



# St John Fisher Merton

## Fisherman's Herald

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**Parish Priest:** Fr Francis Nonyelu,  
**Assistant Priest:** Fr Alfred Mamman,  
**Deacon:** Rev Tom Kavanagh  
**Parish Office:** Monday & Thursday from 9am to 2pm.

**Parish Primary School**  
St. John Fisher R. C. Primary and Nursery School,  
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## 1st February 2026 The Fourth Sunday of The Year (A)

### Mass Intentions For This Week

<b>Saturday 31st</b>	5:30-5:50pm	Confessions
	6:00pm	Eric Agboegbulem
<b>Sunday 1st</b> <b>The Fourth Sunday of The Year (A)</b> <i>Racial Justice Day</i>	8:00am	People of The Parish
	9:30am	Ivan Fernandes RIP
	11:00am	Louis Alvares RIP Anniversary
	6:30pm	Colman & Maureen Flaherty
<b>Monday 2nd</b> <i>The Presentation of The Lord</i>	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Daniele Maestri RIP
		Tomasz Szpak RIP
<b>Tuesday 3rd</b> <i>St Lawrence of Canterbury, Bishop</i> <i>St Blaise</i>	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Teresa Pollard (Intentions)
		Eudokia Szpak RIP
<b>Wednesday 4th</b>	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Noreen & Shelly & Family
		Thanksgiving
<b>Thursday 5th</b> <i>St Agatha, Virgin &amp; Martyr</i>	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Apolonia Okorafor RIP
		Ted Dabrowski RIP
<i>Bidding Prayers</i>	9:30-10:30am	Weekly Adoration
<b>Friday 6th</b> <i>Sts Paul Miki &amp; Companions</i> <i>First Friday</i>	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Danny & Joanie & Family
	7:30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	8:00pm	Simon Dolan RIP
<b>Saturday 7th</b> <i>First Saturday</i>	8:00-8:45am	First Saturday Devotions
	9:00am	John Culleton RIP
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions
<b>Saturday 7th</b>	5:30-5:50pm	Confessions
	6:00pm	John Melly RIP Anniversary
<b>Sunday 8th</b> <b>The Fifth Sunday of The Year (A)</b> <i>Day for Victims of Trafficking</i>	8:00am	People of The Parish
	9:30am	Sheila Jury RIP
	11:00am	Barbara Desmier (Thanksgiving)
	6:30pm	Ellen Sherlock & Family

### Reflection

The Gospel reading this Sunday is taken from the opening paragraphs of Jesus sermon on the mount. It consists of what are known as the Beatitudes. They are not always easy to understand because they run counter to generally accepted views. It is worth pausing to reflect on what Jesus words mean.

So Jesus says, '*Blessed are the poor in spirit*', those who put their trust in God rather than money; and those who admit that it is not their income, possessions or bank account that makes them rich in the eyes of God, but what kind of people they are.

Jesus says, '*Blessed are those who mourn*', those who let themselves feel the misfortune, pain and sorrow of others, and who respond to them with understanding, sympathy, kindness, compassion, and practical assistance.

Jesus says, '*Blessed are the meek*', because meekness is not weakness, but a form of strength.

Jesus says, '*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness*'. The only power and status we really need is to keep living in God's way and to keep doing the right thing. Satisfaction and contentment will be found in living with a good conscience.

Jesus says, '*Blessed are the merciful*', those who make allowances for the faults and sins of others, and whose compassion lies in their ability to forgive. They will receive mercy and forgiveness from God for their own sins.

Jesus says, '*Blessed are the pure in heart*.' It is from the heart that all our thoughts, words, and actions flow. If the heart is pure, then everything that flows from it will be pure.

Jesus says, '*Blessed are the peacemakers*', those who spread understanding among people, those who welcome strangers, and those who work for a more just and equal society. They are, Jesus adds, the children of God.

Jesus says, '*Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake*.' They may suffer for their stand but their sufferings are marks of honour and integrity.

In the Beatitudes then, Jesus gives us challenging advice on how to be good Christians and about the qualities he hopes to see in us, his followers.

### Quote of the week

*"Rejoice and be glad for your reward is great in heaven".*  
(John 5:12)

Parishioners can use their smart phones to scan this QR code to make donations to any of our weekly collections. These donations can be gift-aided just follow the instructions on the screen or visit:  
<https://donate.mydona.com/st-john-fisher-rc-church>



## Parish Notices

### Racial Justice - Second Collection - This Weekend

This weekend there is a second collection for the Catholic Association for Racial Justice. This collection supports the work of the Catholic Church to promote racial justice in our schools, parishes and in wider society.

