

Fisherman's Herald
The Third Sunday of Lent (C) - 23rd March 2025
St John Fisher Church
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 Parish Office: **Monday & Thursday from 9am to 2pm.**

MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 22nd	6:00pm	James Lam-Kin-Teng RIP (Anniversary)
Sunday 23rd <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
Monday 24th	6:45am	Martha Rebello RIP
	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Teresa O'Loughlin RIP
Tuesday 25th <i>The Annunciation of The Lord</i>	6:45am	Mairé Swain RIP
	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Lily Sothinathan (Thanksgiving)
Wednesday 26th	6:45am	Dominic Prior RIP
	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Patricia Francis (Thanksgiving)
	7:30pm	<i>Stations of The Cross</i>
Thursday 27th <i>Bidding Prayers</i>	6:45am	Wendy Messa RIP (3rd Anniversary)
	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Molly O'Meara (Intentions)
	9:30-3:00pm	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
Friday 28th <i>Jubilee Mass</i>	6:45am	Ivan Gomes RIP
	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Matthew McGovern RIP
	6:30pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	7:00pm	Peace in the Holy Land
Saturday 29th	9:00am	Michael Glynn RIP
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
Saturday 29th	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	6:00pm	Eileen Sherlark & Family
Sunday 30th <i>The Fourth Sunday of Lent (C)</i> <i>Laetare Sunday</i>	8:00am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	Olga Thompson RIP (1st Anniversary)
	11:00am	Barry & Sharon Peck RIP
	4:00pm	<i>Stations of The Cross</i>
	6:30pm	Patricia Josephine Benn RIP (2nd Anniversary)

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.

Poor Parishes Second Collection This Weekend:

This weekend there is 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.

Church Parade:

At the 9:30am Mass today for the Uniform groups.

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

Archdiocesan Jubilee Celebration Day:

The Friars, Aylesford 7 June 2025. Led by Archbishop John Wilson, we will gather as an Archdiocese at The Friars, Aylesford for a day of prayer, reflection, celebration, and fun. There will be lots of activities, for children as well as for adults. This will be the centre-piece event of the 2025 Jubilee in the Archdiocese of Southwark. You can find out more about the event, including how to join the walking pilgrimage, and the wider Jubilee Year plans in the Archdiocese at rcaos.org.uk/jubilee2025.

Parish Readers' Workshop:

There will be a parish readers' Lenten and Triduum workshop for all parish readers at **8pm on Thursday 3rd April** in the parish hall. At the end of the workshop we will share the readings, passion narratives and summarise the arrangements for Easter Triduum.

Prayer for the Sanctity of all human life, specifically concerning Assisted Suicide:

All parishioners are invited to join a Holy Hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament for the sanctity of all human life on 15th April, Tuesday of Holy Week from 9:30am to 10:30am.

Parish Business:

Parish business on Monday 24th March, 7pm- 8pm.

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.

Pray for Pope Francis:

The Holy Father's health condition is confirmed and reported to be improving. Let us continue to pray for his healing and for all the sick.

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 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

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.

Parish Shop:

Easter cards, Mass Bouquets & Mass Cards @ £1.00 each.

Southwark Catholic Youth Service:

The Southwark Catholic Youth Service has a number of upcoming activities for youth and young adults. For regular updates on forthcoming events, sign up to its network at www.tinyurl.com/scysnetwork. For queries on youth activities email youth@rcaos.org.uk.

Church Cleaning:

Wednesday 2nd, Wednesday 16th and Wednesday 30th April after the 9am Mass. New volunteers are welcome.

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. 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 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>

Merton Interfaith Walk:

Saturday 31st May 2025 10am. A 5 mile challenge walk to visit local faith sites including our church. Please see Church noticeboard for more information or visit our parish Facebook page for the itinerary. All proceeds go to The Merton Homeless Project – Faith in Action.

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 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 **Margaret Pumford, Ronald Grostate, 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.

