

ST JOHN FISHER CHURCH

Maidstone Road, Rochester, ME1 3EN

Newsletter – 16th April 2017 – Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection (A)

Readings: Acts 10: 34, 37 – 43: Colossians: 3: 1- 4

Responsorial Psalm: *This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.*

Gospel acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed; Let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord Alleluia!*

Gospel: John 20: 1– 9

Consider this: Life has no remote. You have to change it yourself! People need to learn that their actions do affect other people. So be careful what you say and do...it's not always about you.

Holy Mass Intentions envelopes are available after Mass on the desk in the Church Porch. Please request a date from our Welcoming Ministers or just find a date from the calendar kept there.

Confession
Every Saturday 10.30am

Bible verse to remember:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' [Jn 20:29]

**A HEARTFELT HAPPY
EASTER TO YOU ALL,**

and a big THANK YOU to all who have worked hard to ensure the services of Holy Week were celebrated with joyful reverence and dignity.

Thank you also for your Easter Offerings and for the love and support – Fr Antony.



Pope's Prayer

With this joyful certainty in our hearts, today we turn to you, risen Lord!

Help us to seek you and to find you, to realize that we have a Father and are not orphans; that we can love and adore you.

Help us to overcome the scourge of hunger, aggravated by conflicts and by the immense wastefulness for which we are often responsible.

Enable us to protect the vulnerable, especially children, women and the elderly, who are at times exploited and abandoned.

Enable us to care for our brothers and sisters struck by the Ebola epidemic in Guinea Conakry, Sierra Leone and Liberia, and to care for those suffering from so many other diseases which are also spread through neglect and dire poverty.

Comfort all those who cannot celebrate this Easter with their loved ones because they have been unjustly torn from their affections, like the many persons, priests and laity, who in various parts of the world have been kidnapped.

We ask you, Lord Jesus, to put an end to all war and every conflict, whether great or small, ancient or recent. Amen.

Dear brothers and sisters, Happy Easter!

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS.

Sunday 16th April	9am 11am 6pm	Pat Stanley – Thanksgiving. People of the Parish. Annie Griffin – Birthday.	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
Monday	10am	Mary Ann McAloon - R.I.P.	EASTER MONDAY
Tuesday	10am	Seamus O'Brian - R.I.P.	EASTER TUESDAY
Wednesday	10am	A special intention for the son of Jackie Watson.	EASTER WEDNESDAY
Thursday		No Mass.	EASTER THURSDAY
Friday	10am	Johnnie Naughton - R.I.P.	EASTER FRIDAY
Saturday	10am	Michelle Whipp - R.I.P. followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Reconciliation and Benediction	EASTER SATURDAY
Sunday 23rd April	9am 11am 3pm 6pm	Bridie Busher - R.I.P Sumitt Family intensions Divine Mercy - People of the Parish. Margaret Devitt - R.I.P.	Divine Mercy Sunday.

Sunday 9th April

Collection: Loose - £313.46; Envelopes - £253.20= £566.66

Attendance: 9am – 83; 11am - 88; 6pm - 56= 227

100 Club: £20 – Michael Brown N^o 57; £10 – M Davis N^o 141

There will be a Second Collection next Sunday, 23rd April, for the maintenance of St George's Cathedral.

Repainting the Church Hall. Many thanks to those parishioners who were able to spare time to refresh and redecorate our church hall. It looks lovely and clean again, and we hope many parishioners will enjoy the hard work put in by Michael Blandford, Theresa & Ken Bruce, Liz Drummond, John & Maureen Endicott, Jeremy Jarvis, Jane Polley and Pat Wiley.

Our Parish: The Historic Rochester is a land of Saints and Martyrs. The land where our Catholic church stands in Priestsfields, was a portion of land which had originally been given by King Ethelbert to St Augustine for the support of the secular priests who first served Rochester in the Seventh Century.

Our patron Saint St John Fisher, St William of Perth, Fr Gerard and Fr Dickinson are the saints and martyrs of Rochester.

Our parish community still keeps that remnant of the faith of those Saints and Martyrs in our words and deeds and spread that faith to others. If you are a visitor today, you are most welcome to our parish not only to experience the Risen Lord's powerful presence in this holy place but also to cherish the friendship of our spiritual and friendly community. Anyone wants to be a member of our parish, kindly find a **Welcome Pack** in the porch, complete and hand it over to Fr Antony. Thanks.

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