

Fisherman's Herald

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - 23rd November 2025

St John Fisher Church



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



MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 22nd	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	6:00pm	Patrick Lam-Kin-Teng RIP (Anniversary)
Sunday 23rd <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (C)</i> <i>Youth Day</i>	8:00am	Deva Paul
	9:30am	Delia Heyden & Relatives
	11:00am	People of The Parish
	4:00-5:00pm	<i>Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament</i>
Monday 24th <i>Sts Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest & Companions, Martyrs</i>	6:30pm	Angela Nassif RIP (3rd Anniversary)
Monday 24th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Mr & Mrs Paganuzzi RIP
Tuesday 25th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Christopher McLoughlin RIP
Wednesday 26th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Joan Baxter RIP
Thursday 27th <i>Bidding Prayers</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Gabrielle & John Flynn (Wellbeing)
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
Friday 28th <i>Jubilee Mass</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Ana Irene Crispin
		Jolene (Intentions)
	6:30pm	<i>Confessions</i>
	7:00pm	Peace in The World
Saturday 29th	9:00am	Charles Maxwell Grostate RIP Anniversary
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
Saturday 29th	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	6:00pm	Mr Philip Ideh
Sunday 30th <i>First Sunday of Advent (A)</i>	8:00am	Lawrence, Edith, Harry & Mary Shipp RIP
	9:30am	People of The Parish
	11:00am	Baby Adam Collins RIP Anniversary
	6:30pm	Antonio Florimundo & Maria, Jeremia & Justin Noronha

Holy Souls - November - Month of Remembrance:

Cards and envelopes are available at the back of the Church for parishioners. You write the names of your deceased relatives and friends on the card and put your offering for the Holy Souls in the envelopes. The names of the Holy Souls have been placed before the Altar and will be remembered during the month of November.

Solemnity of Christ the King - Today:

- The 6:30pm Mass today (Youth Day) is being arranged by the November 2025 Confirmation group. We ask that all who were confirmed yesterday. We invite them and their families into the hall after Mass for refreshments and cake!
- There is a second collection for **Catholic Youth Services**. This collection supports youth work in the diocese and beyond, especially the Southwark Catholic Youth Service.
- There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 4pm in Church ending with the evening prayer of the Church.

Confirmation November 2025:

Congratulations to all the young people of our Parish who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. May God bless you on your journey of faith and make you faithful witnesses of the Good News of the Gospel. We thank the Catechists - Liz, Miriam, Marian and Talissa, who have been involved in the confirmation program this year. Thank you for your faithful service to our Parish. We thank the parents for their support without which the program would not have been worthwhile. Thanks also to the musicians, altar servers and decorators who made the liturgy very colourful and to everyone who did something to make this day enjoyable to all who attended. May God bless you all and reward you accordingly.

Parish Business:

Monday 24th November from 7pm to 8pm.

St Joseph Support Group:

The parish organises an opportunity for those who are bereaved. Please call this number 07712443964 if you would like to attend. The next gathering will be on Weds 17th December from 1:30pm-3pm in the parish hall.

Jubilee Mass - Friday 28th November:

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

Fr Joseph Edem - Induction Mass:

Father Joseph's induction as parish priest of St Anthony of Padua takes place on Friday 5th December. Mass at 7pm followed by refreshments. All parishioners are welcome to attend. St Anthony of Padua, 2 Genoa Rd, SE20 8ES.

Archbishop's Appeal Collection:

As a parish, we raised **£546.07** for the recent Archbishop's appeal. Thank you to all those who contributed to this special collection.

Church Cleaning - November/December:

We are deeply grateful to all who faithfully clean and care for our Church. Your work, often unseen, is a true act of worship and keeps God's House beautiful and welcoming for everyone. Thank you for your dedication and love. The next dates for Church cleaning are Wednesday 26th November and Wednesday 10th and 24th December at 9:30am. New volunteers welcome.

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

Senior Citizens Christmas Party - Sat 13th Dec:

If you would like to attend and have not yet received an invitation, please contact the parish office. Closing date for replies is Monday 24th November.

CAFOD World Gifts Catalogue:

Catalogues are available from the back of Church.

Thursday Adoration in Advent:

The parish Thursday Adoration is extended in the Advent season from 9:30am to 3:00pm. We say together the Afternoon Prayer of the Church at 2:45pm, the Divine Mercy Prayer at 3:00pm and we conclude with the Benediction. Please choose your adoration time and fill in the adoration form time slot at the back of the Church.

CTS Books:

The CTS bookstand in the narthex has been restocked. Please browse the lovely selection of books. Payments for books purchased can be made using the wall box marked 'CTS' under the bookstand.

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.

5th Morden Scouts Group - Bake Sale:

Sunday 30 November in the hall, following the Scouts parade at the 9:30am Mass. All proceeds will support the Scouts' international trip to Amsterdam in May 2026. Please come along and enjoy some homemade treats while supporting our young people in their fundraising efforts.

Please remember in your prayers the sick and housebound of our parish: **Ethan Peruzzo, Candida D'Silva, Louise Hosking, Catharine Wilmott, Stewart Davis, Bernie Simmons, Seeta Seenayah, Margaret Pumford, Douglas Desmier, Anastasia Coyle, Christina Duffy, Thomas Ivan Grostate, Richard Skeehan, John 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.**

Advent meetings:

Use Advent to refresh your faith by joining us at three sessions on the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist on Mondays 1st, 15th and 22nd December at 7.30 to 8.45pm in the Church Hall. There will be a DVD presentation and time for discussion.

Dementia Disco Fund Raising Party:

SOLD OUT!!! If you have made a booking, kindly make the payment at your earliest convenience.

Christmas Cards for persecuted Christians:

This weekend the Justice and Peace group are inviting parishioners to send a Christmas Card to someone in prison or persecuted for their faith. We provide the cards, address and some information. All you need is the greeting and a stamp. Please do not make any political comment in your card. We suggest you express sympathy for their situation and promise prayers. Cards are available at the back of Church.

Parish Caretaker - Sacred Heart Church, Wimbledon:

Full time Parish Caretaker at Sacred Heart Parish, Wimbledon from 1st January 2026, to manage the extensive site which includes the Church, halls, and Presbytery. Salary £29,427.00 for a 35 hour week. For a Job Description, Person Specification, and Application Form please contact Thelma D'Costa at wimbledon@rcaos.org.uk. Closing date: 10th December 2025.

A Day With Mary:

St John the Baptist, Purley - Sat 6th Dec 2025 & St Mary's, Croydon - Sat 13th Dec 2025. Further information available from: <https://www adaywithmary.org>

Advent Books:

Advent books are available from the back of Church, suggested donation of £1.50

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)

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 **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.

