



Fisherman's Herald
Twenty-Third Sunday (C) - 7th September 2025
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Parish Office: **Monday & Thursday from 9am to 2pm.**

MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

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| Saturday 6th | 5:00-5:50pm | Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>) |
| | 6:00pm | Ivan Pedropillai RIP |
| Sunday 7th <i>Twenty-Third Sunday (C)</i> | 8:00am | People of The Parish |
| | 9:30am | Jadzia & Simon Bruton |
| | 11:00am | Leslie D'Sa RIP Anniversary |
| | 6:30pm | Dr Lawrence John Lobo & Sophia Lobo & Children |
| Monday 8th <i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> | 8:30am | <i>Rosary</i> |
| | 9:00am | Mary Tully RIP Anniversary |
| Tuesday 9th | 8:30am | <i>Rosary</i> |
| | 9:00am | Sister Marion |
| Wednesday 10th | 8:30am | <i>Rosary</i> |
| | 9:00am | Michelle (Intentions) |
| Thursday 11th <i>Bidding Prayers</i> | 8:30am | <i>Rosary</i> |
| | 9:00am | Asaimuthu Victor |
| | 9:30-10:00am | <i>Weekly Adoration</i> |
| Friday 12th <i>Jubilee Mass</i> | 8:30am | <i>Rosary</i> |
| | 9:00am | Angela D'Silva (Thanksgiving) |
| | 6:30pm | <i>Confessions</i> |
| | 7:00pm | All those starting the new academic year |
| Saturday 13th <i>St John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of The Church</i> | 9:00am | Francois Wan RIP |
| | 9:30-10:30am | Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>) |
| Saturday 13th Sunday 14th <i>The Exaltation of The Holy Cross</i> <i>Education Sunday</i> | 5:00-5:50pm | Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>) |
| | 6:00pm | Lionel Paul RIP |
| | 8:00am | John Browne RIP |
| | 9:30am | Canon Acton RIP |
| | 11:00am | People of The Parish |
| | 6:30pm | Paoli Family Intentions |

Saint Carlos Acutis:

Today Sunday 7th September Saint Carlos Acutis is being Canonized by Pope Leo. Our Parish is arranging to have 'International Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles' From 18th October to 2nd November 2025 in the Church. Please spread the word and try to attend. If you are able to help in any way please contact Fr Francis. The exhibition is self explanatory and the aim is to put it in front as many Catholics who are uncertain of the Real Presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

Food Collection - Today:

This weekend we are 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.

Tea / Coffee - 8am Mass Today:

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

Parish Business:

Monday 8th September from 7pm to 8pm.

Jubilee Mass - Friday 12th September:

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

Second Collection Next Weekend- Education Sunday:

There is a second collection next weekend for the Catholic Education Service. The CES acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishop's Conference to support Catholic education. They are the chief negotiating and advisory body on matters affecting all aspects of Catholic education, and it also provides financial assistance for school transport in rural areas.

Church Cleaning - September:

Cleaning of the Church on Wednesday 17th September at 9:30am. New volunteers welcome.

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.

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.

Sister Catherine RIP - Prayer Service:

Sr Catherine Prayer Service on Sunday 14th September soon after the 11am Mass

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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.

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 24th September from 1:30pm-3pm in the parish hall.

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.

The Catechetical Institute:

Every parishioner has free and unlimited access to the workshops created by the world-renowned Catechetical Institute. From Scripture to parenting workshops, to catechetical training and mentoring, there is something for everyone. For information on how to register your free account visit: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/franciscan>

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: |
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| 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.

Safeguarding:

The Archdiocese of Southwark is committed to the safety and welfare of children and vulnerable adults. The Diocese co-operates fully with CSAS, the Catholic Safeguarding Advisory Service, which aims to help the Church become an example of best practice in the Safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, and develop a "culture of vigilance" to ensure that children and vulnerable adults in our care are kept safe from harm. The parish safeguarding representative for St John Fisher Parish is Nicola Moriarty and she can be contacted at mertonsgl@safeguardrcaos.org.uk. If you have any concerns please contact her immediately.

A Day with Mary:

Please see poster on Church noticeboard or visit: www.adaywithmary.org

Ursuline High School - Open Events:

Year 7 entry - Sept 2026. Weds 24th Sept 2025 from 6pm to 8:30pm. Year 12 (Sixth Form) 2026 entry. Weds 8th Oct 2025 from 4:30pm to 7pm. Please sign up at:

www.ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk/admissions/open-events/

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.

Used Stamps:

Jesuit Missions are very grateful for all donations of stamps which they use for their work. Please continue to collect your used stamps and put them in the box at the back of Church.

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, 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.

