

Fisherman's Herald

The Thirty-Third Sunday of The Year - 16th 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 15th	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	6:00pm	Tim Daly RIP
Sunday 16th Thirty-Third Sunday (C)	8:00am	Cynthia Carss
<i>World Day of The Poor</i>	9:30am	Deceased of Aguiar & Fernandes Families
	11:00am	People of The Parish
	6:30pm	Dr Lawrence John Lobo & Sophia Lobo & Children
Monday 17th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Ivan Fernandes RIP
		Bridie Clancy (Wellbeing)
Tuesday 18th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Holy Souls
		Ainé Chaloner-Doyle (Thanksgiving)
Wednesday 19th <i>Red Wednesday</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Ida Britto RIP
		Maura Jardine
Thursday 20th <i>Bidding Prayers</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Canon Acton RIP
		Eileen Lehane RIP
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
Friday 21st <i>The Presentation of The Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Sister Catherine RIP
		Sean Deane RIP
<i>Jubilee Mass</i>	6:30pm	<i>Confessions</i>
	7:00pm	For Persecuted Christians throughout the world
Saturday 22nd <i>St Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr</i>	No 9AM Mass	
	10:00am	Confirmation
Saturday 22nd	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	6:00pm	Patrick Lam-Kin-Teng RIP (Anniversary)
Sunday 23rd Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (C)	8:00am	Deva Paul
	9:30am	Delia Heyden & Relatives
<i>Youth Day</i>	11:00am	People of The Parish
	4:00-5:00pm	<i>Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament</i>
	6:30pm	Angela Nassif RIP (3rd Anniversary)

Holy Souls - November - Month of Remembrance:

Cards and envelopes are available at the back of the Church for parishioners. You write the names of your deceased relatives and friends on the card and put your offering for the Holy Souls in the envelopes. The names of the Holy Souls have been placed before the Altar and will be remembered during the month of November.

Talkabout - December Edition:

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

Parish Business:

Monday 17th November from 7pm to 8pm.

Red Wednesday - 19th November:

A day of prayer for Persecuted Christians.

- The Church will be lit in red that evening
- Please: Come to the Rosary at 8.30am, wearing red
- Pray at Mass for those who suffer for their faith
- Attend the event at St George's Cathedral, see Justice and Peace notice board for details
- Send a card to someone persecuted (available next weekend)

Jubilee Mass - Friday 21st 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.

Solemnity of Christ the King - Next Sunday:

- The 6:30pm Mass next Sunday 23rd November (Youth Day) is being arranged by the November 2025 Confirmation group. We ask that all who were confirmed this month to attend. Refreshments will be served in the hall after Mass.
- There will be a second collection for the **Catholic Youth Services**. This collection supports youth work in the diocese and beyond, especially the Southwark Catholic Youth Service.
- There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 4pm in Church ending with the evening prayer of the Church.

Church Cleaning - November/December:

We are deeply grateful to all who faithfully clean and care for our Church. Your work, often unseen, is a true act of worship and keeps God's House beautiful and welcoming for everyone. Thank you for your dedication and love. The next dates for Church cleaning are Wednesday 26th November and Wednesday 10th and 24th December at 9:30am. New volunteers welcome.

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 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 - Sat 13th Dec:

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.

St John Fisher Primary School - Nursery & Reception:

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!

Christmas Cards for persecuted Christians:

Next weekend 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.

CAFOD World Gifts Catalogue:

Catalogues are available from the back of Church.

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.

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.

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 - Holy Cross, Carshalton:

Saturday 22nd November 2025 Further information is available at <https://www adaywithmary.org>

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.

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 **Ethan Peruzzo, Candida D'Silva, 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.**



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

