

ST JOHN FISHER CHURCH

Maidstone Road, Rochester, ME1 3EN

Newsletter – 16th July 2017 – FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A

Readings: Isaiah 55: 10-11; Romans 8: 18 - 23;

Responsorial Psalm: *Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.*

Gospel acclamation: *Alleluia, Alleluia. Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia.*

Gospel: Matthew 13: 1 – 23

To be rich, is not what you have in your bank account but what you have in your heart

Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction

Every Friday after 10am
Mass

Sacrament of Confession:

Every Saturday after 10am
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During August there will be no Bring & Share lunch and no Parish walk.

However, Traidcraft will continue to be sold on the second Sunday of the month.

The Bring & Share lunch to be held on 1st October will have an African theme. We are requesting that any of you cooks who have some delicious recipes, that the rest of us might like to try, would you bring them along.

Food is served after the 11 o'clock Mass.

Bible Verse to remember: ‘As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.’ Isaiah 55:10-11

Consult the Bible as often as your cell phone:

“It is necessary to become familiar with the Bible: read it often, reflect upon it, assimilate it. The Bible contains the Word of God which is always topical and effective... don’t forget what would happen if we treated the Bible as we treat our cell phone, always with us, always close to us!” - **Pope Francis.**

The League of Mercy is a trust founded in 1899 which aims to recognise distinguished voluntary work carried out by an individual in areas of care including the sick, the dying, the elderly and young people at risk. 25 volunteers, put forward by their charities for outstanding and long contribution to the community, received the prestigious "Order of Mercy" Award this year at The Mansion House from Lord Lingfield, including our own **Kate Browning**, for her contribution to the spiritual care of hospice patients, their families, their friends and the staff ...dedication to their inner needs and concern for all in vulnerable circumstances and how others have been encouraged by her example to become volunteers whom she now mentors. **Well done Kate.**

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.

Many thanks to John Endicott for painting our church main doors and painting the step markers in the Hall and the choir loft steps. We are also grateful to Marian Bedwell for developing and updating our parish website [stjohnfisher.me.uk].

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS.

Sunday 16th July	9am 11am 6pm	Vera Hood. People of the Parish. For the new pain Jesus went through being stripped of his tunic and nailed to the cross and left to die...	<i>Fifteenth Sunday</i>
Monday	10am	Holy Communion Service.	
Tuesday	10am	Holy Mass for year 6 school leavers.	
Wednesday	10am	In thanksgiving for rising up triumphantly after three days.	
Thursday		No Mass	
Friday	10am	Repose of the soul of Brian Cartwright followed by Benediction and Divine Mercy Chaplet.	
Saturday	10am	Holy Mass followed by Reconciliation. (No intentions received)	<i>Saint Mary Magdalene</i>
Sunday 23rd July	9am 11am 6pm	Dorothy & Norbert Falkenstein - R.I.P. People of the Parish. No Mass intention received	<i>Sixteenth Sunday</i>

Sunday 9th July

Collection: Loose – £190.78; Envelopes –£330.50= £521.28. Apostleship of the Sea = £173.25

Attendance: 9am - 102, 11am - 68 ; 6pm – 51 = 221

100 club: £20 – Malcolm Turner, N^o 142; £10 – Veronica Holding, N^o 35.

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

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 Potato Challenge growing competition

weigh-in will be held next Sunday, 23rd July, after each of the morning Masses. Please come with your potato intact in its pot (the leaves can be cut back if they haven't rotted away already). Bernard Hyde will be on hand with the wheelbarrow and scales. The competitors will then take home their produce to enjoy for lunch!

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.

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