

Fisherman's Herald
The Nativity of The Lord - 25th 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

Tuesday 24th	9:00am	Michael & Eileen Tully Adrian & Shirley Donaghue
Christmas Eve	9:30-10:30am	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	5:30pm	<i>Carols</i>
	6:00pm	Pat Igoe RIP
Vigil Mass	11:30pm	<i>Carols</i>
Midnight Mass	Midnight	Evelyn Chiejina (Intentions)
Wednesday 25th	8:00am	Ilma Tong RIP
The Nativity of The Lord	9:30am	Brierly, Morrison & Marsh Families
	11:00am	Irene Steel RIP
	No Evening Mass	
Thursday 26th	9:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
St Stephen, Deacon The First Martyr	10:00am	Altar Servers (From Fr Francis) Irene Steel RIP
Friday 27th <i>St John Apostle & Evangelist</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Thanksgiving Deacon Fred Carter RIP
Saturday 28th <i>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i>	9:00am	Francis Gracias RIP
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
Saturday 28th	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
Sunday 29th The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph (C)	6:00pm	Gilly Fernandes RIP
	8:00am	Julian & Heather Desmier (Wellbeing)
	9:30am	Evelyn Chiejina
	11:00am	People of the Parish
	6:30pm	Renato Paoli (Health)

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
Merry Christmas!!!

Fr Francis, Fr Joseph, and Deacon Tom

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:

No Parish Business on Monday 30th December.

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.

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.

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.

Flower Collection - Thank You:

Thank you to all those who donated towards our recent collection for flowers and Christmas decorations for our Church, we raised **£722.16**

Tuesday 31st December - New Years Eve:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration, and Devotion 10:00pm and Vigil Mass of New Year at 11:30pm.

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.

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



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.

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

Fr Agnelo Mass:

Sunday 19th January 2025 at 2pm All welcome to the Fr Agnelo Birth Anniversary Mass. After Mass we gather in the hall next door. Do bring a plate of food for general sharing. Teas and coffee served. Contact Delia & Canute for further details.

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.

Feast of Our Lady Pilgrimage to Fatima:

from London Gatwick 7 nights £799 per person (including flights and full board) and daily Mass. Leaving 9th May 2025 To make an initial reservation or for further information contact Delia & Canute on 07944 692920.

NO MASS ATTENDANCE SLIPS THIS WEEKEND DUE TO THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

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 **Dominic Prior, Jozef Orth, 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.**



Our Parish Primary School is

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

