

St John Fisher RC Church Merton



Advent & Christmas 2025

Advent & Christmas Programme

Monday 15th December

- Advent Course – 8.00pm

Thursday 18th December

- 9:00am to 3:00pm – Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

Monday 22nd December

- Christmas Confession 9.30am – 10.30am
- Advent Course – 8.00pm

Tuesday 23rd December

- Christmas Confession 9.30am – 10.30am

Wednesday 24th December

- Christmas Confession 9.30am – 10.30am

Wednesday 24th December – Christmas Eve

- 4:00pm-5:00pm – Christmas Confession
- 5:30pm Carols
- 6:00pm Vigil Mass
- 11:30pm Carols
- 12:00pm Midnight Mass

Thursday 25th December – Christmas Day

- 8:00am – Holy Mass
- 9:30am – Holy Mass
- 11:00am – Holy Mass



Friday 26th December

- 10:00am Holy Mass – **St Stephens Day** (Altar Servers renew promises and new servers are enrolled into the Guild of St Stephen)

Saturday 27th December – Feast of St John, Apostle and Evangelist

- 9.00am – Holy Mass

Sunday 28th December – Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

- Holy Masses – 6pm (Sat), 8:00am, 9.30am, 11:00am, 6.30pm

Monday 29th December – Feast of St Thomas of Canterbury

- 9.00am – Holy Mass

Tuesday 30th December – Sixth Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord.

- 9.00am – Holy Mass

Wednesday 31st December

- 9:00am – Holy Mass
- 11:00pm – 11:30pm – Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament and Adoration
- 11.45pm – Holy Mass of the New Year

Thursday 1st January 2026 – Mary, the Mother of God

- 10:00am – Holy Mass



Christmas Message and Greetings from the Parish Clergy

“Don’t get so wrapped up in what the world has to sell that you miss what God has to give.”

We cannot live without facing challenges. Responding to them is part of life. But by the Holy Spirit's grace and power, we have fought and struggled against the challenges of 2025. As Christian Catholics, we believe Jesus is with us in suffering and sorrow. Jesus is always and forever God with us. He saves us, raises us from dust, and lifts us from difficulty and sin. He is Emmanuel – God-with-us (Matthew 1:23). Do you believe this?

Christmas is about gift-giving. God gave Himself to us through the holy mystery of Incarnation. In Incarnation, God reunited with His people. We, in turn, are gifts to those in our lives. Through Christmas, you become a gift from God to those you know and even those you do not know. So, create an open space within. Make room for others in your heart. Let God’s grace guide your actions and feed your courage to act as Jesus would toward anyone in need.

Jesus is the centre of creation, the centre of reconciliation, and the centre of the People of God. He is alive and present among us. In Him we are all one people. Only in Jesus as the centre do we receive our identity as a people. So, by the celebration of Christmas, it is our choice to put Jesus in the first place in our lives, to be like Him, to imitate Him, and to follow Him to the end.

“Come, Lord, and save us” (Isaiah 35:4)



*The Clergy of the parish, wish all parishioners and their families a
Happy and peaceful Christmas. May the joy of Jesus’
birth fill our hearts. And may the coming year
bring us closer to God*

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

*Fr. Francis Nonyelu
Fr. Alfred Mamman
Deacon Tom Kavanagh*