



# St John Fisher Merton

## Fisherman's Herald

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**Parish Priest:** Fr Francis Nonyelu,  
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**Parish Office:** Monday & Thursday from 9am to 2pm.

**Parish Primary School**  
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## 28th December 2025 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

### Mass Intentions For This Week

<b>Saturday 27th</b>	5:30-5:50pm	Confessions
	6:00pm	Eric Larche RIP
<b>Sunday 28th</b>	8:00am	Canon Acton RIP
<b>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph (A)</b>	9:30am	People of The Parish
	11:00am	Leslie D'Sa RIP
	6:30pm	Leonard & Cecilia Richardson RIP
<b>Monday 29th</b>	8:30am	Rosary
<i>St Thomas of Canterbury, Bishop &amp; Martyr</i>	9:00am	Evelyn Chiejina
		Sister Marion RIP
<b>Tuesday 30th</b>	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Patricia Campbell RIP
		Laszlo Haidu RIP
<b>Wednesday 31st</b>	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Eileen Tully (Intentions)
<i>Holy Mass of The New Year</i>	11pm-11:30pm	Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament
	11:45pm	Jeanne d'Arc Bejjani RIP
<b>Thursday 1st</b>	9:30am	Rosary
<i>Mary, The Holy Mother of God</i>	10:00am	Ida Britto RIP
		Ramona Marinas RIP
	4:00pm	Peace Service
<b>Friday 2nd</b>	8:30am	Rosary
<i>Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen</i>	9:00am	Catharine Williams RIP (1st Anniversary)
	7:30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
<i>First Friday</i>	8:00pm	James Walsh RIP (Thank you to Parishioners of SJF)
<b>Saturday 3rd</b>	8:00-8:45am	<i>First Saturday Devotions</i>
<i>First Saturday</i>	9:30-10:30am	Confessions
	9:00am	Robert, Seamus & Gennady
<b>Saturday 3rd</b>	5:30-5:50pm	Confessions
	6:00pm	Tony Addeh
<b>Sunday 4th</b>	8:00am	Canon Acton RIP
<b>Second Sunday After the Nativity</b>	9:30am	People of The Parish
	11:00am	Anna Lusack RIP (1st Anniversary)
	6:30pm	Gaetana Ginex Bonomo RIP (8th Anniversary)

### Reflection

Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family – Jesus, Mary, and Joseph – and we look with gratitude to our own families and to the family of believers. The family relationships are the most important of our lives. The human family and the Christian family are graced with the young, the middle-aged, and the elderly. No matter what age we are, no matter what clothes we wear and styles we prefer, we should all “be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience.” If we complete this wardrobe by love we will always be dressed for the Kingdom of God.

We need to protect, nurture and give hope to the young. They need help to face up to life's disappointments without losing heart. They are God's children. However, we need their energy, commitment and love. Pope St. John Paul II says that “Parents become fully parents by communicating not only bodily life but also the life of the spirit.”

We need those who are in the prime of life. We need the selfless love of parents who will invest the best of themselves in their families. These too are the children of God.

We need the elderly because they have the kind of wisdom which comes from experiencing the teaching which life itself brings. They deserve our utmost respect. They are the elderly children of God.

In remembering the Holy Family, we look to our own family in gratitude for what we have received. In the Christian family we can catch something of the God who accepts us as we are and who keeps on loving us to the end. So, none of our families is all holy; each is a mixture of all sorts of conflicts, compulsions and craziness that tests our love and forgiveness.

And we pray: Heavenly Father, Christ your Son, during His years in Nazareth, made holy the intimate relationships of family life. Keep families together, and make our homes places where we experience love, acceptance, forgiveness, and peace. Amen.

### Quote of the Week

*“Blessed are all who fear the Lord, and walk in His ways.”*

Psalm 128:1



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>



*“Spes non Confundit”*

Hope does not disappoint (Rom 5:5)

## Parish Notices

**Feast of the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary and Joseph**  
Today is the Feast of the Holy Family, there will be prayers at Mass for Family Life.

### Parish Business

Monday 29th December from 7pm to 8pm.

### Wednesday 31st December - New Years Eve

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration & Devotion 11:00pm and Vigil Mass of New Year at 11:45pm.

### Peace Service - Thursday 1st January

World Day of Prayer for Peace, we will have a Peace Service in the Church at 4pm. Please do join us in prayer for Peace in the World in 2026. There will be refreshments in the hall afterwards.

### First Friday - 2nd January

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

### First Saturday Devotions - 3rd January

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

### Baptism Service

All those families who have had a baby baptised during 2025 are invited to the church on Sunday 11th January 2026, at 3pm for a service. There will be refreshments in the church hall afterwards.

### Church Cleaning - January

Wednesday 7th January from 9:30am to 10:30am  
New Volunteers welcome.

### Hall Donations

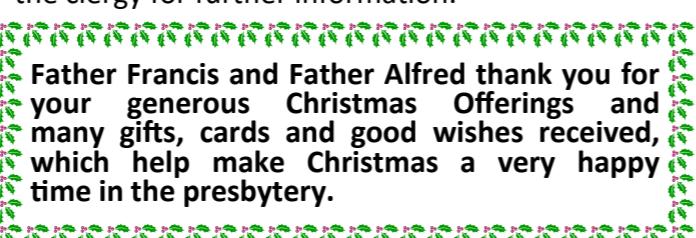
Envelopes are available at the back of Church for donations towards the renovation of the parish hall. You can also donate using the contactless machine.

### Crib Offering - Catholic Children's Society:

Every penny you donate will go into the Catholic Children's Society's Southwark Crisis Fund to provide emergency support for families in our Archdiocese. Visit [www.cathchild.org.uk](http://www.cathchild.org.uk) for more information.

### Help Needed in the Parish Shop

for about an hour before and after 6.00pm Mass on every 4th Sunday of the month. If you're unable to attend on your day you can arrange to swap with one of the other five helpers. Speak to a member of the clergy for further information.

  
Father Francis and Father Alfred thank you for your generous Christmas Offerings and many gifts, cards and good wishes received, which help make Christmas a very happy time in the presbytery.

### Annual Holiday/Vacation

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

### Funerals

Please pray for the family

**John McGuirk RIP** - Friday 2nd January at 12:30pm

### Faith In Action - Thank You

We have received a message of thanks from Faith In Action for our continuing support which helps them to keep their service going.

### Christian Care Merton

We have received a message of thanks from Christian Care for very generous donations of hampers that they have received.

### Food Collection Next Weekend

Next weekend we are collecting for the **Wimbledon Foodbank**. They appreciate: Sugar, Shampoo, Jam, Biscuits, UHT Milk and Toiletries.



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

Mark Lobo, Louise Hosking, Ethan Peruzzo, 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.

**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

**NO MASS ATTENDANCE SLIPS THIS WEEKEND  
DUE TO THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY**



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

