

ST JOHN FISHER CHURCH

Maidstone Road, Rochester, ME1 3EN

Newsletter – 9th July 2017 – FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A

Readings: Zechariah 9: 9-10; Romans 8: 9, 11 - 13;

Responsorial Psalm: *I will bless your name forever, O God my King.*

Gospel acclamation: *Alleluia, Alleluia. Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia.*

Gospel: Matthew 11: 25 – 30

Don't use words or time carelessly, as neither can be retrieved!

Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction

Every Friday after 10am Mass

Sacrament of Confession:

Every Saturday after 10am Mass

There will be a Liturgical Committee meeting

on 15th July 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.

Deacon Malcolm would like to speak to those interested in writing the Bidding Prayers afterwards.

Prayer of St John Fisher

Lord, according to your promise that the Gospel should be preached throughout the whole world, raise up men fit for such work.

The Apostles were but soft and yielding clay till they were baked hard by the fire of the Holy Ghost.

So, good Lord, do now in like manner again with The Church militant; change and make the soft and slippery earth into hard stone; set in Thy Church strong and mighty pillars that may suffer and endure great labours, watching, poverty, thirst, hunger, cold and heat; which also shall not fear the threatening of princes, persecution, neither death but always persuade and think with themselves to suffer with a good will, slanders, shame, and all kinds of torments, for the glory and laud of thy Holy Name.

By this manner, good Lord, the truth of Thy Gospel shall be preached throughout all the world. Therefore, merciful Lord, exercise Thy mercy, show it indeed upon Thy Church.

“We can say that mercy without works is dead ... In our rapidly changing and increasingly globalized world, many new forms of poverty are appearing. In response to them, we need to be creative in developing new and practical forms of charitable outreach as concrete expressions of the way of mercy.” – Pope Francis

Many homeless and needy people, young and old, come to Chatham on a Sunday evening, 6.15pm to 8pm, where volunteers of a local charity, One Big Family, give out hot and cold food, tea, coffee, hot chocolate, water and juice, dog food, clothes, shoes, toiletries, bedding, tents, etc, in the car park near the bus station under the big screen. All that is given out is donated and O.B.F. is always in need of people willing to cook, bake or gift any of the above mentioned goods or contribute in any way they can. Many people who rely on the Food Bank that we collect for in Church, also come along with the homeless, as vouchers are not required from care professionals as is the case with accessing the Food Bank.

Gill Hanson is a volunteer every Sunday so if anyone wants to donate anything she will collect from Church either after 9am Mass or before 6pm Mass or you can ring her to arrange to drop off/or for her to pick up.



HOLY MASS INTENTIONS.

Sunday 9th July	9am 11am 6pm	Peter Stanley - R.I.P. Fred Fletcher - R.I.P. People of the Parish.
Monday	10am	Mabel and Philip Wood -
Tuesday	10am	In honour of Jesus from the time of the Last Supper to all the suffering He went through in the Garden of Gethsemane
Wednesday	10am	In reparation for the insults and mishandling from the Garden to Anna, Caiaphas and Pontius Pilate...
Thursday		No Mass
Friday	10am	For the heartache so terrible, for after He was declared innocent, He was sent to be scourged, crowned with thorn and Crucified.
Saturday	10am	For the insults and jeering Jesus suffered beside the cross, wearing a crown of thorns, hardly able to stand because of scourging...
Sunday 16th July	9am 11am 6pm	For the new pain He went through being stripped of his tunic and nailed to the cross and left to die... Vera Hood People of the Parish.

Sunday 2nd July

Collection: Loose – £237.40; Envelopes –£388.50= £625.90. 2nd Collection: £232.40.

Attendance: 9am - 95, 11am - 148 ; 6pm – 35 = 278

100 club: £20 – Maureen Endicott, N^o 102; £10 – Bridget Ost, N^o 62.

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

There will be a second collection today for the Apostleship of the Sea.

JUMBLE SALES: We would like to hold regular Jumble Sales on Saturdays, to try and raise a bit more money for the 'Building Fund'. There are still several costly jobs to complete, in particular, the redecoration of the Sanctuary. If anyone has anything saleable, in a clean and good condition that they would like to donate for this cause, please leave the items in bags or boxes in the porch. As soon as we have enough, we shall advertise the first Jumble sale in the Church Hall. Items you may consider can be clothing, toys, jewellery, china, glassware, books, DVDs, ornaments and any general bric-a-brac in a reasonable condition. Many thanks in anticipation.

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

Ron Fredericks addressed each Mass, last Sunday, to explain Direct Debit and Standing orders for your weekly gift.

Direct Debit/Standing Order forms will be made available later for anyone wishing to donate in this manner.

It also helps the church, for instance, when we are on holiday and cannot give our weekly contribution.

Happiness is what you are, not what you have!

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