

**Fisherman's Herald**  
**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph (C) - 29th 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**

<b>Saturday 29th</b>	6:00pm	Gilly Fernandes RIP
<b>Sunday 29th</b>  <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph (C)</i>	8:00am	Julian & Heather Desmier (Wellbeing)
	9:30am	Evelyn Chiejina
	11:00am	People of the Parish
	6:30pm	Renato Paoli (Health)
<b>Monday 30th</b>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Catherine 'Kitty' McVey RIP
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions ( <i>Confessional</i> )
<b>Tuesday 31st</b> <i>New Years Eve</i>  Vigil Mass of New Year	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Jeanne d'arc Bejjani RIP
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions ( <i>Confessional</i> )
	10:00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration, and Devotion
	11:30pm	St John Fisher Parishioners
<b>Wednesday 1st</b>  <i>Mary, the Holy Mother of God</i>	9:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	<b>10:00am</b>	Ida Britto RIP
	4:00pm	<i>Peace Service</i>
<b>Thursday 2nd</b> Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen  <i>Bidding Prayers</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Tony O'Brien RIP
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
<b>Friday 3rd</b> <i>First Friday</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Tony Addeh
	7:30pm	<i>Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament</i>
	8:00pm	Gaetana Ginex Bonomo RIP
<b>Saturday 4th</b> The Beatified Martyrs of the Diocese <i>First Saturday</i>	8:00-8:45am	First Saturday Devotions
	9:00am	Harry Gracias (Birthday)
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions ( <i>Confessional</i> )
<b>Saturday 4th</b>	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions ( <i>Confessional</i> )
	6:00pm	Maria Moncado RIP
<b>Sunday 5th</b>  <i>The Epiphany of The Lord</i>	8:00am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	Mary Farrell (Intentions)
	11:00am	Shirley & Adrian Donaghue
	6:30pm	Renato Paoli (Intentions)

**Opening of the Jubilee Year 2025:**

Pope Francis has inaugurated the 2025 Jubilee Year on Christmas Eve, 2024. This Sunday, 29th December will mark the beginning of the Jubilee Year in our Archdiocese with a solemn Mass at 12 noon at St George's Cathedral. The theme of the Jubilee Year is 'Pilgrims of Hope' and the Jubilee Year will end on January 6th 2026.

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

Today is the Feast of the Holy Family, there will be prayers at Mass for Family Life.

**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.

**Parish Business:**

Parish business on Monday 30th December, 7pm- 8pm.

**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.

**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](http://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.

**First Friday - 3rd January:**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30pm followed by Mass at 8pm.

**First Saturday Devotions - 4th January:**

Rosary and keeping Our Lady company within Adoration and Benediction from 8am to 8:45am.

**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.

**Annual Holiday/Vacation:**

Fr Francis will be on his annual vacation in the month of January. Please contact Fr Joseph if you need the attention of a priest.

### **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](mailto: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](http://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.

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

### **Food Collection - 4th/5th January:**



Our Parish Justice and Peace Group are collecting for the Wimbledon Foodbank next weekend. They appreciate: Shampoo, Sugar, Jam, Biscuits, UHT Milk, Deodorant.

*Please bring donations to the hall before Mass*

### **Fr Agnelo Mass:**

Sunday 19th January 2025 at 2pm All welcome to the Fr Agnelo Birth Anniversary Mass.

### **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.

### **Used Stamps:**

Jesuit Missions are very grateful for all donations of stamps which they use for their work. Please continue to collect your used stamps and put them in the box at the back of Church.

**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>

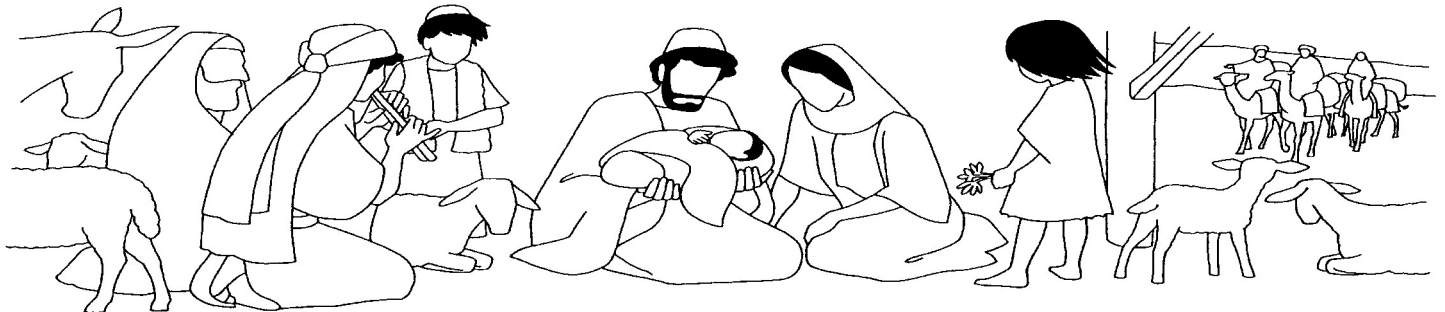
**Marriages:** About getting married, wherever and whenever, please contact a priest as soon as possible. We need at least 6 months notice.

### **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](mailto:catholicchaplains@stgeorges.nhs.uk)

### **Thank You**

Father Francis and Father Joseph thank you for your generous Christmas Offerings and many gifts, cards and good wishes received, which help make Christmas a very happy time in the presbytery.



***The Clergy offer New Year's Greetings to all parishioners, and pray that God will bless all our efforts during 2025, And that in the spirit of Christmas, one of peace and goodwill will remain in the hearts of all.***

Please remember in your prayers the sick and housebound of our parish **Dominic Prior, Ceris Cook, Christina Duffy, Melina Pinto, Sean Deane, Maura Chabbra, Thomas Ivan Grostate, James Walsh, Richard Skeeahan, 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.

