

# ***ST JOHN FISHER CHURCH***

Maidstone Road, Rochester, ME1 3EN

**Newsletter –18<sup>th</sup> June 2017– CORPUS CHRISTI**

Readings: Deuteronomy 8: 2 – 3, 14b – 16a; 1 Corinthians 10: 16-17;

Responsorial Psalm: ***O praise the Lord, Jerusalem.***

Gospel acclamation: ***Alleluia, Alleluia, I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia.***

Gospel: John 6: 51 - 58

**Carry out random acts of kindness** with no expectations of reward safe in the knowledge that one day someone might do the same for you.

### **Divine Mercy Chaplet**

Every Friday after 10am  
Mass

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

1<sup>st</sup> Sundays -Bring & Share  
Lunch

2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays – Traidcraft

3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays – Parish Walk

### **Bible verse to remember on the feast of *Corpus Christi*:**

Luke 22: 26-28: While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

### **22 June 2017 [Thursday] – Feast of St John**

Fisher: "Christian people, I am come hither to die for the faith of Christ's Catholic Church.

And I thank God hitherto, my stomach hath served me well, so that hitherto I have not feared death. Wherefore I desire your help and assist me with your prayers, that at the very

point and instant of my death's stroke and in the very moment of

my death, I then faint not in any point of the Catholic faith for any fear, and I pray God save the king and the realm and hold his holy hand over it and send the king a good counsel" – ***St John Fisher.***



**Thanks to Pat Flood** for her picturesque painting which is blessed in today's Mass and will be kept in the porch. In the coming weeks other paintings will be blessed and they will tell the story of Salvation History.

**On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June**, the Enfield Deanery visit went very well. Thank you to all who helped with refreshments and welcomed our guests.



**Our First Holy Communion** candidates yesterday attended their Retreat in preparation for the celebration of their receiving of Our Blessed Lord through the Eucharist next Sunday at 11am.

**Today our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** will be renewing their vows at Mass.

**The new Rotas**, for Eucharistic Ministers, Readers & Counters are being prepared for the next 6 months, July/December. Please notify John Endicott by email or phone (408105) of any changes to your availability. Thank you.

**Holy Mass Intentions:** There are times when we feel the need to say extra prayers for our family, friends and colleagues. Mass Intentions are said on the day for whomsoever you ask. Please see one of the Clergy or the Welcoming Minister to arrange for a Mass Intention.

**HOLY MASS INTENTIONS.**

<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June</b>	9am 11am 6pm	People of the Parish. Fred Fletcher - R.I.P. <b>Holy Mass</b> (no intentions received)	<i>Corpus Christi</i>
Monday	10am	Margaret McDowall - Birthday	
Tuesday	10am	No Mass	
Wednesday	10am	Peggy Stack - R.I.P.	ST ALOYSIUS GONZAGA
Thursday	10am	Lisa Davies ( <i>nee Endicott</i> ), 50 <sup>th</sup> Birthday	<i>St John Fisher, and St Thomas More,</i>
Friday	10am	<b>Holy Mass</b> - (no intentions received)	<i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.</i>
Saturday	10am	<b>Holy Mass</b> (no intentions received) followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Reconciliation and Benediction	The Nativity of St John the Baptist
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	9am 11am 6pm	Fred Fletcher - R.I.P. People of the Parish <b>Holy Mass</b> - (no intentions received)	

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June**

Collection: Loose – £234.79; Envelopes –£236= £470.79

Second Collection: £134.97

Attendance: 9am - 96; 11am -85; 6pm – 37 =218

100 club: £20 – Dennis Blackman, N° 23; £10 – Pat Wiley, N° 48.

Winnings to be collected from the Sacristy after following Sunday's Masses.

There will be a 2nd collection today for a Day of Life.

**R.I.P.** Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of Fred Fletcher and Bridget Mary Goss who died recently. May they rest in peace.

**Pilgrimage to Walsingham:** on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2017 [Saturday]. Cost per person only £20. Please put your names on the list in the porch if you wish to go.

**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 or 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.

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**Corpus Christi:** Jesus was broken; he is broken for us. And he asks us to give ourselves, to break ourselves, as it were, for others...Clearly this miracle was not intended merely to satisfy hunger for a day, but rather it signals what Christ wants to accomplish for the salvation of all mankind, giving his own flesh and blood. And yet this needs always to happen through those two small actions: offering the few loaves and fish we have; receiving the bread broken by the hands of Jesus and giving it to all. *Pope Francis*