



**Fisherman's Herald**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter (C) - 18th May 2025**  
**St John Fisher Church**  
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Part of the R. C. Archdiocese of Southwark Charity No: 1173050

Fr Francis Nonyelu, Fr Joseph Edem, Deacon Tom Kavanagh

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

**MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK**

<b>Saturday 17th</b>	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions ( <i>Confessional</i> )
	6:00pm	Eric Larche RIP
<b>Sunday 18th</b>	8:00am	Rose Sothinathan
	9:30am	Karma & Ethan (Thank You)
<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter (C)</b>	11:00am	People of The Parish
	Noon	<i>Sr Catherine Prayer Service</i>
	6:30pm	Inacio & Ana Fernandes & Children
<b>Monday 19th</b>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Marie Torrente Elisabetta De Zolt
		Sean Deane RIP
<b>Tuesday 20th</b>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
<i>Day of Prayer for Survivors of Sexual Abuse</i>	9:00am	Adrian Donaghue (Birthday Thanks)
		Fr Brendan Crowley (Health)
<b>Wednesday 21st</b>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Stewart James Finch RIP
		Sean McConnell RIP
<b>Thursday 22nd</b>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Innocencia Fernandes RIP
<i>Bidding Prayers</i>		Fr Liam Donnelly RIP
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
<b>Friday 23rd</b>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Irene Steel RIP (1st Anniversary)
		Fr Seamus O'Connell
<i>Jubilee Mass</i>	6:30pm	<i>Confessions (Confessional)</i>
	7:00pm	Young People exposed to violence
<b>Saturday 24th</b>	9:00am	Bruno Fernandes RIP
	9:30-10:30am	<i>Confessions (Confessional)</i>
<b>Saturday 24th</b>	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions ( <i>Confessional</i> )
	6:00pm	William Johnson RIP Anniversary
<b>Sunday 25th</b>	8:00am	Irene Steel RIP
	9:30am	Helen Daly RIP (2nd Anniversary)
<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter (C)</b>	11:00am	People of The Parish
	6:30pm	Sean Conneely RIP

**Safeguarding Sunday 2025.**

Today is Safeguarding Sunday and Archbishop John has issued a pastoral letter. In his letter, Archbishop John said "Safeguarding is not the work of a few; it is a shared responsibility. Each of us - clergy, volunteers, parents, parishioners - is called to remain vigilant, informed, and committed to the well-being of every member of our community". You can find out more about Safeguarding Sunday, including accessing the full pastoral letter, at [rcaos.org.uk/safeguardingsunday25](http://rcaos.org.uk/safeguardingsunday25) or via the QR code.



The parish safeguarding representative for St John Fisher Parish is Nicola Moriarty and she can be contacted at [mertonsg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk](mailto:mertonsg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk). If you have any concerns please contact her immediately.

**Sister Catherine RIP - Prayer Service Today:**

after the 11am Mass today.

**Parish Business:**

Monday 19th May from 7pm to 8pm.

**Funerals:** Please remember the families in your prayers.

**Sean Deane RIP:**

Requiem Mass on Wednesday 21st May at 11am.

**Kenneth Crowe RIP:**

Requiem Mass on Friday 13th June at 11:30am.

**Jubilee Mass:**

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

**Church Parade - Today:**

At the 9:30am Mass for the uniform groups.

**St Joseph Support Group:**

The parish is organising an opportunity for those who are bereaved. This group is offering support to help prevent isolation and to support each other on the ongoing grief journey. Please call this number 07712443964 if you would like to attend. The next gathering will be on Weds 18th June from 1:30pm-3pm in the parish hall.

**St John Fisher Primary School:**

We have spaces available for children born between the 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022 in our Nursery and for children born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 in our Reception class, both for an immediate start. <https://youtu.be/1YIZnkrT0Xg>

We have spaces available for September in Nursery & Reception. Please contact Mrs Aldred for more information and to book a visit – 0208 540 2637

**Holy Spirit Novena:**

The Novena to the Holy Spirit begins on Friday 30th May and continues until Saturday 7th May 2025. The novena prayer starts at 7:30pm and ends with a Holy Mass in the Church at 8pm.

