

ST JOHN FISHER CHURCH

Maidstone Road, Rochester, ME1 3EN

Newsletter – 12th February 2017 – Sixth Sunday (A)

Readings: Ecclesiasticus 15: 15 - 20; 1 Corinthians: 2: 6–10

Responsorial Psalm: *They are happy who follow God's law!*

Gospel acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!*

Gospel: Matthew 5: 17– 37

Holy Mass Intentions

envelopes are available after Mass on the desk in the Church Porch. Please request a date from our Welcoming Ministers.

Thought for the day: May your week be filled with good thoughts, kind people and happy moments. It is during our darkest moments that we must focus to see the light.

Second Collection: this week will be for Racial Justice Sunday.

Many thanks to you all, for the wonderful sum collected for the Building Fund this week. You have all seen where your money goes, by all the work taking place to beautify our lovely church. Thanks to Joan Murphy for her £1000 donation and another person for his £530 donation towards our Building Fund.

In Our Parish, we have...

1st Sundays -Bring & share
2nd Sundays – Tradecraft
3rd Sundays – Parish Walk

Bible verse to remember: *If you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering [Mt 5:24].*

History of St John Fisher of Rochester – 16

At the meeting in 1512 at St Paul's Cathedral John Colet named four particular evils that beset the clergy: pride of life, carnal concupiscence, covetousness and the continual secular occupation wherein priests and bishops doth busy themselves the servants rather of men than of God; the warriors rather of this world than of Christ.

It is against this background that the second half of John Fisher's episcopate must be seen; the contention with heresy alone would have demanded all his powers, but there were to be other problems to add to his anguish of mind and spirit.

Youth Group in Our Parish: Our young people gather in our parish Hall once a month on a Sunday evening 5 o'clock. If you wish to join this group please contact Father Antony.

Lenten Retreat: Following the positive feedback on our Advent Retreat Day, we are planning three more for 2017. The first will be on Saturday 11th March at St John Fisher and will be a Lenten themed Retreat Day. *Footsteps – Walking the Way of the Cross.*

It is an opportunity to take time out for silent reflection and prayer in a quiet and relaxed environment. A chance to prepare prayerfully for Easter by walking alongside our Lord on his journey of the cross.

If you would like to join us on this Parish Retreat/Quiet Day, please would you sign up on the poster on the notice board. For more information please contact either Fr Antony or Steph Painter on 01634 829386.

Baptism: Please arrange date for preparation for Baptism with Father Antony and book date of Baptism after the preparation. When you come for preparation kindly bring proof that Parents and Godparents are Catholics.

HOLY MASSES THIS WEEK.

Sunday 12th February	9am 11am 6pm	Peter Flood Jnr. – Anniversary People of the Parish Eileen Enright – R.I.P.	SIXTH SUNDAY (A) Racial Justice Day - collection
Monday	10am	Patrick McGowan – R.I.P.	
Tuesday	10am	Patrick McGowan – R.I.P.	Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop, Patrons of Europe.
Wednesday	10am	Thanksgiving.	
Thursday		No Mass.	
Friday	10am	Romualdo Gaspar – R.I.P.	.
Saturday	10am	Holy Mass – No Mass intension received Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation	11am: Ceremony of Baptism for Will and Chris Anthony
Sunday 19th February	9am 11am 6pm	People of the Parish No Mass Intention. Eileen Enright - R.I.P.	SEVENTH SUNDAY (A)

Sunday 5th February

Collection: Loose - £227.18; Envelopes - £308.80= £535.98. Building fund: £371.85

Attendance: 9am – 130; 11am – 96; 6pm 47 = 273

100 Club: £20 – Kevin Saunders N^o 43; £10 – Pat Wiley N^o 48

Liturgical Guidelines:

Bringing Gifts: Bringing the Offertory Gifts is to enable more people to participate in the Liturgy. Would those who collect the Offering kindly arrange people to bring each Offering.

Readers: At the end of the Reading kindly say “the Word of the Lord” and not “this is the Word of the Lord”. Please gently leave the Lectern immediately after the **Bible Verse**.

Bring and Share: More than forty parishioners gathered in the hall last Sunday for a very enjoyable Indian curry themed 'Bring and Share' lunch and the raffle raised £40 for parish funds. **Our next *Bring and Share Lunch*** will be on Sunday 5th March with the raffle *in aid of Shisong Secondary School, Cameroon*. When buying your ingredients or products, we invite you to think of LOAF principles, ie L standing for Local, O for Organic, A for Animal friendly and F for Fair-trade. See Hall notice board for details.

CAFOD UPDATE: CAFOD LENTEN FAST DAY is on Friday 10th March. Our collection will be used to help fund a project in Zambia. Visit the CAFOD website to find out more about the project and to get fundraising ideas to give a boost to our usual Fast Day collection.

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