

# ***ST JOHN FISHER CHURCH***

Maidstone Road, Rochester, ME1 3EN

Newsletter – 29<sup>th</sup> January 2017 – Fourth Sunday (A)

Readings: Zephaniah 2:3, 9: 3; 1 Corinthians: 1: 26–31

Responsorial Psalm: *How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.*

Gospel acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!*

Gospel: Matthew 5: 1– 12a

**In future, the two parking** spaces to the right of the main church door will be for Disabled Badge Holders ONLY during Mass times.

**Love the moment** and the energy of that moment will spread beyond all boundaries.

**Thought for the day:** The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today.

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart.

**Flame 2017** is a fantastic National Youth Event taking place at the SSE Arena, Wembley on the 11<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

Southwark Catholic Youth Service have secured a number of early bird places (priced at only £18pp) so please

Email [jean@scys.org.uk](mailto:jean@scys.org.uk) or call 01227 272900, to join the Diocesan group.

## **Bible verse to remember:**

How blessed are the poor in spirit; the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs. Blessed are the gentle; they shall have the earth as inheritance. Blessed are those who mourn; they shall be comforted [Mt 5: 3 - 5].

## **History of St John Fisher of Rochester – 14**

John Fisher's work for his university had prospered; Christ's College was established, and in spite of all the obstacles, St John's had been well founded. His encouragement of sound learning and preaching, and of the study of Greek and Hebrew had helped to lead Cambridge out of the lethargy of the past into the more vigorous world of the new scholarship.

**Youth Group in Our Parish:** Our young people gather in our parish Hall once a month on a Sunday evening 5 o'clock. The parents are also present at the same time in the Hall. On 19<sup>th</sup> February, we are going to have a training programme on ***SEE, JUDGE AND ACT***. Those who would like to participate in this training and to be members of our St John Fisher Youth Group, please contact Fr Antony. We also need a few adult companions to be responsible for our youth group.

**Second Collection Next week for the new pavement and the fibreglass roof:** we have a safe pavement in front of our church with a permanent ramp. The Presbytery flat roof had cracks and leaks. Now it is repaired with a fibreglass roof and has got 25 years guarantee. The total expense for the pavement and the fibreglass is £ 6,728.79 [£3494.79 + £3234 each]. We are grateful for the Christmas Fair collection [£559.32] for this purpose. The next week second collection will be a help to carry out other church roof repairs. The second collection envelopes are kept at the porch.

**Our new website: <http://stjohnfisher.me.uk>**

HOLY MASSES THIS WEEK.

<b>Sunday 29th January</b>	9am 11am 6pm	People of the Parish Maria Fletcher – Intentions. Eileen Enright – R.I.P.	Fourth Sunday (A) Saint Vincent, Deacon & Martyr.
Monday	10am	Holy Mass: No Mass Intentions received.	
Tuesday	10am	Maria Teresa – R.I.P	St John Boscoe. Memorial
Wednesday		No Mass.	
Thursday	10am	Winifred Quigley – R.I.P	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD Candlemas.
Friday	10am	“In Thanksgiving.”	Saint Blaise, Bishop & Martyr Blessing of throats.
Saturday	10am	Kathleen Buffini - - R.I.P. followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation	
<b>Sunday 5th February</b>	9am 11am 6pm	Jo and Ted Millett – R.I.P. People of the Parish Eileen Enright - R.I.P.	FIFTH SUNDAY (A)

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January

Collection: Loose - £279.08; Envelopes - £223= £502.08. Attendance: 9am – 99; 11am – 73; 6pm 55 = 27  
100 Club: £20 – Dee Jones N<sup>o</sup> 55; £10 – Mrs Sidhy N<sup>o</sup> 136

**Dear Young People,** Come to Him [Jesus] and do not be afraid! Come to him and say from the depths of your hearts: “Jesus, I trust in You!”. Let yourselves be touched by his boundless mercy, so that in turn you may become apostles of mercy by your actions, words and prayers in our world, wounded by selfishness, hatred and so much despair. *Pope Francis*

**Next Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> February,** after the 10am Mass, there will be a meeting with all those involved already, or willing to be involved, in our Welcoming Ministry, the 100 Club collection or Repository sales, before & after our Sunday Masses. Please make every effort to be there if possible. Thank you.

**Next Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> February,** we shall be gathering again for a '**BRING AND SHARE**' lunch. This time it will be an extra special event as some of the parishioners will be bringing a variety of Indian dishes. We look forward to seeing you after the 11 o'clock Mass.

**Head Teacher Vacancy.** Notre Dame Catholic Primary School in London, is seeking a new Head Teacher, to start in September 2017. Full details are on a notice in the porch area.

**Archbishop Peter is arranging a presentation** to Canon Martin Lee as a sign of appreciation for his exemplary dedication as Diocesan Financial Secretary over many years. Should anyone wish to contribute to the presentation they may do so by sending a cheque, payable to "RC Diocese of Southwark" to the Finance Office, by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February. Martin was a member of this Parish before he took holy orders. We wish him well.

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