



Fisherman's Herald
Eighteenth Sunday (C) - 3rd August 2025
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Parish Office: **Monday & Thursday from 9am to 2pm.**

MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 2nd	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	6:00pm	Joey & Jessica (Intentions)
Sunday 3rd <i>Eighteenth Sunday (C)</i>	8:00am	Paul Patrick D'Sa Birthday
	9:30am	RIP
	11:00am	People of The Parish
	6:30pm	Jolene Donaghue
		Dr Lawrence John Lobo & Sophia Lobo & Children
Monday 4th <i>St John Vianney, Priest</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Francis & Michael Casamayor
		Gemma Morgan RIP
Tuesday 5th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Pamela Desmier RIP
		Josette & Christian Casamayor
Wednesday 6th <i>The Transfiguration of The Lord</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Eileen & Michael (Intentions)
		Alfredo & Celestino Pocas
Thursday 7th <i>Bidding Prayers</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Cynthia Crowe RIP
		Marcelino & Custodio Pocas
	9:30-10:00am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
Friday 8th <i>St Dominic, Priest</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Jennifer Grewer RIP
		Doris & Douglas Moor
<i>Jubilee Mass</i>	6:30pm	<i>Confessions (Confessional)</i>
	7:00pm	For Victims of Natural Disasters
Saturday 9th <i>St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross [Edith Stein]</i>	9:00am	Dr Lawrence John Lobo
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
Saturday 9th	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	6:00pm	John Moor RIP
Sunday 10th <i>Nineteenth Sunday (C)</i>	8:00am	Jane & Francis Gracias
	9:30am	Canon Acton RIP
	11:00am	Jack Lonergan RIP (Anniversary)
	6:30pm	People of The Parish

Food Collection - This Weekend:

This weekend we are collecting for **Faith In Action**. They appreciate: Packet soups especially chicken soup, Pot Noodles or similar, Multi-packs of crisps, Packets of biscuits, Large bottles of undiluted squash, Ring-pull cans of mackerel, tuna, sardines, Protein bars, Jars of jam, marmalade & honey.

Assumption Novena:

The Novena to the Assumption of Mary starts on August 6 and ends on August 14. Please join us before the end of Mass each day to pray the Novena.

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.

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.

Fr Joseph Farewell:

As has been announced, Fr Joseph in a few weeks will leave us to take up a new appointment. In a spirit of gratitude parishioners are invited to contribute a monetary gift by using the donation envelopes provided at the entrance. Alternatively, you can use the contactless machine by selecting "Fr Joseph - Farewell". Fr Joseph's official farewell will be taking place after 6pm Mass on Saturday 16th August.

Funerals:

Please remember the families in your prayers.

Tony Brook RIP

Requiem Mass on Monday 11th August at 12:30pm.

Margaret Kiernan RIP

Requiem Mass on Tuesday 12th August at 12:30pm.

Josephine Mullane RIP

Requiem Mass on Weds 20th August at 11:00am.

Jubilee Mass - Friday 8th August:

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

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 20th August from 1:30pm-3pm in the parish hall.

*Praying for you all to have a joyful and refreshing
Summer holiday - The Parish Clergy*

Parish Business:

Parish business on Monday 4th August, 7pm to 8pm.

Reading At Mass:

Readers required at the Saturday evening Mass. Your commitment is to read at Mass once every 4-5 weeks on a rota basis. Guidance and training is available. Please speak to a member of the Clergy or call 07944 692920 for full information.

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

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.

Church Cleaning - August:

Cleaning of the Church on Wednesday 6th and Wednesday 20th August at 9:30am. New volunteers welcome.

Grief in Loss Weekend – 10 th - 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

Building a Better Marriage:

Sat 13 Sept, Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, This is a day in which married couples can privately explore their relationship more deeply and gain valuable insights into the communication and the call of the Church to the married. Booking is essential. Please contact Carole on mflkent@rcaos.org.uk or 07983 524 727.

Summer Break:

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

- ⇒ **Parent & Toddlers** - returns on Thursday 4th Sept.
- ⇒ **Senior Citizens** - returns on Thursday 2nd October.
- ⇒ **Children's Liturgy** - returns on Sun 21st Sept.

Repository - Parish Shop:

Reopens on Sunday 6th September.

Please note that Mothers Prayers and Morning Rosary will continue as normal during the Summer.

Please remember in your prayers the sick and housebound of our parish **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.**

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>

A Day with Mary:

Sat 9th August at St Mary's Croydon and Sat 16th August at Sacred Heart, Wimbledon.. 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/

Easy Fundraising:

Please sign up to Easy Fundraising and help our parish to earn a cashback reward when you shop online with any of their retail partners including: Amazon, John Lewis, Tesco, Argos, Ebay, Currys, Dunelm, Pets at Home and many more. <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/johnfisherchurch/>

Mission Appeal - The Missionary Society of St Paul (MSP):

Fr. Fidelis Datau MSP, of the Missionary Society of St. Paul (MSP), will make a mission appeal on 16th / 17th August. The MSP is a religious congregation working in different parts of the world, committed to spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ and the salvific work of God the Father in the Holy Spirit. The MSP warmly invites you to support their mission appeal. There will be a second collection at all Masses.

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

NO SCHOOL SLIPS THIS WEEKEND DUE TO THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Our Parish Primary School is

St. John Fisher R. C. Primary and Nursery School, Grand Drive, West Wimbledon, SW20 9NA, Tel: 020 8540 2637

Email: school@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk Web: www.st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/stjohnfisherprimary>

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

