



ST JOHN FISHER  
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
PERIVALE  
(DIOCESE OF WESTMINSTER)  
TRAVEL PLAN  
2016

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## Parish Details

Parish Name: St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

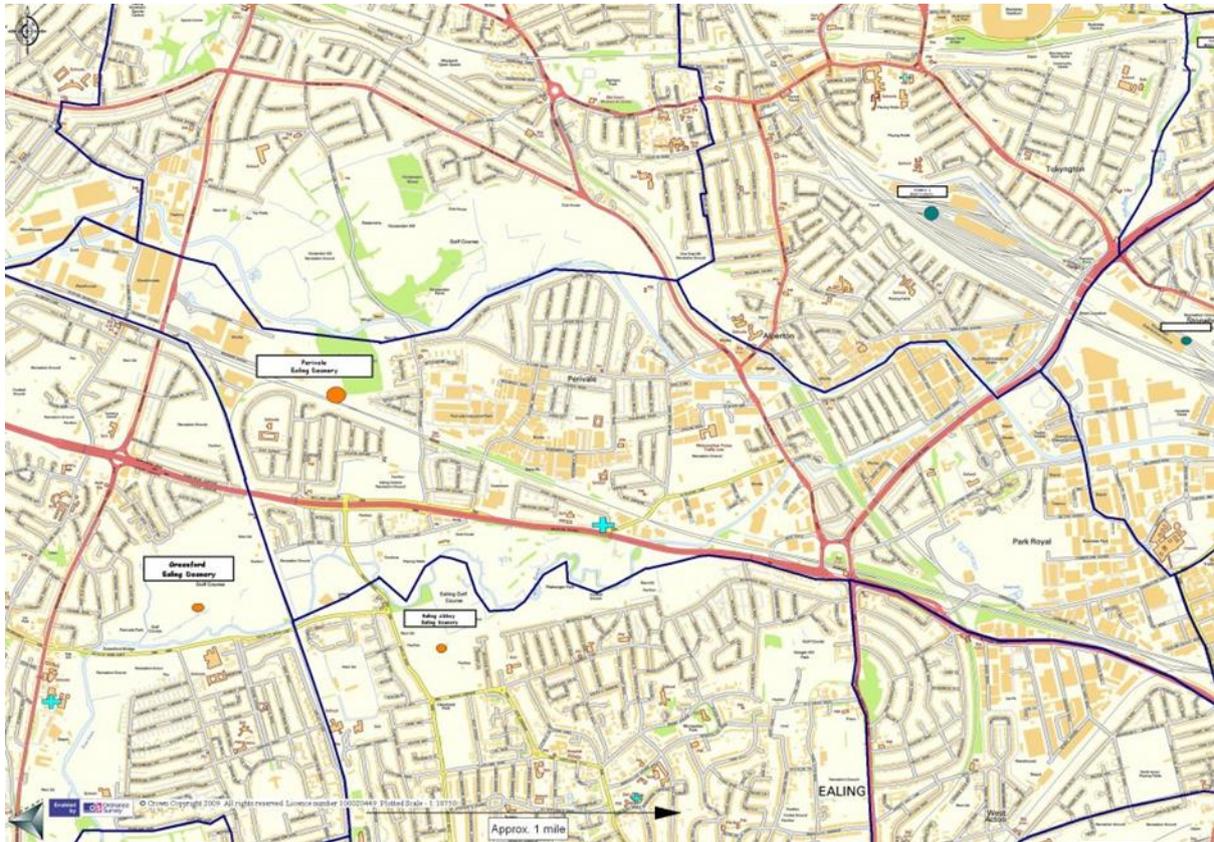
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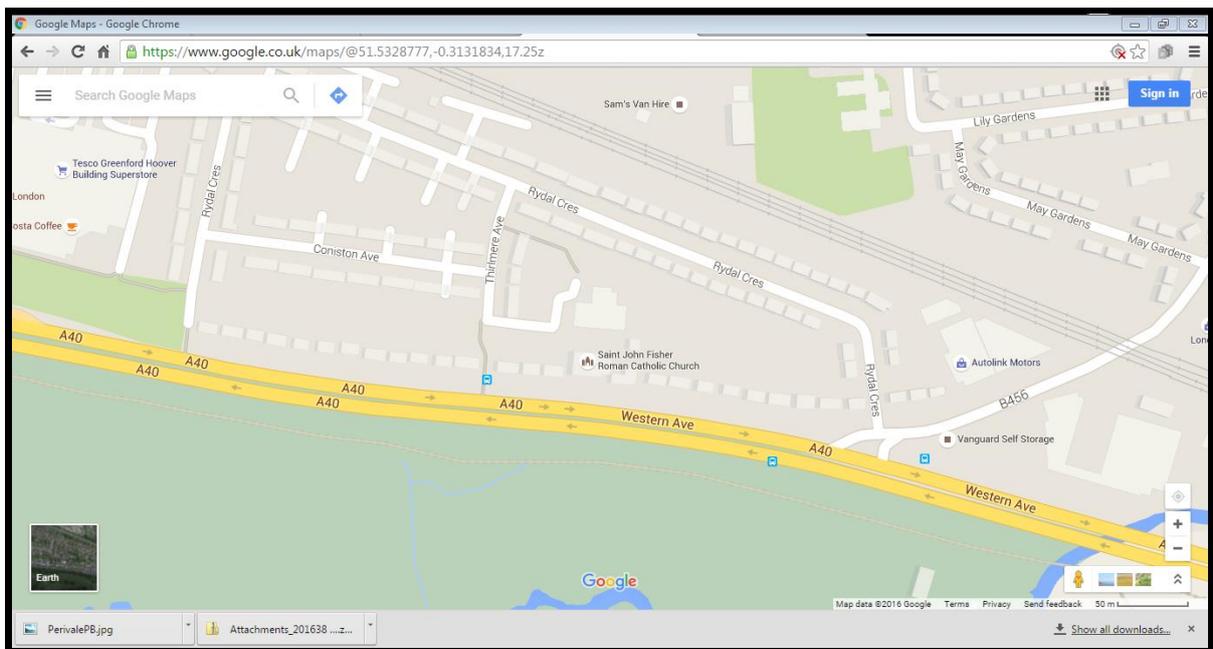
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## The church

