

Fisherman's Herald
The Fourth Sunday of Lent (C) - 30th 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 29th	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)
Monday 31st	6:45am	Ted Ashworth RIP
	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	John Tobin (Intentions)
Tuesday 1st	6:45am	Paul Carss
	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Jacinta Macris (Wellbeing)
Wednesday 2nd	6:45am	Michael Christopher O'Keeffe
	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Joseph Aguir RIP
	7:30pm	<i>Stations of The Cross</i>
Thursday 3rd <i>Bidding Prayers</i>	6:45am	Paddy Quinn RIP
	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Irene Steel RIP
	9:30-3:00pm	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
Friday 4th <i>First Friday</i>	6:45am	Sally Patton RIP
	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Tom Davis RIP
	7:30pm	<i>Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament</i>
	8:00pm	Michael Coyne (Intentions)
Saturday 5th <i>First Saturday</i>	8:00-8:45am	<i>First Saturday Devotions</i>
	9:00am	Romeo Francis RIP (5th Anniversary)
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Confessions (Confessional)</i>
Saturday 5th	5:00-5:50pm	<i>Confessions (Confessional)</i>
Sunday 6th <i>The Fifth Sunday of Lent (C)</i>	6:00pm	Colman & Maureen Flaherty
	8:00am	Domnic Justin (Thanksgiving)
	9:30am	Eileen & Michael (Intentions)
	11:00am	People of the Parish
	4:00pm	<i>Stations of The Cross</i>
	6:30pm	Dr Lawrence John Lobo, Sophia Lobo & Children

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

Parish Business:

Parish business on Monday 31st March, 7pm- 8pm.

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.

First Friday - 4th April:

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

First Saturday Devotions - 5th April:

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

Masses during Lent:

There are two daily Masses during Lent on Monday to Friday, at 6.45am and at 9am.

Tea / Coffee - 8am Mass Next Sunday:

There will be tea/coffee served in the hall after the 8am Mass next Sunday. All Welcome.

Food Collection - Wimbledon Foodbank -



Next Weekend:

Next weekend we will be collecting for the Wimbledon Foodbank. They appreciate: UHT Milk, Tinned Fish, Tinned Veg (Peas, Carrots, Sweetcorn, Mixed). Squash// Long Life Juice (Not Chilled), Noodles. No Food Containing Alcohol. Toiletries: Toothpaste / Toothbrush, Shampoo. *Please bring donations to the hall before Mass.*

Funeral:

Please remember the family in your prayers.

Leonor Gosling RIP:

Requiem Mass on Monday 7th April at 11am.

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.

Pope Francis:

After 38 days in hospital, Pope Francis is back home. He is grateful to all who have prayed for him. We continue to accompany him in spirit and surround him with an outpouring of prayers for his full recovery. The Pope prays and offers his sufferings for peace in the world. Welcome home, Holy Father!

Jubilee Mass - Friday 11th April:


The parish will be celebrating Jubilee Mass every Friday at 7:00pm. Confessions starts at 6:30pm.

Veiling of Crucifix and Images:

Saturday 5th April.

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

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.

Act now! Contact your MP

The charity Right to Life UK has a simple online facility that allows people to contact their Member of Parliament. It takes only a few moments to submit a message asking an MP to stop assisted suicide from being rushed into law. It can be accessed here: <https://righttolife.org.uk/asvote>. Right to Life will also be distributing postcards to parishes, which parishioners can also send to their MPs on this subject. A range of further resources on opposing assisted suicide is available here:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/>

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 mertonsgl@safeguardrcaos.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/firstholychommunion.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 **Seeta Seenayah, 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.

