

# ***ST JOHN FISHER CHURCH***

Maidstone Road, Rochester, ME1 3EN

**Newsletter – 26<sup>th</sup> February 2017 – Eighth Sunday (A)**

Readings: Isaiah 19: 1 – 2, 17 - 18; 1 Corinthians: 4: 1 – 5

Responsorial Psalm: *In God alone is my soul at rest.*

Gospel acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!*

Gospel: Matthew 6: 24– 34

## **Second Collection Today**

for the Poor Parishes Fund.

## **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**

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart. If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door.

## **In Our Parish, we have...**

1<sup>st</sup> Sundays -Bring & share

2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays – Traidcraft

3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays – Parish Walk

“ Youth Group

## **If you are sick at home**

and would like Holy Communion brought to you, please give your name, address and telephone number to Fr. Antony, Deacon Felim, Deacon Malcolm, and a Eucharistic Minister will get in touch with you. Also, if you are aware of a parishioner who is housebound or ill please let us know. If you are in the hospital and wish to speak to a priest, please ask the staff to contact the Catholic Chaplain.

**Bible verse to remember:** Jesus said to His disciples, “No-one can be a slave to two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or be attached to the first and despise the second. You cannot be the slave of both God and money. [Matthew 6:24-27]

## **History of St John Fisher of Rochester – 18**

From about 1520 the greatly increased influx of Lutheran books and tracts was a problem of grave concern to the bishops. John Fisher was appointed to preach the sermon at the public burning of heretical books at St Paul's Cross on 12<sup>th</sup> May 1521, the Octave of the Ascension. It was a distinguished congregation; the sermon must have taken two hours to deliver.

The main argument of the sermon was that the promise of the spirit of truth safeguards the universal Church of Christ from false teaching. John supported his arguments by quotations from the Scriptures and the Fathers, but the sermon was not overloaded with scholarship; it was not John Fisher's custom to parade his learning; it was the solid foundation on which he based his preaching.

**Please pray** for the repose of the Souls of Mrs. Mary Patricia Jenkinson who sadly passed away on 17.2.2017 and whose funeral service will be held here on 21.3.2017 at 10am followed by Committal at Medway Crematorium at 11.15am and Mr, Jeremiah Joseph Hoyne who sadly passed away on 14.2.2017 and whose funeral will take place here on 22.3.2017 at 1.30pm followed by Committal at Medway Crematorium at 3pm. Our sympathy to all family and friends.

## **Lenten Retreats**

11<sup>th</sup> March Saturday - Footsteps - Walking the Way of the Cross  
10am-4pm (Mass at 3pm)

8<sup>th</sup> April Saturday - Divine Mercy -  
11am-4pm (Mass at 12 noon)

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.

HOLY MASSES THIS WEEK.

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| <b>Sunday<br/>26<sup>th</sup><br/>February</b> | 9am<br>11am<br>6pm    | People of the Parish.<br>Anna and John Norris R.I.P.<br>The Chandler Family - Thanksgiving to<br>St Jude for prayers answered | EIGHTH SUNDAY (A)<br>DAY FOR THE UNEMPLOYED |
| Monday   | 10am                  | Rachael Macauley - R.I.P.   |   |
| Tuesday  | 10am                  | Thanksgiving Mass – Fr Antony   |   |
| Wednesday                                      | 10am<br>1.30pm<br>7pm | Holy Mass - No Mass Intention received<br>School Mass in the Church.<br>Holy Mass - No Mass Intention received                | ASH WEDNESDAY                               |
| Thursday                                       |                       | No Mass.  |   |
| Friday   | 10am                  | Holy Mass - No Mass Intention received  | WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF<br>PRAYER.             |
| Saturday                                       | 10am<br>1030am        | Holy Mass - No Mass Intention received<br>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and<br>Reconciliation                           |   |
| <b>Sunday<br/>5<sup>th</sup> March</b>         | 9am<br>11am<br>6pm    | Mary Jenkinson - R.I.P.<br>People of the Parish<br>Holy Mass - No Mass Intention received                                     | FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT                        |

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February

Collection: Loose - £220.83; Envelopes - £306.56= £527.39.

Attendance: 9am – 69; 11am – 82; 6pm - 46= 197

100 Club: £20 – Joan Meehan N<sup>o</sup> 37; £10 – Catherine McCann N<sup>o</sup> 83

**Lenten Events in our Parish:** *[please also see the Lenten*

*Retreat in the first page]*

Ash Wednesday [1st March] -10am/1.30pm/7pm

**Holy Week**

Palm Sunday [9<sup>th</sup> April] 9am/11am/6pm

Maundy Thursday [13<sup>th</sup> April] 7pm

Good Friday [14th April] 3pm

Easter Sunday [15th April Vigil Mass] 8pm

[16<sup>th</sup> April] 9am/11am/6pm

**Stations of the Cross -**

3<sup>rd</sup> March - 7pm Friday led by Eucharistic Ministers.

10<sup>th</sup> March - 7pm Friday led by Readers.

17<sup>th</sup> March - 7pm Friday led by Alter Servers and Youth Group.

24<sup>th</sup> March - 7pm Friday led by First Holy Communicants.

31.3.2017- 7pm Friday led by Choir members.

07.4.2017- 7pm Friday led by Parish Committees-finance/safeguarding/building/décor.

14.4.2017- 10am Friday led by Clergy.

**Confession**

Every Saturday 10.30am - 11.30am

Good Friday 10-45am – 12 noon.

**10.4.2017- 7pm Monday Reconciliation Mass.**

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