

Fisherman's Herald

The Twenty-Ninth Sunday of The Year - 19th 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 18th	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	6:00pm	The Farrell Family
Sunday 19th <i>Twenty-Ninth Sunday (C)</i> World Mission Day <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
Monday 20th	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Thanksgiving Father Francis
Tuesday 21st	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Maura Jardine RIP Father Joseph
Wednesday 22nd	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Janine Lueje (Birthday) Krystyna Holland RIP
Thursday 23rd <i>Bidding Prayers</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Serena (Thanksgiving) Thanksgiving
	9:30-10:00am	<i>Weekly Adoration</i>
Friday 24th <i>Jubilee Mass</i>	8:30am	<i>Rosary</i>
	9:00am	Clare Brierly (Intentions) Canon Acton RIP
	6:30pm	<i>Confessions</i>
	7:00pm	For victims of the earthquakes in Afghanistan and Pakistan
Saturday 25th	9:00am	Joseph Okoroafor RIP
	9:30-10:30am	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
Saturday 18th	5:00-5:50pm	Confessions (<i>Confessional</i>)
	6:00pm	Maurice Collingwood Nelson RIP (11th Anniversary)
Sunday 26th <i>Thirtieth Sunday (C)</i>	8:00am	Holy Souls
	9:30am	People of The Parish
	11:00am	Wilfredo R Prado RIP Anniv
	6:30pm	Dr Antonio Noronha & Leocadia Fernandes

St John Fisher Merton: Parish Vision on Formation and Catechesis:

Our desire is to equip parishioners to be enthusiastic and committed members of the parish, to want to become actively involved in the various aspects of parish life, to be knowledgeable in their faith and to be willing to share that faith with others.

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.

Missio - Second Collection Today:

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.

Parish Business:

Monday 20th October from 7pm to 8pm.

Jubilee Mass - Friday 24th 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.

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 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.

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. Those who visit a cemetery between 1st and 8th November and pray for the faithful departed may obtain a plenary indulgence applicable to the holy souls.

Parish Sacramental Activities:

RCIA

Continues on Tuesday 21st October 2025 in the presbytery at 7:30pm.

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. Car parking is available at the Church.

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 23rd 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.

Church Cleaning - October:

Wednesday 29th October at 9:30am.

New volunteers welcome.

Save the Date - 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.

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.

The St John Fisher School PTEA:

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.

Wimbledon Foodbank - Thank You:

Wimbledon Foodbank thanks the St John Fisher parishioners for their donation of:- about 125kg of goods (roughly equal to 4 x full shopping trolleys) and £110 in cash.

A Day with Mary:

Saturday 8th November - Westminster Cathedral. Please visit www.adaywithmary.org for more information and dates for other venues.

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 **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 Simmons, 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.

