

ST JOHN FISHER CHURCH

Maidstone Road, Rochester, ME1 3EN

Newsletter – 25th June 2017 – TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A

Readings: Jeremiah 20: 10 – 13; Romans 5: 12-15;

Responsorial Psalm: *In your great love, answer me O God..*

Gospel acclamation: *Alleluia, Alleluia. The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia.*

Gospel: Matthew 10: 26 - 33

Remember, we can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone.

Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction

Every Friday after 10am Mass

Sacrament of Confession:

Every Saturday after the Mass

There will be a meeting for catechists on 8th July 2017 after 10am Saturday Mass. Anyone interested in this role you are most welcome to attend.

There will be a Liturgical Committee meeting

on 15th July 2017 after 10am Saturday Mass. All Sacristans, Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Choir Members, Readers and others who are interested in helping on this committee please see Father Antony.

Bible verse to remember: 1Corinthians 10:16-17 “The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.”

Our Parish Children First Holy Communion Today

The great day of receiving Our Lord for the first time will be one of joy for our children and their families. Please pray for them so that they will always know Jesus and follow his ways.



Good Prayer on the Day of First Holy Communion

*Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body...
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.*

St. Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)

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 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, complete and hand it over to Fr Antony.

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS.

Sunday 25th June	9am 11am 6pm	Fred Fletcher - R.I.P. People of the Parish. B Mc Convey	Twelfth Sunday
Monday	10am	Brian Cartwright – Wellbeing.	
Tuesday		No Mass	
Wednesday	10am	Tommy Ferguson & Moya Fox - R.I.P.	<i>Saint Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr</i>
Thursday	10am 1.30pm 8pm	Brian Cartwright – Wellbeing. Funeral Mass. Conversion of Families	<i>St Peter & St Paul Apostles</i> Holy day of Obligation
Friday	10am	Brian Cartwright – Wellbeing Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction	<i>The First Martyrs of Holy Roman Church</i>
Saturday	10am	Holy Mass (No intentions received) followed by Reconciliation.	
Sunday 2nd July	9am 11am 6pm	Wellbeing of family and friends of Christine Whittle Margaret Devitt - R.I.P. People of the Parish.	Thirteenth Sunday

Sunday 18th June

Collection: Loose – £256.39; Envelopes –£373.39 = £ 629.78

Second Collection: £141.94 [Day for Life]

Attendance: 9am - 90; 11am -71; 6pm – 29 =190

100 club: £20 – Gill Hanson, N^o 69; £10 – John Lyons, N^o 00.

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

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.

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

The new Rotas, for Eucharistic Ministers, Readers and Counters are available in the porch. Kindly collect them. Thank you.

“In the Bread of Life, the Lord comes to us, making himself a humble meal that lovingly heals our memory, wounded by life’s frantic pace of life. The Eucharist is the memorial of God’s love... Now, in experiencing this Eucharist, let us adore and thank the Lord for this greatest of gifts: the living memorial of his love, that makes us one body and leads us to unity.” – **Pope Francis**

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