

**Fisherman's Herald**  
**The Seventh Sunday of The Year (C) - 23rd February 2025**  
**St John Fisher Church**



**207 Cannon Hill Lane, Merton, London, SW20 9DB.**  
**Tel: 020 8542 6355 Email: [merton@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:merton@rcaos.org.uk)**  
**[www.stjohnfishermerton.co.uk](http://www.stjohnfishermerton.co.uk)**



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 22nd</b>	6:00pm	Noreen & Shelly & Family
<b>Sunday 23rd</b> <i>The Seventh Sunday of The Year (C)</i>	8:00am	Nicholas D'Silva RIP
	9:30am	People of the Parish
	11:00am	Kitty McVey RIP
	6:30pm	The Murphy Family
<b>Monday 24th</b>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Mary & Mattie Burke
<b>Tuesday 25th</b>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Malcolm Desmier RIP (7th Anniversary)
<b>Wednesday 26th</b>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Mary & Kieran Walsh
<b>Thursday 27th</b> <i>Bidding Prayers</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	The Conroy Family
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
<b>Friday 28th</b>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	The Keaveney Family
<b>Saturday 1st</b> <i>First Saturday</i>	8:00-8:45am	<i>First Saturday Devotions</i>
	9:00am	Kate Colthup RIP
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Confessions (Confessional)</i>
<b>Saturday 1st</b>	5:00-5:50pm	<i>Confessions (Confessional)</i>
	6:00pm	Danny & Joanie Hallissey & Family
<b>Sunday 2nd</b> <i>The Eighth Sunday of The Year (C)</i>  <i>Day for the Unemployed</i>	8:00am	Joanna Saldanha (Wellbeing)
	9:30am	Igoe Family (Intentions)
	11:00am	Patrick Canavan (Intentions)
	6:30pm	People of the Parish

**Theme of the Jubilee Year 2025: Pilgrims of Hope**

Pope Francis has declared the theme for the Jubilee Year 2025 as “Pilgrims of Hope” inspired by the words of St Paul in his letter to the Romans: “Hope does not disappoint” (Romans 5:5). This theme calls on all Catholics to embark on a spiritual journey, trusting in God’s mercy and love. Hope is a central virtue in Christian life. It sustains us during trials, helps us remain faithful to God’s promises, and inspires us to work for a better world. The Jubilee invites us to become pilgrims, both physically and spiritually, journeying towards a deeper relationship with Christ.

**The Jubilee Logo:**

The Jubilee Year 2025 logo symbolises the theme “Pilgrims of Hope”. It depicts four stylized figures representing humanity coming together in solidarity and fraternity. The lead figure holds onto the Cross, symbolising faith and hope, even amidst life’s challenges.

The rough waves beneath them represent life’s turbulent journey, while the anchor shaped base of the Cross symbolises stability during storms, echoing the maritime symbol of the “anchor of hope”. The dynamic positioning of the Cross, bending towards humanity, reminds us that Christ offers His constant presence and support. At the bottom, the motto “Pilgrims in Hope” in green reflects hope, creation and renewal, inviting us to journey together in faith and unity.

**Clergy Support Fund - Collection Today:**

There is a second collection this weekend for the Clergy Support fund (Sick and Retired Priests). The clergy in our Archdiocese have given us so much. They have been there for us in our happiest moments and comforted us when we have lost loved ones. Supporting priests in their retirement is one way to show your appreciation for all they have one for parishes. You make supporting our clergy in retirement possible, find out how to donate to the Clergy Support Fund at [www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/CSF](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/CSF) or scan QR code.



You can also donate via telephone office hours Mon-Fri 020 7960 2504 or by using the Clergy Support Fund envelopes available today at the back of Church. Please continue to keep our Priests in your prayers.

**Faith in Action Food Collection - Next Weekend:**

Next weekend our parish Justice & peace group are collecting for Faith in Action, drop in for the homeless. They appreciate: Packet soups (especially Chicken), Pot Noodles or similar, Multi-packs of Crisps, Packets of biscuits, Ring-pull cans of Mackerel, Tuna or Sardines, Protein Bars, Jars of Jam, Marmalade & Honey. Please leave donations in the narthex.

### **First Saturday Devotions - 1st March:**

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

### **Parish Business:**

Parish business on Monday 24th February, 7pm- 8pm.

### **Funerals:**

Please remember the families in your prayers.

#### **Maura Chhubra RIP:**

Requiem Mass - Monday 3rd March at 12:30pm.

#### **William Ryan RIP:**

Requiem Mass - Tuesday 11th March at 11:30am.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Church Cleaning - March:**

Wednesday 5th & 19th March after the 9am Mass. New volunteers are welcome.

### **Called to Bear Fruit Consultation:**

In his recent pastoral letter, Archbishop John requested that small groups of parishioners should meet together to reflect on the themes of this consultation and to provide feedback to help shape the future of our Archdiocese. The suggested format for these meetings and the six themes for discussion are set out in the booklets which accompanied the pastoral letter and which are available in the narthex. We are now inviting parishioners to set up such groups with between 4 and 7 people in each. If you are willing to facilitate a group, could you please let Fr Francis or Deacon Tom know.

### **World Day of Prayer:**

World Day of Prayer, prepared by Christian women of the Cook Islands, celebrated on Friday 7th March at Christchurch, West Wimbledon, SW20 0RZ at 10.30 am. All are welcome.

### **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/firstholym communion.php>

### **Wimbledon College - Job Vacancy:**

Full time Deputy Site Supervisor (working 35 hours per week), closing date Wed 26th February at 12 noon. For more info and to apply, visit

<https://www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk/jobopportunities>

**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)

**NO SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE SLIPS THIS WEEK DUE TO THE HALF-TERM HOLIDAY**

Please remember in your prayers the sick and housebound of our parish **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.**



*Our Parish Primary School is*

*St. John Fisher R. C. Primary and Nursery School, Grand Drive, West Wimbledon, SW20 9NA, Tel: 020 8540 2637*

Email: [school@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk](mailto:school@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk) Web: [www.st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk](http://www.st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk) Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/stjohnfisherprimary>

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

