



Fisherman's Herald
Twenty-Second Sunday (C) - 31st August 2025
St John Fisher Church
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Part of the R. C. Archdiocese of Southwark Charity No: 1173050
 Fr Francis Nonyelu, Deacon Tom Kavanagh
 Parish Office: **Monday & Thursday from 9am to 2pm.**

MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 30th	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	6:00pm	Michael Dooley RIP (2nd Anniversary)
Sunday 31st	8:00am	People of The Parish
Twenty-Second Sunday (C)	9:30am	Frances Galvin RIP (1st Anniversary)
	11:00am	Canon Acton RIP
	6:30pm	Marko Paoli
Monday 1st	8:30am	Rosary
<i>World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation</i>	9:00am	Celia Sweeney RIP
Tuesday 2nd	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Rosaleen Mullan & Family
Wednesday 3rd	8:30am	Rosary
<i>St Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church</i>	9:00am	Kathleen Coyne & Family
Thursday 4th	8:30am	Rosary
<i>Bidding Prayers</i>	9:00am	Paddy Loughran RIP (6th Anniversary)
	9:30-10:00am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
Friday 5th	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Ramona Marinas RIP
	7:30pm	<i>Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament</i>
<i>First Friday</i>	8:00pm	Pamela Wan (Wellbeing)
Saturday 6th	8:00-8:45am	<i>First Saturday Devotions</i>
<i>First Saturday</i>	9:00am	Eileen & Michael Intentions
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
Saturday 6th	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	6:00pm	Ivan Pedropillai RIP
Sunday 7th	8:00am	People of The Parish
Twenty-Third Sunday (C)	9:30am	Jadzia & Simon Bruton
	11:00am	Leslie D'Sa RIP Anniversary
	6:30pm	Dr Lawrence John Lobo & Sophia Lobo & Children

Appreciation:

"Dear brothers and sisters, with a grateful heart, I would like to express my sincere thanks to you all for your love and support during my two years of pastoral ministry here in St. John Fisher, Merton, as an assistant priest. I would like to thank Fr. Francis, especially, for your kind support and encouragement.

Thank you, Cannon Tom and Deacon Tom. Thank you, my dear parishioners, for your prayers, love, and support. Thank you for your numerous gifts, and best wishes on my new pastoral assignment. Thank you for your lovely cards and painting from St. John Fisher School children. I feel very supported by your love, friendship, and care towards me and Fr. Francis.

My prayer and love will always be with you. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! God bless you all."
Fr. Joseph.

The Season of Creation (1st Sept – 4th October):

The Season of Creation starts on 1st September with the celebration of the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and ends on 4th October with the feast of St Francis of Assisi. This celebration, which takes place over a period of a month, is designated to enable Christians to come together to care for our Common Home through prayer and action. It helps to promote awareness and to understand the importance of protecting God's handiwork as essential to a life of virtue.

Parish Business:

Monday 1st September from 7pm to 8pm.

First Friday - 1st September:

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

NO JUBILEE MASS THIS WEEK

First Saturday Devotions - 2nd September:

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

Food Collection - Next Weekend:

Next weekend we will be collecting for **Christian Care**. They appreciate: Biscuits, Cooking Oil, Tins of Fish/ Meat, Tins of Fruit and Toiletries.

Please bring donations to the hall before Mass.

42nd Street Band Saturday 4th October 2025:

7pm-11pm in the Parish Hall. You are all invited to this very popular evening of music and dance- back by popular demand. Tickets available from the Parish office – please get them early before they sell out.

Jubilee Mass - Friday 12th September:

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

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

Merton Deanery Jubilee Pilgrimage - Save the Date:

Saturday 13th September at Sacred Heart Church, Wimbledon from 12 noon. Please see poster on noticeboard for more information.

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.

Archdiocese of Southwark - Annual service for Healing and Hope for those that have ben harmed by abuse:

This important annual service will be led by Archbishop John Wilson on 24th September at 6:30pm, St George's Cathedral, SE1 7HY.

RCIA Program - September 2025:

If you wish to register for the RCIA Program which begins in September, please visit the Parish website:

http://www.stjohnfishermerton.co.uk/sacramental_life.php

The program is meant for adults who wish to be baptised or receive any of the Sacraments of Christian Initiation, i.e., Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation

St Joseph Support Group:

The parish organises an opportunity for those who are bereaved. Please call 07712443964 if you would like to attend. The next gathering will be on Weds 24th September from 1:30pm-3pm in the parish hall.

Church Cleaning - September:

Cleaning of the Church on Wednesday 3rd and Wednesday 17th September at 9:30am.

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

Reading At Mass:

Readers required at the Saturday evening Mass. Your commitment is to read at Mass once every 4-5 weeks on a rota basis. Guidance and training is available. Please speak to a member of the Clergy or call 07944 692920 for full information.

Marys Meals - Leftover Foreign Currency :

Please help us to support Mary's Meals by donating your leftover foreign currency to them so that they can provide nutritious school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest countries. Envelopes are available at the back of church for your donations. Please return your envelopes to the presbytery.

Nursery Intake from September 2025

From September 2025 St John Fisher will be offering a three term intake to any child who is eligible.

Child turns 3 between:	Child can start Nursery:
1st September - 31st December	January 2026
1st January - 31st March 2026	April 2026
1st April - 31st August 2026	September 2027

Rising 3s

Children who turn 3yrs old during term time, and who are eligible, can take up a funded Early Education place the Monday after their 3rd birthday.

Please contact the school for further information.

Summer Break:

- ⇒ **Parent & Toddlers** - returns on Thursday 4th Sept.
- ⇒ **Senior Citizens** - returns on Thursday 2nd October.
- ⇒ **Children's Liturgy** - returns on Sun 21st Sept.

Repository - Parish Shop:

Reopens on Sunday 7th September.

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

SCHOOL SLIPS RETURN NEXT WEEKEND

Please remember in your prayers the sick and housebound of our parish **Louise Hosking, Brian Carter, Catharine Wilmott, Natalia Mata, Stewart Davis, Bernie Simmons, Seeta Seenayah, Margaret Pumford, Ronald Grostate, Douglas Desmier, Anastasia Coyle, Christina Duffy, Thomas Ivan Grostate, James Walsh, 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.**



Our Parish Primary School is

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Boys & Girls Aged 3-11. Breakfast & After School Club. 30 hours Nursery provision.