### **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](mailto: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](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-john-fisher-merton)

### **Jubilee Celebration at Aylesford Priory:**

Archbishop John is inviting all of us to the Southwark Archdiocesan Jubilee Celebration at The Friars, Aylesford on Saturday 7 June 2025. It promises to be a great day. As a parish we are organising a coach to join the celebration. If you would like to book a seat on the coach, please enter your contact details on the registration form in the narthex. Cost is £20 per person.

### **Merton Interfaith Walk:**

Saturday 31st May 2025 10am. A 5 mile challenge walk to visit local faith sites including our church. Please see Church noticeboard for more information or visit our parish Facebook page for the itinerary. All proceeds go to The Merton Homeless Project – Faith in Action.

### **Confirmation - Saturday 22nd November 2025:**

Please download a registration form from [www.stjohnfishermerton.co.uk/confirmation.php](http://www.stjohnfishermerton.co.uk/confirmation.php) and return it to the parish office with a copy of the baptism certificate (for those currently in school year 7).

### **First Holy Communion Programme - June 2026:**

Please download the registration form on our website to register for First Holy Communion next year (for those children currently in school year 2)

<http://www.stjohnfishermerton.co.uk/firstholychommunion.php>

### **Church Cleaning - May:**

Cleaning of the Church on Wednesday 28th May at 9:30am. New volunteers welcome.

### **Cathedral Mass Celebrating Marriage:**

If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th or any later wedding anniversary this year, you are invited to renew your marriage vows at a Mass to be celebrated at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, at 3pm on July 12. Close family members can attend with you. In order to receive a personal invitation from Archbishop John, email to [mflsw@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflsw@rcaos.org.uk) the following details: your full names, address, phone number, anniversary being celebrated and parish.

### **A Day With Mary:**

Please see posters on Church noticeboard for details of upcoming events or visit [www adaywithmary.org](http://www adaywithmary.org) for a full programme.

### **Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis**

St George's Cathedral will be visited by a relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis from Thursday 26 June to Saturday 28 June. An exhibition will also be on display at the Cathedral from 19 June to 7 July. Visit: [stgeorgescathedral.org.uk](http://stgeorgescathedral.org.uk) for more information.

### **Evangelium 2025 conference - 15-17 August:**

A conference on Catholic faith, life and culture to help make faithful young Catholic adults effective for Mission. Over the years, hundreds have ignited their faith through Evangelium. Guest speakers include Fr Marcus Holden and Fr Mark Wharton. Book and more details: [saintant.com/product/evangelium-2025](http://saintant.com/product/evangelium-2025)

### **Youth Day at St Georges Cathedral**

We're excited to invite young people aged 10–14 to a special Youth Day at St. George's Cathedral, Southwark, on Saturday 24 May. If your child or a group from your parish or school would like to attend, please sign up using this link: [www.tinyurl.com/yday24may](http://www.tinyurl.com/yday24may)

### **Parish Accounts Manager:**

Sacred Heart, Wimbledon requires a new Accounts Manager. The salary is £18.00 per hour for 19 hours per week. Please contact Thelma at [wimbledon@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:wimbledon@rcaos.org.uk) for details. Closing date Friday 6th June.

### **St Georges Cathedral Collection - Thank You:**

Thank you to all those who gave so generously to the recent second collection for St Georges Cathedral, we raised **£427.10**.

### **Parish AGM - Monday 2nd June:**

The Parish Annual General Meeting will take place in the Parish Hall on Monday 2nd June at 7:30pm. Light refreshments will be available before the Meeting. Please note, the Meeting is open to all Parishioners.

**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](mailto: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 **Bernie Simmons, Mike Cairns, Seeta Seenayah, Margaret Pumford, Ronald Grostate, Douglas Desmier, Anastasia Coyle, Christina Duffy, Thomas Ivan Grostate, James Walsh, Richard Skeeahan, 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.

