

Fisherman's Herald

The Dedication of The Lateran Basilica - 9th November 2025

St John Fisher Church



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

MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 8th	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	6:00pm	Ellen Barron (Wellbeing)
Sunday 9th <i>The Dedication of The Lateran Basilica (C)</i> <i>Remembrance Day</i>	8:00am	People of The Parish
	9:30am	Marcella (Thanksgiving)
	11:00am	Dead of Two World Wars
	6:30pm	Holy Souls
Monday 10th <i>St Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor of The Church</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Holy Souls
		Paschal Duffy RIP
Tuesday 11th <i>St Martin of Tours, Bishop</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Sid Miles RIP
		Eileen Lehane RIP
Wednesday 12th <i>St Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Renato & Soriana Satti RIP Anniversary
		Robert Ndafeut RIP
Thursday 13th <i>Bidding Prayers</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Michael Dooley RIP
		Loreto Loftus RIP
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
Friday 14th <i>Jubilee Mass</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Barbara Morgan (Intentions)
		Joan Dooley
	6:30pm	<i>Confessions</i>
	7:00pm	For Christians in Burkina Faso
Saturday 15th	9:00am	RCO Adams Onyibe RIP
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
Saturday 15th	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	6:00pm	Tim Daly RIP
Sunday 16th <i>Thirty-Third Sunday (C)</i> <i>World Day of The Poor</i>	8:00am	Cynthia Carss
	9:30am	Deceased of Aguiar & Fernandes Families
	11:00am	People of The Parish
	6:30pm	Dr Lawrence John Lobo & Sophia Lobo

St Carlo Acutis - Exhibition:

Thank you to all those who volunteered to help visitors at the recent exhibition of eucharistic miracles held in our Church; your dedication and generosity are greatly appreciated. St Carlo Acutis, Pray for us!

Blessing of Graves - Sunday 9th Nov at 2:30pm:

There will be a short service outside the chapel at the Merton and Sutton Joint Cemetery in Garth Road. Following it, clergy will be available to bless individual graves of any relatives or friends of parishioners who are buried there or in the Morden Cemetery/Crematorium.

Archbishop's Administration Fund

Second Collection - Today:

This Diocesan second collection funds key areas of ministry: Youth and Evangelisation, Our Faith in Action (Caritas) & Clergy Care & Formation. Find out more, or donate online: www.rcaos.org.uk/archbishops-appeal

Funeral:

Please remember the family in your prayers.

Maria Hayes RIP:

Requiem Mass on Monday 10th November at 12:30pm.

Parish Business:

Monday 10th November from 7pm to 8pm.

Jubilee Mass - Friday 14th November:

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

Confirmation Ceremony – Saturday 22nd November:

Canon Gerard Bradley, the Episcopal Vicar of the Southwest Area will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation in our Parish on Saturday 22nd November at 10am. Please note that there will be NO 9am Mass or morning Confessions on that day.

There will be a Confirmation practice on Tuesday 18th November at 7:30pm in the Church. All candidates and their sponsors should attend this important practice.

Church Cleaning - November:

Wednesday 12th and Wednesday 26th November at 9:30am. New volunteers welcome.

Saint Carlo Acutis: Saint for the Young:

You can order a copy of the book, cost £8. Order sheets are at the back of the Church. Prayer Cards are also available. Donation welcome. Suggested 50 pence.

Hall Donations:

Envelopes are available at the back of Church for donations towards the renovation of the parish hall. You can also donate using the contactless machine.

CAFOD World Gifts Catalogue:

Catalogues are available from the back of Church.

Merton Deanery Day of Recollection:

The day of recollection is open to all our parish Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and takes place on Saturday 22nd November at St Teresa's, Morden, SM4 6BZ. Canon David Gibbons (Parish Priest of Wimbledon and former Director of the diocesan Centre for Catholic Formation) will talk on 'The Mass'. The day begins with Mass at 11am and concludes at 3pm. Please bring a packed lunch.

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

Senior Citizens Christmas Party:

This year the annual Christmas party for our senior citizens takes place on Saturday 13th December. The day begins with Mass at 11:30am followed by lunch in the parish hall. If you would like to attend and have not yet received an invitation, please contact the parish office. Closing date for replies is Monday 24th November.

Christmas Cards for persecuted Christians:

On the 22nd/23rd November the Justice and Peace group will again be inviting parishioners to send a Christmas Card to someone in prison or persecuted for their faith. We will provide the cards, address and some information. All you need is the greeting and a stamp. Please do not make any political comment in your card. We suggest you express sympathy for their situation and promise prayers.

CTS Books:

The CTS bookstand in the narthex has been restocked. Please browse the lovely selection of books. Payments for books purchased can be made using the wall box marked 'CTS' under the bookstand.

St John Fisher Primary School

Nursery & Reception Places:

Will your child be 4 years old in September 2026? Are you looking for a Reception place? OR Is your child turning 3 from January 2026? Are you looking for a Nursery place for your child? St John Primary School will be having an Open Morning Stay and Play session on SATURDAY 22nd NOVEMBER 2025 10.15am-11.15am for parents and children looking for either a Nursery or Reception place, both current and for 2026. If you would like to come along and see our wonderful school please contact the school office 020 8540 2637 for more information and to book a place. We look forward to seeing you on the 22nd November!

Talkabout - December Edition:

The deadline for articles for the next issue of Talkabout is Sunday 16th November. Please send any items to merton@rcaos.org.uk as soon as possible.

Toddler Group:

Our parish Toddler group is open every Thursday from 9:30am-11:30am, term time only. We would appreciate help from a strong adult to put equipment away from 10:45am until 11:15am.

The St John Fisher School PTFA:

are in the Tesco Stronger Start Vote with a chance to win up to £1,500. Please support the school with their playground renovations by voting with the blue tokens by the exit in Tesco's.

Fund Raising Party

Saturday 6th December 2025 7pm to 11pm Tickets £15 per person to include Indian Meal. Cash Licensed Bar Available. All proceeds to fund the launch of Dementia Disco SW London Inviting local citizens who suffer from Dementia, their families & Carers to a monthly event. with FREE food, drinks and music. Starting in January 2026. Please call 07944 692920 to reserve tickets. No tickets at the door. Last date for ticket sale 30th November. Full details on Notice Board and Facebook.

Fr Joseph Edem - Induction Mass:

Father Joseph's induction as parish priest of St Anthony of Padua takes place on Friday 5th December. Mass at 7pm followed by refreshments. All parishioners are welcome to attend. St Anthony of Padua, 2 Genoa Rd, SE20 8ES.

A Day With Mary - St Saviour, Lewisham:

Saturday 15th November 2025 Further information is available at <https://www adaywithmary.org>

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
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.