St John Fisher is a Roman Catholic Church and forms part of the Diocese of Westminster. It is situated near the centre of its parish boundary, which extends from Hanger Lane to Northolt.

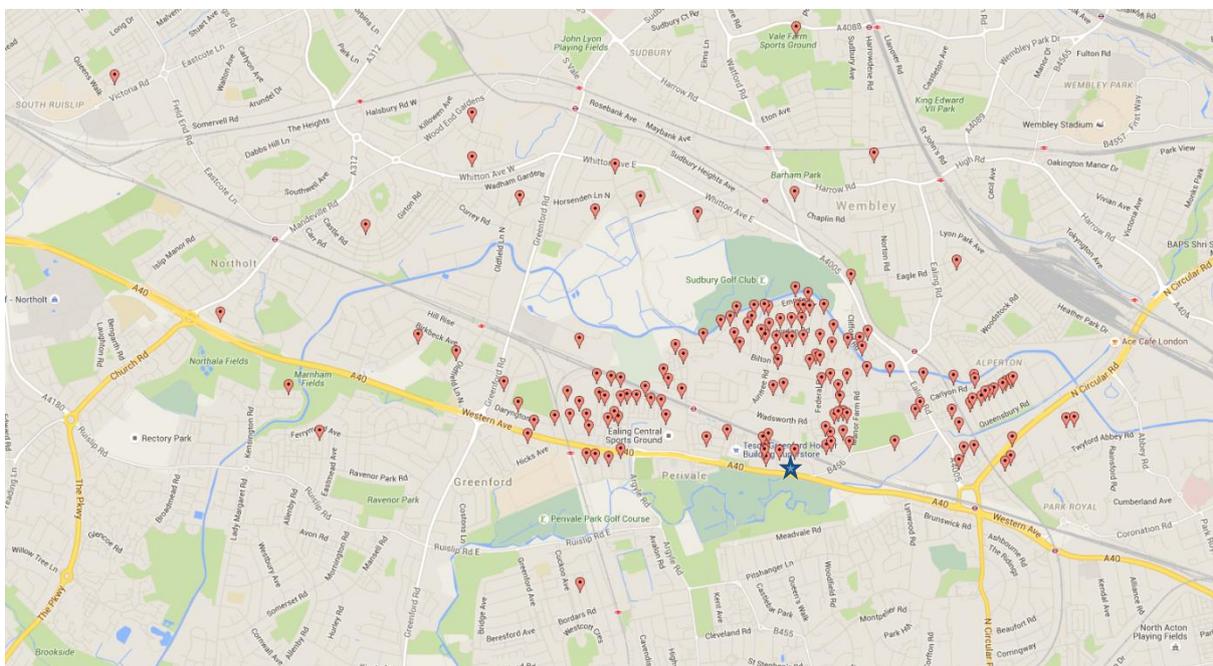


Located within the London Borough of Ealing, the church is right next to the busy A40, which is a major thoroughfare providing access to central London.



The parish has approximately 600 parishioners, most of whom are local. Areas of residence are predominantly Perivale and Alperton with a small number travelling from Wembley and parts of Ealing. The average travel distance to church is less than a mile.

The following map illustrates the areas that parishioners travel from.

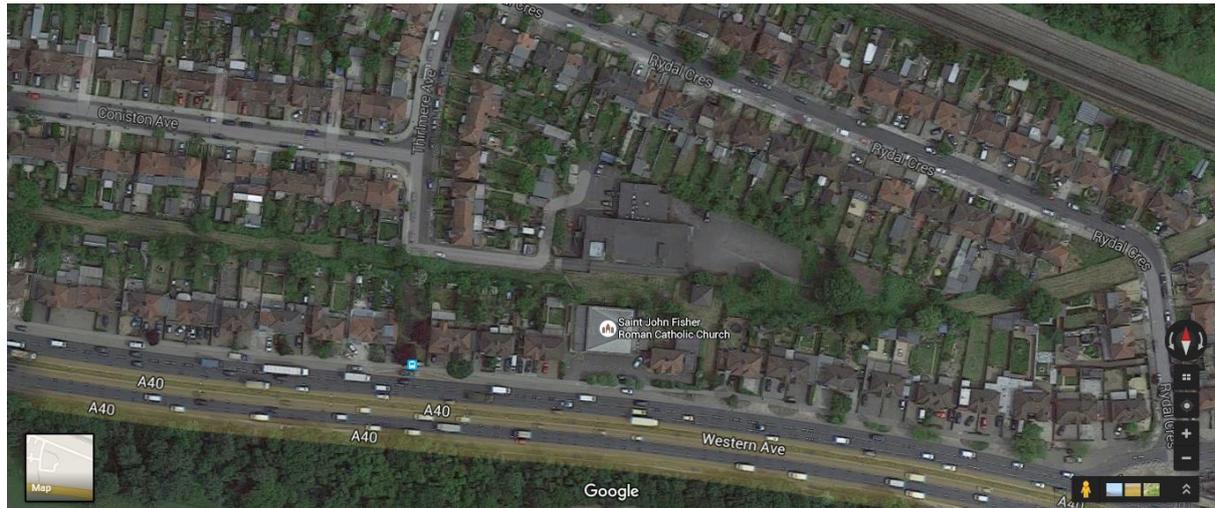


# Travelling to Church

## By Car

The church can be reached by road (the A40) or footpaths that run along it as well as footpaths from Thirlmere Avenue.

