

# Fisherman's Herald

## The Twenty-Fifth Sunday of The Year - 21st September 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

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| <b>Saturday 20th</b>   | 5:00-5:50pm  | Confessions ( <i>Confessional</i> )     |
|  | 6:00pm       | Eulalia Sotaridona RIP                  |
| <b>Sunday 21st</b><br><i>Twenty-Fifth Sunday (C)</i>   | 8:00am       | Holy Souls                              |
|  | 9:30am       | People of The Parish                    |
|  | 11:00am      | Dennis Lonergan RIP Anniversary         |
| <i>Home Mission Sunday</i>   | 6:30pm       | Mary Leahy RIP                          |
| <b>Monday 22nd</b>   | 8:30am       | <i>Rosary</i>                           |
|  | 9:00am       | Marco Savini RIP                        |
| <b>Tuesday 23rd</b><br><i>St Pius of Pietrelcina [Padre Pio]</i>   | 8:30am       | <i>Rosary</i>                           |
|  | 9:00am       | Harris Addeh                            |
| <b>Wednesday 24th</b><br><i>Our Lady of Walsingham, Feast</i>  | 8:30am       | <i>Rosary</i>                           |
|  | 9:00am       | Antoine Bejjani RIP                     |
| <b>Thursday 25th</b><br><i>Bidding Prayers</i>   | 8:30am       | <i>Rosary</i>                           |
|  | 9:00am       | Delia (Intentions)                      |
|  | 9:30-10:00am | <i>Weekly Adoration</i>                 |
| <b>Friday 26th</b>   | 8:30am       | <i>Rosary</i>                           |
|  | 9:00am       | Francois Wan RIP                        |
|  | 6:30pm       | <i>Confessions</i>                      |
| <i>Jubilee Mass</i>  | 7:00pm       | Holy Spirit's guidance on World Leaders |
| <b>Saturday 27th</b><br><i>St Vincent de Paul, Priest</i>  | 9:00am       | Kathleen McAuley RIP                    |
|  | 9:30-10:30am | Confessions ( <i>Confessional</i> )     |
| <b>Saturday 27th</b>   | 5:00-5:50pm  | Confessions ( <i>Confessional</i> )     |
|  | 6:00pm       | Annie McKay RIP                         |
| <b>Sunday 28th</b><br><i>Twenty-Sixth Sunday (C)</i><br><i>World Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees</i> | 8:00am       | Holy Souls                              |
|  | 9:30am       | Miriam Davis                            |
|  | 11:00am      | People of The Parish                    |
|  | 6:30pm       | Canon Acton RIP                         |

#### Welcome Fr Alfred Mamman

A word of welcome to our new Assistant Priest, Fr. Alfred Mamman. 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.

#### Second Collection - Today:

Today is Home Mission Sunday and there is 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.

#### 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. Do let Fr Francis or us know if you have any questions.

#### Parish Business:

Monday 22nd September from 7pm to 8pm.

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

#### Jubilee Mass - Friday 26th 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.

### Parish Youth Club:

Youth club returns for Years 6/7 on Friday 26th September. The next session for those in years 8/9/10 is on Friday 3rd October from 7pm to 9pm. Entry is £2.

### 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](mailto: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](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-john-fisher-merton)

### 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.

### 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.

### 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 on Thursday and Friday from 7pm to 8pm. No appointment needed. Please bring the completed certificate of Catholic practice with you.

### Funerals:

Please remember the families in your prayers.

#### James Walsh RIP:

Requiem Mass on Tuesday 7th October at 12 noon.

#### Arthur Newman RIP:

Requiem Mass on Thursday 2nd October at 11:15am.

### Be Still and Know that I am God, 14 - 17 Nov 2025:

A three-day retreat led by Fr Roger Dawson, SJ, aiming to help participants find a greater attentiveness and disposition to God's presence in their lives through a disciplining of the mind and awareness of the present moment. <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/be-still-and-know-that-i-am-god>

### Church Cleaning - October:

Cleaning of the Church on Wednesday 1st, 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](mailto:info@stteresashome.co.uk) for more information.

12 Lansdowne Road, Wimbledon, London, SW20 8AN

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

Guided by Liz Taylor, Barbara Salamonzczyk 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](mailto:reception@thefriars.org.uk)

### Build A Better Marriage:

One day course aimed at couples who would like to try and make them better. There is no charge and no group sharing. 9.30am to 4.30pm. Oct 4, Catford & Nov 1, Bromley. T: 07983 524 727 or E: [mflkent@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflkent@rcaos.org.uk)

#### 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](mailto: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.**



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

