

Fisherman's Herald
The Third Sunday of the Year (C) - 26th January 2025
St John Fisher Church

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 Parish Office: **Monday & Thursday from 9am to 2pm.**



MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 25th	6:00pm	Indra Pedropillai RIP
Sunday 26th <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
Monday 27th	6:30pm	People of the Parish
	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
Tuesday 28th <i>St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i>	9:00am	Kitty & Pat McVey RIP
	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
Wednesday 29th	9:00am	Marcelino & Custodio Pocas
	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
Thursday 30th <i>Bidding Prayers</i>	9:00am	Urania & Manuel Pocas
	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Caremark Merton (For all Staff & Service Users)
Friday 31st <i>St John Bosco, Priest</i>	9:30-10:30am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
Saturday 1st	9:00am	Eileen Tully (Intentions)
	8:00-8:45am	<i>First Saturday Devotions</i>
	9:00am	Joseette & Christian Casamayor
Saturday 1st	9:30-10:30am	<i>Confessions (Confessional)</i>
	5:00-5:50pm	<i>Confessions (Confessional)</i>
Sunday 2nd <i>The Presentation of The Lord</i> <i>Candlemas</i>	6:00pm	Elizabeth & Patrick Whelan RIP
	8:00am	Daniele Maestri RIP
	9:30am	Marjorie Cooper RIP
	11:00am	Barbara Desmier (Thanksgiving)
	6:30pm	People of the Parish

Food Collection - Next Weekend:

Next weekend there will be a food collection for Christian Care. They appreciate: Basmati Rice, Tinned Tuna, Corned Beef, Pasta Sauce, Biscuits, Crisps - bags of 6, Tea bags - boxes of 40, Tinned Ham, Hot dogs, Chopped Tomatoes, Sweet Corn.
Please bring donations to the hall before Mass.

Parish Business:

Parish business on Monday 27th 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.

Tea / Coffee - 8am Mass Next Sunday:

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

Feast of the Presentation/Candlemas:

The Feast of the Presentation will be observed on Sunday 2nd February. Masses will begin with the blessing of candles in the Narthex.

Blessing of Throats on 3rd February:

There will be a blessing of throats at the end of Mass on Monday 3rd February, the feast of St. Blaise.

Healing Mass:

Mass of Healing on Saturday 15th February at 11am followed by refreshments in the hall.

First Saturday Devotions:

Rosary & keeping Our Lady company within Adoration and Benediction on Saturday 1st February, 8am- 8:45am.

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/firstholycommunion.php>

Over 60's Club:

Our parish over 60's club meets on Thursday 30th January from 1pm to 3pm in the church hall.

Church Cleaning - February:

Wednesday 5th and Wednesday 19th February after the 9am Mass. New volunteers are welcome.

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

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

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.

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.

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. 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. Called to Bear Fruit. The first phase of Called to Bear Fruit, the process of renewal in our Archdiocese, involved listening to our priests and deacons. This has led to a greater understanding of the challenges faced by our clergy and to constructive conversations with various Archdiocesan departments and agencies. We now move to a second phase which will invite everyone in the Archdiocese to a deeper reflection on the situation at parish and deanery level. This will include an important opportunity for lay people to contribute to shaping the future of our Archdiocese, so that all our parishes can become more effective as communities of missionary disciples.

Medjugorje Apostolate Annual Retreat:

7th - 9th March 2025 at the Kairos Centre, Roehampton, London led by Fr Marinko Šakota OFM Fr Marinko was the parish priest in Medjugorje from 2013 to 2022 having served there as an assistant priest from 2010 to 2013. The retreat is residential but there are places for day participants. For more information please contact Paul Spencer at pilgrimsomary@hotmail.com or on 07710567183

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 **Jim Kelly, Dominic Prior, Ceris Cook, Christina Duffy, Melina Pinto, Sean Deane, Maura Chhabra, 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

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Email: school@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk Web: 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.