To the rear of the church is the previous St John Fisher School property, which is currently vacant. With permission from the Diocese, parishioners are permitted to use the old school car park during mass times and parish events. The school car park is accessible from Thirlmere Avenue.



## Facilities

Location	Description	Number
Church Car Park	Number of parking spaces	12
	Number of disabled parking spaces	1
	Number of cycles spaces/storage	0
School Car Park	Number of parking spaces	30
	Number of disabled parking spaces	0

## Public Transport Links

### Bus

Route number 95, which operates between Southall and Shepherds Bush Green. The nearest bus stop is within a few metres of the church.

Bus route 297 with the nearest stop 15 minutes-walk away.

### Train/Tube

Perivale Underground Station on the central line is the nearest station and is a 15 minute walk from the church. Hanger Lane Underground Station is a 20 minute walk.

## Parishioners and staff

There are 6 staff who currently work within the church's premises during the week.

There are approximately 600 parishioners and mass attendance can be between 400-700 during any weekend.

## Mass Times are as follows

Sunday Mass:	(Sat 6.30pm), 9.30am (Family), 11.30am, 6.30pm
Weekday Mass:	Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 10.00am, also Wed 7.30pm
Holy Day Mass:	10am & 7.30pm
Holy Hour:	Mon 10.30-11.30am & Sat 5.00-6.00pm
Confessions:	Sat 5.15-5.45pm & on request

## Use of church facilities outside of normal church services

Outside of the regular scheduled services, the church invites parishioners, family and friends to the following events:

- Weddings
- Baptisms
- Funerals
- First Reconciliation
- Confirmation
- Carol concerts
- Retreats and seminars

(Holy Communion is typically celebrated during a scheduled mass)

## Existing church policies and practice to promote safe, healthy and sustainable transport

Currently, there are no travel plan policies in place for the parish.

## Identifying our baseline information – Parish Travel Survey Results

A survey was conducted during the weekend of 6/7 February 2016 to ascertain how parishioners travel to church. Parishioners who completed the survey attended the 6.30pm Saturday mass and the 9.30 and 11.30 Sunday masses.

The following 3 questions were asked:

- How did you arrive to church today?
- Is there a more sustainable way of travelling to church?
- What would encourage you to change?  
i.e. what issues need to be addressed to help parishioners take up a safer, more sustainable and healthier travel option.

### The results of the survey were as follows:

#### 1. How did you arrive to church today?

Bicycle	1
Car	345
Car Share	75
Dropped off	1
Public Transport	7
Walk	127
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>556</b>

#### 2. Is there a more sustainable way to travel?

Bicycle	31
Car	58
Car Share	71
Motorbike/Scooter	4
Public Transport	36
Walk	229
No response	127
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>556</b>

#### 3. What would encourage you to change?

Another car going to the same mass	29
Improved cycle parking	30
Improved lighting to paths	40
Improved public transport	80
Motorbike/Scooter spaces/racks	5
Someone else to walk/cycle with	48
Other	17
No response	307
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>556</b>

## **Analysis**

76% of parishioners travel to church by car. For many this is still the most sustainable way of travelling due to mobility issues either because they are elderly, have a disability or have very young children.

14% of parishioners (73 people) would change and travel by public transport if there were better service links. Currently only bus route 95 stops along the A40 close to the church.

16% of parishioners (88 people) would consider walking if pavements/lighting were improved along their route or they had someone to walk with.

Provision of secure cycle storage would encourage a further 6% of parishioners (30 people) to cycle to church.

The survey was taken during winter, with the weather being a factor for some as to how they travelled to church. Some parishioners commented that in the spring/summer they would walk to church.

## **Action Plan**

1. Cycling is being encouraged with an upcoming event, in partnership with CAFOD, to promote cycling to the church. Cycle storage facilities are also being investigated.
2. The lack of bus routes that run along the A40 and stop near the church has been noted and a letter is being written to Transport for London
3. To encourage parishioners to walk to church, a poster campaign is also planned.

## **Review**

Plan to be reviewed summer 2017