

Fisherman's Herald

The Twenty-Eighth Sunday of The Year - 12th October 2025

St John Fisher Church

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



MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 11th	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	6:00pm	Giuseppe & Joseph Barchionel RIP (Anniversary)
Sunday 12th <i>Twenty-Eighth Sunday (C)</i> <i>Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their Families</i>	88:00am	Canon Acton RIP
	9:30am	People of The Parish
	11:00am	Daniel Hickey RIP
	6:30pm	Kevin Doyle RIP
Monday 13th <i>St Edward the Confessor, King</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Bernard Moran RIP Bernadette & Johnny
Tuesday 14th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Domnic Fernandes SJF Parishioners
Wednesday 15th <i>St Teresa of Jesus [of Avila], Virgin & Doctor of the Church</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Daniele Maestri RIP Remise / Berthel Families
Thursday 16th <i>Bidding Prayers</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Louis Arneil (Thanksgiving) Barbanchon & Kisorbo Families
	9:30-10:00am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
Friday 17th <i>St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr</i> <i>Jubilee Mass</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Jolene (Thanksgiving) Canon Tom McHugh
	6:30pm	<i>Confessions</i>
	7:00pm	For missionaries throughout the world, especially in war torn countries
Saturday 18th <i>St Luke, Evangelist</i>	9:00am	Ivan Fernandes RIP
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
Saturday 18th	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	6:00pm	The Farrell Family
Sunday 19th <i>Twenty-Ninth Sunday (C)</i> <i>World Mission Day</i> <i>Day of Prayer for the evangelization of the world</i>	8:00am	People of The Parish
	9:30am	Krystyna Dumanowska RIP (11th Anniversary)
	11:00am	Ivan Fernandes RIP
	6:30pm	Ana & Manuel Marin

St John Fisher Merton: Parish Vision on Evangelization:

Our vision in St John Fisher parish is to proclaim the good news of the gospel to all our parishioners including adults, children and the elderly and infirm who are housebound. We want parishioners to know they are saved and to be so enthused as to become convinced disciples willing and able to be missionary in outlook, spreading the good news far and wide in the parish, the local community and beyond.

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.

Parish Business:

Monday 13th October from 7pm to 8pm.

Jubilee Mass - Friday 17th October:

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

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.

Missio - Second Collection Next Weekend:

Missio is the Church's official organ for the support of foreign missions. The collection taken on World Mission Sunday goes in its entirety to support Churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. Missio works through local bishops. Churches and missionary congregations to ensure that resources are distributed equitably and justly on the basis of need. The money goes directly from England and Wales to the bishops in the mission territories: local church directly helping local church.

Service of Light - Monday 3rd November at 7:30pm

There will be a special service of light for all those who have died in this parish since All Souls Day 2024. The names of the deceased will be read out and a candle lit for each by a family member.

Parish Volunteers Get Together - Sat 1st Nov:

Father Francis would like to invite all volunteers of the parish, to a get together in the hall after the 6pm Mass on Saturday 1st November, to enjoy some food and wine. This is a way of saying: 'Thank you' to all volunteers. Please add your name to the list at the back of Church if you are able to attend.

Parish Sacramental Activities:

Holy Communion

Discuss Rosary - 1st Group on 14th October and 2nd Group 16th October in the Church at **5:00pm**.

Confirmation

Presentation of Our Father 12th October at **6:30pm** Mass.

RCIA

Continues on Tuesday 14th October 2025 in the presbytery at 7:30pm.

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 continue on Thursday October 16th at 6.45pm. Forms are available in the Narthex or Sacristy. Please post the Forms into the Parish Office.

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.

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

CAFOD Family Fast Day:

Friday 3rd October was Family Fast Day. Please return your envelopes as soon as possible.

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 only on Monday during parish business 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.

Church Cleaning - October:

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

New volunteers welcome.

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.

James Walsh RIP:

The family of the late James Walsh would like to thank the parishioners of St John Fisher for all the support they received during their recent sad loss. Thank you for the Mass cards, visits, messages, phone calls and to anyone who helped in any way. The holy sacrifice of the mass will be offered for your intentions on Friday 2nd January 2026 at 8pm.

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, 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.

