

ST JOHN FISHER CHURCH

Maidstone Road, Rochester, ME1 3EN

Newsletter – **22nd January 2017 – THIRD SUNDAY (A)**

Readings: Isaiah 8: 23b, 9: 3; Corinthians: 1: 10 – 13, 17

Responsorial Psalm: *The Lord is my light and my help.*

Gospel acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom, and cured all kinds of sickness among the people. Alleluia!*

Gospel: Matthew 4: 12– 17

Church Unity Octave:

From 18th until 25th January the Church observes eight days' prayer for Christian Unity.

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

If you place your heart in God's hands, He will place your heart in the hands of a worthy person. Never be afraid of change. You may lose something good only to gain something better.

Thought for the day: A person, who feels appreciated, will always do more than expected.

Bible verse to remember:

He went around the whole of Galilee teaching and proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom, curing all kinds of sickness among the people. [Mt 4:23].

History of St John Fisher of Rochester – 13

The first half of John Fisher's episcopate was a period of steady work and quiet achievement. He had regulated his diocese and had gathered around him like-minded men such as Nicholas Metcalfe, an English churchman and college head, who was Arch-deacon of Rochester in 1512. John knew his small diocese as only a diligent bishop could. By 1520 the priests must have known him as a person and as a pastor to whom they could turn in times of difficulty. The example of his austere and devout life would be a reproach to the easy-going and an inspiration to the faithful.

If you are a visitor today or new to our parish, you are most welcome, not only to experience God's powerful presence in this holy place, but also to cherish the friendship of our spiritual and friendly community. Kindly find a **Welcome Pack** in the porch to complete and hand over to Fr Antony.

HOLY MASSES UHIS WEEK.

Sunday 22nd January	9am 11am 6pm	People of the Parish Tommy Tierney. Seamus O'Brien - R.I.P.	Third Sunday (A) Saint Vincent, Deacon & Martyr.
Monday	10am	Mai Sheridan.	
Tuesday	10am	No Mass Intentions.	Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church.
Wednesday	10am	No Mass Intentions.	The Conversion of Saint Paul, the Apostle.
Thursday		No Mass.	Saint Timothy & Titus, Bishops.
Friday	10am	No Mass Intentions.	Saint Angela Merici, Virgin.
Saturday	10am	Our Lady followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation	Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church.
Sunday 29th January	9am 11am 6pm	People of the Parish Maria Fletcher – Intentions. Eileen Enright – R.I.P.	

Sunday 15th January

Collection: Loose - £179.10; Envelopes - £301.06= £480.16

Attendance: 9am – 92; 11am – 89; 6pm 56 = 237

100 Club: £20 – M. Gregory N^o 91; £10 – John Fisher N^o 140

APF – Mill Hill Mission Thank You and Appeal

Father Liam Cummins wishes to thank you for your welcome last weekend. If you did not become a member of APF – Mill Hill by taking a Red Box and you wish to do so, or to find out more about APF – Mill Hill, please contact John Lyons, our APF – Mill Hill Secretary. Congratulations to John on being presented with a certificate and medal for his 20 years service to this ministry.

“Truly nothing is more beautiful than to know Christ and to make him known to others.” Pope Benedict XVI

On Saturday 4th 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.

On Sunday, 5th 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.

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