

Fisherman's Herald
The Fourth Sunday of Advent (C) - 22nd December 2024
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

Saturday 21st	6:00pm	Eric Larche RIP
Sunday 22nd	8:00am	People of the Parish
Fourth Sunday of Advent (C)	9:30am	Deceased Members of Conroy Family
	11:00am	Helen & Tim Daly RIP
<i>Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers</i>	6:30pm	Paddy Coyne RIP (6th Anniversary)
Monday 23rd	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Michelle Donegan RIP
	9:30-10:30am	Kitty McVey RIP Confessions (Confessional)
Tuesday 24th Christmas Eve	9:00am	Michael & Eileen Tully
	9:30-10:30am	Adrian & Shirley Donaghue
	5:30pm	Confessions (Confessional) Carols
	6:00pm	Pat Igoe RIP
<i>Vigil Mass</i>	11:30pm	Carols
<i>Midnight Mass</i>	Midnight	Evelyn Chiejina (Intentions)
Wednesday 25th	8:00am	Ilma Tong RIP
	9:30am	Brierly, Morrison & Marsh Families
	11:00am	Irene Steel RIP
	No Evening Mass	
The Nativity of The Lord		
Thursday 26th	9:30am	Rosary
	10:00am	Altar Servers (From Fr Francis) Irene Steel RIP
St Stephen, Deacon The First Martyr		
Friday 27th	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Thanksgiving Deacon Fred Carter RIP
St John Apostle & Evangelist		
Saturday 28th	9:00am	Francis Gracias RIP
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions (Confessional)
The Holy Innocents, Martyrs		
Saturday 28th	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (Confessional)
	6:00pm	Gilly Fernandes RIP
Sunday 29th	8:00am	Julian & Heather Desmier (Wellbeing)
	9:30am	Evelyn Chiejina
	11:00am	People of the Parish
	6:30pm	Renato Paoli (Health)
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph (C)		

Christmas Greetings:

The Clergy of the parish, wish all parishioners and their families a Happy and peaceful Christmas. May the joy of Jesus' birth fill our hearts. And may the coming year bring us closer to God

This Christmas, there will be a number of people coming to Mass. Each member of our parish has an important part in fostering a sense of joy and welcome. Share a smile and make an introduction. This Christmas, try to be one of the reasons that our visitors come back in the New Year. Merry Christmas!

An Expression of Gratitude:

"On behalf of our parish community, I wish to express my gratitude to all parishioners and to all individuals and groups who have contributed so much to the Sacramental, Spiritual, Social, Liturgical, Financial and Administrative life of the parish this year. We thank all those who offer voluntary services: Catechist, Choirs, S.V.P, Collectors, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Welcoming Team, Church Cleaners, Gardeners, Decorators, Sacristans, Altar Servers and the Editorial Team of Talkabout Magazine. May the Lord continue to bless you as you dedicate your time and energy to serve God's kingdom here on earth" - Fr Francis

Parish Business:

Parish business on Monday 23th December, 7pm- 8pm.

Crib Offering - Catholic Children's Society:

Every penny you donate will go into the Catholic Children's Society's Southwark Crisis Fund to provide emergency support for families in our Archdiocese. Visit www.cathchild.org.uk for more information.

Advent talks:

The final Advent talks will be shown in the hall on Monday at 7.30pm. They are entitled 'On the Way to Bethlehem' and cover the part played in the birth of Christ by Rome, Jerusalem, Nazareth and Bethlehem.

Christmas Confession:

There will be Christmas Confession on Monday 23rd December and Tuesday 24th December from 9:30am to 10:30am. 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.

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

Thank You:

A huge 'Thank You' to the staff, parents and children from St John Fisher Primary School for the beautiful 'Boxes of Love' that they provided for the senior citizens of our parish. We received over 100 boxes this year.

Christmas Hampers - Thank You:

We have received a message of thanks from Christian Care following our recent collection: *"Many thanks for the hampers and cash donation. We are really grateful for these as it will make such a difference to the 43 families that we are able to provide presents and Christmas hampers to this year. The donation will go towards the cost of the vouchers that accompany the hampers to allow the families to buy fresh items."*

Jenny - Christian CARE Association (Merton)

<https://www.christiancaremerton.org.uk/>

Wimbledon Foodbank - Thank You:

"We would like to thank you and everybody in the community at St. John Fisher for the wonderful and generous Christmas donation of £500 to the Wimbledon Foodbank. We would like to wish you all a joyful and peaceful Christmas and all the best for the New Year."

Tia Walton - Wimbledon Foodbank Team

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.

Feast of the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary and Joseph:

Sunday 29th December is the Feast of the Holy Family, there will be prayers at Mass for Family Life.

Christmas Fair - Thank you:

Thank you to everyone who donated, volunteered or visited the Christmas Fair on Saturday 14th December. It was a great success with lots of gifts and activities work the children and a wonderful raffle and stalls for all. It was a lovely afternoon for the Parish community. The event raised nearly £3,000 for the Hall which is an amazing achievement. Well done to all.

NO MASS ATTENDANCE SLIPS THIS WEEKEND DUE TO THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Funeral:

Please remember the family in your prayers.

Rena Phillips RIP:

Requiem Mass on Monday 23rd December at 11am.

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

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 are also available from the back of Church.

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.

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.



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