### Parish Business

Monday 2nd February from 7pm to 8pm.

### Feast of the Presentation/Candlemas:

Monday 2nd February is the Feast of the Presentation. 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 Tuesday 3rd February, the feast of St. Blaise.

### First Friday - 6th February

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

### First Saturday Devotions - 7th February

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

### Church Cleaning - February

Wednesday 4th and Wednesday 18th February from 9:30am - 10:30am. New Volunteers welcome.

### 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 - Next Weekend

Next weekend our parish Justice and Peace group will be collecting for Faith in Action, drop in for the homeless. They appreciate: Packet soups especially chicken soup, Pot Noodles, Multi-packs of crisps, Packets of biscuits, Large bottles of squash, Ring-pull cans of mackerel, tuna or sardines, Protein bars, Jars of jam, marmalade & honey. Please leave donations in the narthex.

### Youth Club

Returns for years 6/7 on Friday 6th Feb and for years 8-10 on Friday 13th Feb from 7:30pm in the hall.

New Volunteers/Leaders are **URGENTLY** required

### Hall Donations

Envelopes are available at the back of Church for donations towards the renovation of the parish hall. You can also donate using the contactless machine.

### Hall fundraiser

Please join us in the hall for an Afternoon Tea on the 14th February 2026 from 3-5pm. Tickets £15.00/person (cash only) available after all weekend Masses.

### Funerals

Please pray for the families:

#### Christina Duffy RIP

Tuesday 17th February at 12 noon.

#### Catherine Cullen RIP

Thursday 19th February at 12:30pm.

#### Tony Bygrave RIP

Friday 20th February at 12 noon.

#### Claire D'Sa RIP

Monday 23rd February at 11am.

### Joining Beavers at St. John Fisher? Get on the List!

The 5th Morden St. John Fisher Beavers waiting list is now open. Want your child to join the fun at St. John Fisher? Email [5thmordenbeavers@gmail.com](mailto:5thmordenbeavers@gmail.com)

### Racial Justice Sunday

St George's Cathedral Sunday 1 February 2026, at 10am. Racial Justice Sunday is a time for the Church to pray, reflect and take action against racism, while celebrating the diversity of our Archdiocese. Everyone is invited to take part, and those who wish may wear national or cultural dress as a sign of unity and pride. If you would like, please gather outside the cathedral at 9.45am to join the procession of national flags. After Mass, all are welcome to gather in Amigo Hall for refreshments — a chance to meet one another, share experiences and continue the conversation about faith and inclusion.

### Medjugorje Apostolate Annual Retreat

13th to 15th March at the Kairos Centre, Roehampton, led by Fr Svetozar Kraljević OFM. For more information and to book please contact Paul Spencer at [pilgrimsofmary@hotmail.com](mailto:pilgrimsofmary@hotmail.com)

### Archdiocesan Pilgrimages for Young Adults

Young adults (aged 18 to 35) are invited to join Archbishop John on pilgrimage to Lourdes, from 7 to 13 June 2026. The cost is £789, which includes flights and full-board accommodation on a shared basis. To book, please visit: [www.tinyurl.com/lourdes26](http://www.tinyurl.com/lourdes26) Young adults (aged 18 to 35) are also invited to register interest for the World Youth Day pilgrimage to Korea in August 2027 at [www.tinyurl.com/wyd2027](http://www.tinyurl.com/wyd2027) For information about youth activities for all ages across the Archdiocese please visit our website at [www.tinyurl.com/scys1](http://www.tinyurl.com/scys1)

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



Margaret Birch, Mark Lobo, Louise Hosking, Ethan Peruzzo, Stewart Davis, Bernie Simmons, Seeta Seenayah, Margaret Pumford, Douglas Desmier, Anastasia Coyle, Thomas Ivan Grostate, Richard Skeehan, John Myles, Charles Lusack, Malcolm Varran, Catherine Yeats, Rita Platel, Edward Alvares, Christine Henderson, Johnny Simmonds, Patricia Anderson, Irene McGrenra, Anthony carter, Louis Gouveia, Joseph McGahren, John Heffron, Terry Casati and Jim Cosgrove.

**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:

St Helier's Chaplain's: **07459 226 823** and **07591 596 656**.

St Georges: **020 8725 3069**

PLEASE COMPLETE A SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE SLIP  
(SLIPS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF CHURCH FOR THOSE IN  
SCHOOL YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6)

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Boys & Girls Aged 3-11. Breakfast & After School Club. 30 hours Nursery provision. Head Teacher — Ms Janine Kenna

