 24th Feb from 9:30am to 10:30am in Church

### **Clergy Support Fund - 2nd Collection next weekend:**

The Clergy Support Fund of the Archdiocese of Southwark provides care for priests in their old age and retirement, and in their time of ill health. Please be generous with a gift to the Clergy Support Fund and continue to keep our priests in your prayers. Thank you!

Donate Online: <https://rcaos.org.uk/donate/csf>

QR Code (see right)

Telephone: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm:

020 7960 2504

Cash / Cheque – please use the Clergy

Support Fund envelopes at the back of church



### **RCIA:**

Tuesday 22nd February at 8pm in the presbytery.

### **Senior Citizens Group:**

Thursday 3rd March, 1pm to 3pm in the Church Hall.

### **Sister Catherine RIP:**

Sunday 13th March at 2pm, Prayer Service to keep alive the memory of Sr Catherine. Come along and join us for this short service which will be about 30 minutes and remember dear Sr Catherine who served each of us and our Parish with great zeal for so many years.

### **Mothers Prayers Group:**

Friday 25th Feb at 9.30am in the Day Chapel.

### **Parent & Toddler Group:**

Thurs 24th Feb, 9:30am - 11:30am in the Church Hall.

### **Youth Club:**

Friday 25th February from 7:30pm to 9pm in the Church hall for those in School Year 6 and above. Admission £2. Please speak to one of the leaders if you are able to help on a rota basis.

### **Children's Liturgy - Helpers:**

Please contact the parish office if you are able to help on a rota basis with the Children's liturgy at the 9:30am Mass.

### **World Day of Prayer:**

Friday 4th March at 10.30 at St John the Divine, High Path, SW19 2JY. Service written this year by Women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland & celebrated globally.

### **Fairtrade Fortnight:**

21st February to 6th March. We are a Fairtrade Parish. Please support Fairtrade.

### **Talkabout:**

Items for the March edition of Talkabout should be with the editor [talkabout@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:talkabout@blueyonder.co.uk) by 27th February.

### **Funerals:**

Please remember the families in your prayers.

### **Salvatore Maniscalchi RIP:**

Requiem Mass on Wednesday 9th March at 12noon.

### **Sheila Lawlor RIP:**

Requiem Mass on Friday 18th March at 10am.

### **Ash Wednesday & Masses during Lent:**

There will be two Masses on Ash Wednesday, at 9am and 7.30pm. After Ash Wednesday there will be two daily Masses during Lent on Monday to Friday, at 6.45am and at 9am.

### **Lenten lunch:**

Join us for a Lenten lunch of soup and a roll, tea or coffee between noon and 2pm on Fridays in Lent. Any money raised will go to Wimbledon food bank. Lenten lunch dates 4th March, 11th March, 25th March, 1st April, 8th April and finishing with Maundy Thursday 14th April.

### **Lent Course: Strength to Strength**

*the practical benefits of daily prayer:*

This six session DVD series will be shown in the Church hall on Mondays in Lent beginning on 7 March at 7.30pm: each session will last about one hour. The series is designed to give practical help to those wishing to pray more in their daily lives.

### **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.

### **DBS Checks:**

Those who missed out on having their DBS Check done in December last year should contact Ursula O'Byrne the Parish Safeguarding Representative as soon as possible.

### **Weekly Offertory Donations:**

Thank you to those parishioners who contribute generously towards the running costs of the Parish. In case anyone wishes to make donations in this regard, please use any of the following 3 ways:

1. Please email [merton@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:merton@rcaos.org.uk) for a pledge form
2. Continue to use your weekly gift aid envelopes
3. Donate to our parish justgiving page:

[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-john-fisher-merton](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-john-fisher-merton)

### **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)

### **A Day with Mary:**

Saturday 19th March from 9:30am to 5pm at Our Lady and St Peter Church, Victoria Drive, SW19. Please see the posted on Church noticeboard or visit:

[www.adaywithmary.org](http://www.adaywithmary.org) for more information.

### **Act of Spiritual Communion Prayer**

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You

NO SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE SLIPS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE