

Fisherman's Herald

The Exaltation of The Holy Cross - 14th September 2025

St John Fisher Church

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Parish Office: **Monday & Thursday from 9am to 2pm.**



MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 13th	5:00-5:50pm 6:00pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>) Lionel Paul RIP
Sunday 14th <i>The Exaltation of The Holy Cross</i>	8:00am 9:30am 11:00am	John Browne RIP Canon Acton RIP People of The Parish
<i>Education Sunday</i>	6:30pm	Paoli Family Intentions
Monday 15th <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	8:30am 9:00am	<i>Rosary</i> Samson Agboegbulem
Tuesday 16th <i>Sts Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian Bishop, Martyrs</i>	8:30am 9:00am	<i>Rosary</i> Francois Wan RIP
Wednesday 17th	8:30am 9:00am	<i>Rosary</i> CB (Thanksgiving)
Thursday 18th <i>Bidding Prayers</i>	8:30am 9:00am 9:30-10:00am	<i>Rosary</i> FG & Family (Intentions) <i>Weekly Adoration</i>
Friday 19th	8:30am 9:00am 6:30pm 7:00pm	<i>Rosary</i> Alice Hickey RIP <i>Confessions</i> Peace in Palestine & Israel
Saturday 20th <i>St Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest & Paul Chŏng Ha-sang & Companions</i>	9:00am 9:30-10:30am	Patricia Francis (Thanksgiving) Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
Saturday 20th	5:00-5:50pm 6:00pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>) Eulalia Sotaridona RIP
Sunday 21st <i>Twenty-Fifth Sunday (C)</i>	8:00am 9:30am 11:00am	Holy Souls People of The Parish Dennis Lonergan RIP Anniversary
<i>Home Mission Sunday</i>	6:30pm	Mary Leahy RIP

Welcome Fr Alfred Mamman

A word of welcome to our new Assistant Priest, Fr. Alfred Mamman, who just arrived to our parish on Friday. A very talented and gifted priest and we are glad to have him in our noble parish. Please ensure you give him a warm welcome. You are welcome, Fr.

Saint Carlos Acutis:

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 as a volunteer put down your name and time on the form at the narthex. 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.

Second Collection Today - Education Sunday:

There is a second collection this 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.

Sister Catherine RIP - Prayer Service - Today:

Sr Catherine Prayer Service after the 11am Mass today.

Parish Business:

Monday 15th September from 7pm to 8pm.

Jubilee Mass - Friday 19th September:

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

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. This is the final call as we will begin on Tuesday 23rd September, 2025 in the Presbytery at 7.30pm.

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. There is a raffle during the evening and we kindly ask for any donations for the raffle, please.

Marys Meals - Leftover Foreign Currency :

Please help us to support Mary's Meals by donating your leftover foreign currency.

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

Second Collection - Next Weekend:

Next weekend is Home Mission Sunday and there will be a second collection for the Catholic Agency for the Support of Evangelization. This collection provides the bishops of England and Wales with resources to support Home Mission, the spread of the Gospel in our own country. The money collected enables a breadth of work to be done in support of parish evangelization.

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>

Archdiocese of Southwark - Annual service for Healing and Hope for those that have been 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.

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.

Church Cleaning - September:

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

Summer Break:

Please note the following groups will be closed for the summer break:

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

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 mertonsg1@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/

Grief in Loss Weekend – 10th - 12th October 2025

Guided by Liz Taylor, Barbara Salamonczyk and Father Ged Walsh O Carm, this weekend is for anyone who has experienced bereavement, whether recently or some time ago. We grieve, remember, hope and give thanks for our loved ones in the light of the Resurrection of Jesus. For more information please contact reception@thefriars.org.uk

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.

