

Fisherman's Herald
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (B) - 24th 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 23rd	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>
Youth Day	6:30pm	Patrick Lam-Kin-Teng RIP (Anniversary)
Monday 25th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Inacio & Ana Teresa Absalom RIP
Tuesday 26th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Michael & Eileen Tully Thanksgiving
Wednesday 27th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Kevin Gracias (Birthday) Christine Goodwin RIP
Thursday 28th <i>Bidding Prayers</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Gerry Ryan RIP (5th Anniversary) Michelle Donegan RIP
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
Friday 29th	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Ana Syjyd Crispin Intentions Charles Maxwell Grostate RIP (Anniversary)
Saturday 30th <i>St Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland</i>	9:00am	Mr Philip Ideh
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
Saturday 30th	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	6:00pm	Leonard & Cecilia Richardson RIP
Sunday 1st <i>First Sunday of Advent (C)</i>	8:00am	Stephanie McAllister RIP (Anniversary)
	9:30am	Betty Middleton RIP
	11:00am	Michael O'Brien RIP (Anniversary)
	6:30pm	People of the Parish

Solemnity of Christ the King - Today:

- The 6:30pm Mass today (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 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 4pm in Church ending with the evening prayer of the Church.

World Youth Sunday - Second Collection:

Today is World Youth Sunday. The Second collection will support youth work in the Archdiocese and beyond, especially the Southwark Catholic Youth Service, which provides a variety of activities for youth and young adults.

New Lectionary and The Book of The Gospel:

The new lectionary and the Book of the Gospel have arrived. We thank the three families in our parish who have donated them. According to the instruction from the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales, we will start using them from the First Sunday of Advent.

Thursday Adoration in Advent:

The parish Thursday Adoration is extended in the Advent season from 9:30am to 3:00pm. We say together the Afternoon Prayer of the Church at 2:30pm, the Divine Mercy Prayer at 3:00pm and we conclude with the Benediction. Please choose your adoration time and fill in the adoration form time slot at the back of the Church.

Parish Business:

Parish business on Monday 25th November, 7pm- 8pm.

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.

Funerals:

Please remember the families in your prayers.

Valentino Borga RIP:

Requiem Mass on Thursday 28th November at 11am.

Rina Phillips RIP:

Requiem Mass on Monday 23rd December at 11am.

PAC Minutes:

You can view the latest Parish Advisory council minutes in the narthex.

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.

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

St John Fisher Christmas Fair - Sat 14th December:

11am - 3pm in the Parish Hall. We need donations of Mince Pies, Mulled Wine and Chocolate (for the chocolate tombola). There is a box in the narthex for all your donations. Please bring donations of homemade cakes to the hall on the morning of the fair. 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.

Christmas Fair Stall Holders Meeting:

Thursday 28th November at 7pm in the hall. Anyone who is running a stall or volunteering at the Christmas fair, please attend.

Church Cleaning - December:

Wednesday 4th and 18th December at 9:30am. New volunteers welcome.

Repository:

Repository (Parish Shop) is open every WEEK before & after 9.30am Sunday Mass AND ALSO before & after 6.00pm Saturday Mass.

St George's Cathedral Carol Service - 12 December:

Carol Service at St George's Cathedral on Thursday 12 December at 7.30pm..

Kitty McVey RIP:

'We would like to thank everyone for attending the celebration of our lovely mums life and for all the kind card, thoughts and prayers.' Bernadette, Pauline, John & Marie McVey.

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.

Praying the Mass with Archbishop John:

Advent is a time people return to Mass, sometimes after many years - for others Mass is the cornerstone of their spiritual lives. To help people, wherever they are on their spiritual journey, connect more prayerfully with the Lord Jesus, Archbishop John has recorded a message (tinyurl.com/prayingthemass) which guides us on how to pray through the Mass. Archbishop John said: 'the Eucharist is at the very heart of the Mass, but also the Church. It is an invitation from the Lord Jesus to participate in His sacrifice'.

Spirituality Commission Advent reflections:

The Spirituality Commission will be sending daily reflections during Advent featuring Scripture, thoughts and prayers. Please visit: tinyurl.com/adventreflections2024.

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 **Christina Duffy, Melina Pinto, Sean Deane, Maura Chhabra, Thomas Ivan Grostate, Patricia Sherren, James Walsh, Ravi Aumeerun, 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.**



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.

