



Fisherman's Herald
First Sunday of Advent (A) - 30th November 2025
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 Fr Francis Nonyelu, Fr Alfred Mamman, Deacon Tom Kavanagh
 Parish Office: **Monday & Thursday from 9am to 2pm.**

MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK			<u>Advent Season:</u> Today we begin the Holy Season of Advent, the start of a New Liturgical Year. The Church not only wishes to indicate the beginning of a period but the beginning of a renewed commitment to the faith by all of us who follow Christ, the Lord. We are encouraged to use this time as a prayerful preparation for the birth of Christ in our hearts. This Season is an opportunity to make Christmas 2025 a worthy celebration of the Lord's birth, as we welcome him anew into our hearts. <u>Advent meetings:</u> 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. <u>5th Morden Scouts Group - Bake Sale Today :</u> Bake sale today 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. <u>Christmas Cards for persecuted Christians:</u> 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. <u>Parish Business:</u> Monday 1st December from 7pm to 8pm. <u>Fr Joseph Edem - Induction Mass:</u> 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. <u>First Friday - 5th December:</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30pm followed by Mass at 8pm. NO JUBILEE MASS THIS WEEK <u>First Saturday Devotions - 6th December:</u> Rosary and keeping Our Lady company within Adoration and Benediction from 8am to 8:45am. <u>Jubilee Mass - Friday 19th December:</u> The parish will be celebrating Jubilee Mass every Friday at 7:00pm. Confessions starts at 6:30pm. Please note there will be NO Jubilee Mass on Friday 12th December.
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	
Monday 1st	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>	
	9:00am	Michael O'Brien Brendan Dinneen RIP	
Tuesday 2nd	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>	
	9:00am	Paddy Boyle RIP Jimmy Walsh RIP	
Wednesday 3rd <i>St Francis Xavier</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>	
	9:00am	Francis Gracias RIP (3rd Anniversary) Canon Acton RIP (3rd Anniversary)	
Thursday 4th <i>Bidding Prayers</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>	
	9:00am	Sid Miles RIP Paul Cecil RIP	
	9:30-3:00pm	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>	
Friday 5th <i>First Friday</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>	
	9:00am	Ramona Marinas RIP	
	7:30pm	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
	8:00pm	Canon Acton RIP	
Saturday 6th <i>First Saturday</i>	8:00-8:45am	<i>First Saturday Devotions</i>	
	9:00am	Irene Steel RIP	
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)	
Saturday 6th	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)	
	6:00pm	Eileen & Michael (Intentions)	
Sunday 7th <i>Second Sunday of Advent (A)</i>	8:00am	Marie Lourdes Chedembrun	
	9:30am	Eric Agboegulem	
	11:00am	Canon Acton RIP	
	6:30pm	People of The Parish	

Christian Care Christmas Collection - Next Weekend:

Next Weekend we will be collecting for hampers for needy families. Items required: Sparkling non-alcoholic drink/ fruit juice, Large or mini Christmas Pudding, Chocolate/ Sticky toffee Puddings, Mince Pies, Chocolate Log, Stollen, Tin / Box Chocolate or Fancy Biscuits, Tin / Box Shortbread, Tin Fruit, Tin Custard, Cranberry Sauce, Stuffing, Gravy, Box Chocolates, Children's sweets.

Please bring items to the hall before Mass.

Senior Citizens Christmas Party - Sat 13th Dec:

Please return your reply slip as soon as possible. We are now at capacity for this event so are unable to add anyone else to the list.

Church Cleaning - 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 10th Dec** and **Tuesday 23rd Dec** from 9:30am to 10:30am. 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

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.

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 Dec from 1:30pm-3pm in the parish hall.

Advent Books:

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

Over 60's Group:

The last meeting for this year takes place on Thursday 11th December. The group will resume again on Thursday 15th January 2026.

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



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.

Faith In Action - Thank You:

"We are so grateful to you and your parishioners for the very kind cash donation you made of £60.00 on 12 November. It is donations like yours which help us to maintain our twice weekly drop in service for those experiencing homelessness. Thank you for your continuing support and for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers"

Called to Bear Fruit Consultation Report:

Copies of the consultation report are available from the back of Church and can also be viewed online at:

https://rcaos.org.uk/media/oyzhvzb5/ctbf-consultation-report-oct-25_compressed.pdf

CAFOD World Gifts Catalogue:

Catalogues are available from the back of Church.

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.

A Day With Mary - St Mary's, Croydon:

Saturday 13th December 2025 Further information is available at <https://www adaywithmary.org>

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.

