

Fisherman's Herald
The Twenty-Sixth Sunday of The Year - 28th 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

Saturday 27th	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	6:00pm	Annie McKay RIP
Sunday 28th Twenty-Sixth Sunday (C)	8:00am	Holy Souls
	9:30am	Miriam Davis
<i>World Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees</i>	11:00am	People of The Parish
	6:30pm	Canon Acton RIP
Monday 29th <i>Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael Archangels</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	St Michael Archangel Michelle Donegan RIP (Anniversary)
Tuesday 30th <i>St Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Michael & Eileen Tully (Wedding Anniversary) Thanksgiving
Wednesday 1st <i>St Thérèse of the Child Jesus</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Patricia Hann RIP Mothers Prayer Group
Thursday 2nd <i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i> <i>Bidding Prayers</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Mary Higgins RIP Ana & Family
	9:30-10:00am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
Friday 3rd <i>Harvest Fast Day</i> <i>First Friday</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Aubrey & Rita Platel (Intentions)
	7:30pm	<i>Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament</i>
	8:00pm	Fr Francis
Saturday 4th <i>St Francis of Assisi</i>	8:00-8:45am	<i>First Saturday Devotions</i>
	9:00am	Canute (Intentions)
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
Saturday 4th	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	6:00pm	Delia & Canute (50th Wedding Anniversary)
Sunday 5th Twenty-Seventh Sunday (C)	8:00am	Roisin O'Neill-McCaul
	9:30am	People of The Parish
	11:00am	Pat Igoo RIP (4th Anniversary)
Rosary Sunday	4:00pm	<i>Rosary Service</i>
	6:30pm	Dr Lawrence John & Sophia Lobo & Children

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:

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

Parish Business:

Monday 29th September 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.

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.

Funerals:

Please remember the families in your prayers.

Arthur Newman RIP:

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

James Walsh RIP:

Requiem Mass on Tuesday 7th October at 12 noon.

First Friday - 3rd October:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30pm followed by Mass at 8pm. **NO JUBILEE MASS THIS WEEK**

Food collection - Next Weekend:

Next 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.

CAFOD Family Fast Day:

Friday 5th October is Family Fast Day. Please collect an envelope from the back of Church and return next week.

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 30th September, 2025 in the Presbytery at 7.30pm.

First Saturday Devotions - 4th October:

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

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.

Church Cleaning - October:

Wednesday 1st, 15th and 29th October at 9:30am.

Parish Youth Club:

For those in years 8/9/10— Fri 3rd Oct from 7pm to 9pm and for those in years 6/7 on Friday 10th October.

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.

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

Repository / Gift Shop:

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

Catholic Education Service - Second Collection

Thank you to all those who contributed to the recent second collection for the Catholic Education Service, we raised **£626.68**

Home Mission - Second Collection

Thank you to all those who contributed to the recent second collection for Home Mission, we raised **£405.41**

Over 60's Group:

Returns on Thursday 4th October from 1pm to 3pm in the hall. All Welcome.

Jubilee Mass - Friday 10th October:

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

Tea/Coffee—8am Mass Next Sunday:

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

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.

