

**Fisherman's Herald**  
**The Second Sunday of the Year (C) - 19th January 2025**  
**St John Fisher Church**

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 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 18th</b>	6:00pm	Grace & Louis Alvares RIP
<b>Sunday 19th</b>  <i>The Second Sunday of the Year (C)</i>	8:00am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	Private Intention
	11:00am	Stephanie & Marcus (Thanksgiving)
	2:00pm	<i>Fr Agnelo Mass</i>
	6:30pm	Eugene McCarty RIP
<b>Monday 20th</b> St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Keith Grimshaw RIP (1st Anniversary)
<b>Tuesday 21st</b>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Sheahan Family (Intentions)
<b>Wednesday 22nd</b>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Molly O'Meara (Intentions)
<b>Thursday 23rd</b>  <i>Bidding Prayers</i> <i>St Francis de Sales</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Charles Vaz RIP (Anniversary)
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
<b>Friday 24th</b>	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Theresa 'Tess' Goldband RIP
<b>Saturday 25th</b> <i>The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle</i>	9:00am	Patrick Coyne (Health & Wellbeing)
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions ( <i>Confessional</i> )
<b>Saturday 25th</b>	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions ( <i>Confessional</i> )
	6:00pm	Indra Pedropillai RIP
<b>Sunday 26th</b>  <i>The Third Sunday of the Year (C)</i>  <i>Sunday of the Word of God</i>	8:00am	Matthew D'Sa (Birthday)
	9:30am	Nathan Nolan (Intentions)
	11:00am	Mary & George Donaghue RIP
	6:30pm	People of the Parish

**First Holy Communion Candidates - June 2025:**

There will be a mini-penitential service for the first holy communion candidates at the 9:30am Mass today.

**Parish Business:**

Parish business on Monday 20th January, 7pm- 8pm.

**Annual Holiday/Vacation:**

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

**Fr Agnelo Mass - Today:**

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 .

**White Flower Appeal 2025- This Weekend:**

The Society for the Protection of Unborn children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal this weekend. SPUC exists to radically transform culture so that abortion is not only abolished but becomes truly unthinkable. To accomplish this mission, the Society is positioning initiatives in politics, education, legislation, and culture. Through these efforts we will restore a respect for the sanctity of human life to our society. This year's appeal postcards call on the Government to adhere to the United Nations' Convention on the Rights of the Child. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers.

**Peace Sunday - 19th January:**

Today is Peace Sunday. *"The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Our Vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, we work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice."* Envelopes are available at the back of Church for your donations to Pax Christi. Donations can also be made on the contact-less machines.

**Christian Unity Octave:**

From 18th to 25th January the Church observes eight days' prayer for Christian Unity.

### **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)

### **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)

### **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.

### **Confirmation - Saturday 22nd November 2025:**

Please download a registration form from [www.stjohnfishermerton.co.uk/confirmation.php](http://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>

### **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.

### **Over 60's Club:**

Our parish over 60's club meets on Thursday 23rd January from 1pm to 3pm in the church hall.

### **Church Cleaning:**

Wednesday 22nd January 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 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.

### **The Romero Rosary:**

Archbishop John Wilson has written a new book entitled The Romero Rosary. With introductory chapters about St Oscar Romero and the rosary, this beautiful and creative new book contains reflections on the traditional mysteries of the rosary (Joy, Light, Sorrow & Glory) and the NEW Romero Mysteries (Charity, Compassion and Mercy, & Justice and Peace) - all illumined for reflection and prayer by the words of St Oscar Romero. The book is available from Pauline Bookshops and online at [www.paulineuk.org](http://www.paulineuk.org). The Archbishops warmly invites everyone to the book launch on Wednesday 12 February 2025 at 6.00 for 6.30pm at Amigo Hall, adjacent St George's Cathedral, Southwark, South London. SE1 7HY.

**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)

### **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 **Jim Kelly, Dominic Prior, Ceris Cook, Christina Duffy, Melina Pinto, Sean Deane, Maura Chabbra, Thomas Ivan Grostate, James Walsh, Richard Skeehan, John Myles & Stewart Christopher Myles, Charles Lusack, Grant Cozens, Malcolm Varran, Catherine Yeats, Rita Patel, 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.

