

ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH, ROCHESTER

NEWSLETTER

First Sunday of Advent (A)

Readings: Isaiah 2: 1 - 5; Romans: 13:11- 14

Responsorial Psalm: *I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'*

Gospel acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and show us your saving help. Alleluia!*

Gospel: Matthew 23: 37– 44

First Holy Communion

forms are available in the porch.

Today is the last day to hand in to Father Antony.

The new rotas will soon be prepared again,

for Readers, Eucharistic Minister and Counters for January to June, 2017.

If you have any changes, please notify John Endicott by E-mail or phone 408105. Many thanks for your continued support in these valuable tasks.

THANKS

Thanks to Marian Bedwell who helps us to develop this website.

Bible verse to remember:

“He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him.” **John 14:21**

History of St John Fisher Church, Rochester – 6

In June 1491 a papal dispensation was granted for him to take priest's orders while under canonical age. He was ordained on 17th December 1491. Having then commenced a course of theology which normally lasted 10 – 12 years he took his Doctorate in 1501, the earliest year in which he could have done so.

John was described as tall, big boned but lean, with auburn hair, grey prominent eyes and a strong jaw. His speech was as spare as his person but these appearances were belied by his modest and mild demeanour and was considered a warm friend and a trustworthy guide. Sunday

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Southwark Archdiocese Clergy Support Fund Campaign

The Clergy Support Team like to say a sincere 'thank you' to all the parishes who have come on board with the Campaign this Autumn and also to those who have generously responded to the call to complete remaining phases: To parishioners who have yet to get on board: it isn't too late: please talk to our friendly Campaign Office staff so we can have a chat about planning activities for the New Year, since the Campaign will come to a close at the end of April 2017.

Action by Christians against Torture has again prepared a list of prisoners throughout the world who could benefit from receiving greetings this Christmas. Three of them are featured on the sheet available after this Mass, which also includes a website with details of more such prisoners. Please write to as many as you canT

Today, from 9am to 2pm, we shall be holding an Art and Craft Christmas

Fayre in our nice warm hall. Anybody with a thirst for creativity, such as painters, sculptors, wood turners, potters, jam or preserve makers, bakers, biscuit makers, card makers, knitters and designers, have contributed to this exhibition/sale. All monies raised will go towards the renovation and repairs to our beautiful church.

Father Gary Dyer and Father Etienne Caruana will be celebrating Sunday Masses with us on 11th December 2016. There will be a second collection at each Mass on this day for them and envelopes will be available if you wish to contribute. It will be lovely to see them both again.

Sunday 20th November

Collections: Loose - £223.87; Envelopes - £276 = £499.87

Catholic Youth Services: £168.50

Attendance: 9am 87; 11am - 70; 6pm - 73 = 230

100 Club: £20 – Maureen Jones N^o 35; £10 – Veronica Holding N^o 75

Christmas cards, candles, diaries, calendars and gifts are now available in the Repository area of the porch

HOLY MASSES THIS WEEK.

Sunday: 9am Reverend Christopher Hamilton-Gray - R.I.P.
11am Nancy Neville - Birthday.
6pm People of the Parish.

Monday: 10am John Maestri- R.I.P.

Tuesday: 10am Tony & Mary Holding – R.I.P.

Weds: 10am Laura Garrett – R.I.P.

Thursday: No Mass

Friday: 10am Len Murphy – R.I.P.

Saturday: 10am Len Murphy – R.I.P. followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation.

Sunday 9am Benjamin Oureve – R.I.P.
4th 11am People of the Parish.

December 6pm Paul & Matilda Perera – R.I.P.

The 100 Club is a great way to raise funds for our church, whilst at the same time giving you the opportunity to win a prize each week of either £20 or £10, with a £30 prize on the last Sunday of the month And there is a £250 prize at Christmas. Shares in the 100 Club are just £1 each per week. Please see Gill Hanson if you wish to join our club.

WE WISH YOU ALL A PRAYERFUL AND A BLESSED
SEASON OF ADVENT



Please pray for the sick of the parish, and all those in hospital and those who are housebound. If anyone is sick and needs a visit, Fr Antony is ready to visit and grant the sacrament of Anointing of the sick.

Saturday is a day of prayer for Migrants. Please remember them in your prayers

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