

Fisherman's Herald

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday of The Year - 5th October 2025

St John Fisher Church



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Part of the R. C. Archdiocese of Southwark Charity No: 1173050
 Fr Francis Nonyelu, Fr Alfred Mamman, Deacon Tom Kavanagh
 Parish Office: **Monday & Thursday from 9am to 2pm.**

MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 4th	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	6:00pm	Delia & Canute (50th Wedding Anniversary)
Sunday 5th <i>Twenty-Seventh Sunday (C)</i> <i>Rosary Sunday</i>	8:00am	Roisin O'Neill-McCaul
	9:30am	People of The Parish
	11:00am	Pat Igoe RIP (4th Anniversary)
	4:00pm	<i>Rosary Service</i>
	6:30pm	Dr Lawrence John & Sophia Lobo & Children
Monday 6th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Eileen & Michael (Intentions) Gloria Paszeck
Tuesday 7th <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Clarence Fernandes RIP Carmen & Ramon
Wednesday 8th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Ivan Fernandes RIP Jeanne Ngasa
Thursday 9th <i>St John Henry Newman, Priest</i> <i>Bidding Prayers</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Catherine 'Kitty' McVey RIP (1st Anniversary)
		Teresa Pollard
	9:30-10:00am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
Friday 10th <i>Jubilee Mass</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Dr Lawrence John & Sophia Lobo & Children
	6:30pm	Ramona Marinas RIP <i>Confessions</i>
	7:00pm	For all prisoners and their families
Saturday 11th	9:00am	Nan (Anne) Verrion RIP
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
Saturday 11th	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	6:00pm	Giuseppe & Joseph Barchionel RIP (Anniversary)
Sunday 12th <i>Twenty-Eighth Sunday (C)</i> <i>Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their Families</i>	8:00am	Canon Acton RIP
	9:30am	People of The Parish
	11:00am	Daniel Hickey RIP
	6:30pm	Kevin Doyle RIP

St John Fisher Merton: Parish Vision:

As a parish community/family, we want to reveal the love of Jesus Christ to all - "Come and See." To spend ourselves in creative ways in the service of those in need in order to fight indifferentism, individualism, and exclusion of others and to develop the culture of encountering and listening both to God and to one another.

The Rosary In October:

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. Those who recite five decades of the Rosary in church, or a family, or as a group may gain a plenary indulgence daily. You can also recite daily the Litany of Loreto and the Prayer to Saint Joseph.

Rosary Service - Today:

Today is Rosary Sunday. There will a Rosary service at 4pm. All welcome, please come.

Food collection - This Weekend:

This weekend we are collecting for the Wimbledon Foodbank. They appreciate: Biscuits, Cooking Oil, Tins of fish/meat, Tins of fruit and Toiletries.



Please bring donations to the hall before Mass.

Tea / Coffee - 8am Mass Today:

There will be tea/coffee served in the hall after the 8am Mass today. All Welcome.

Parish Business:

Monday 6th October from 7pm to 8pm.

Saint Carlo Acutis:

- A Free Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles of Saint Carlo Acutis from Sat 18th Oct to Sun 2nd Nov 2025. The exhibition will be open for a couple of hours each weekday except Thursdays. And also whole day Saturday and Sunday from 8am-7.30pm for the three weekends. There will be an Opening Mass on Friday 17th Oct at 7pm and a Closing Mass on Sun 2nd Nov followed by light refreshments in the hall.

- **Volunteers Needed** - For an hour or two over three weekends from Saturday 18th October. Duties are to welcome visitors and hand out leaflets at the Saint Carlo Acutis exhibition in the Church. Please fill the form at the back of the Church to indicate what slot you are able to help.

Do contact Fr Francis if you have any questions.

Funerals:

Please remember the families in your prayers.

Pauline Davoren:

Requiem Mass on Monday 6th October at 1pm.

James Walsh RIP:

Requiem Mass on Tuesday 7th October at 12 noon.

Jubilee Mass - Friday 10th October:

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

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 15th October from 1:30pm-3pm in the parish hall.

CAFOD Family Fast Day:

Friday 3rd October was Family Fast Day. Please return your envelopes as soon as possible.

RCIA Program - September 2025:

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. Programme continues on Tuesday 7th October 2025 in the Presbytery at 7.30pm.

Parish Youth Club:

For those in those in years 6/7 on Friday 10th October and for those in years 8/9/10 on Fri 17th Oct from 7pm to 9pm and for . Entry is £2.

We urgently need more volunteers to run this important group.

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

Altar Servers:

If you would like to serve on the Sanctuary, Young or Old you must have made your First Holy Communion. Adults will need to be DBS Checked. Practices start on Thursday October 9th at 6.45pm. Forms are available in the Narthex or Sacristy. Please post the Forms into the Parish Office.

Repository / Gift Shop:

New Stock of Confirmation Cards and Christmas Cards & 2026 Calendars have arrived. Visit the Repository Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings.

A Day with Mary:

Saturday 11th October. Our Lady of Sorrows, Friary Rd, SE15 1RH. Please see poster on noticeboard for more information or visit www adaywithmary.org

Secondary School Supplementary Forms:

If you are applying for a Catholic high school for your child, please note that the school now require a certificate of Catholic practice to be completed instead of a supplementary form. Fr Francis is available to sign these certificates next week only on Monday during parish business from 7pm to 8pm. No appointment needed. Please bring the completed certificate of Catholic practice with you.

Church Cleaning - October:

Wednesday 15th and 29th October at 9:30am.

New volunteers welcome.

St Teresa's Home C.I.O.

Vacancy for full time Kitchen Assistant 4/5 days out of seven(Alternate weeks) 07.00 to 15.00 Sundays included Experience preferable, DBS check undertaken.

Email info@stteresashome.co.uk for more information.

12 Lansdowne Road, Wimbledon, London, SW20 8AN.

Caremark Merton - Job Vacancies:

Field Care Supervisor and Care Manager vacancies at Caremark Merton. For full job descriptions and more information, Please visit www.caremark.co.uk/merton

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.

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)

Please remember in your prayers the sick and housebound of our parish **Louise Hosking, Catharine Wilmott, Natalia Mata, 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.**



Our Parish Primary School is

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

