

ST JOHN FISHER CHURCH

Maidstone Road, Rochester, ME1 3EN

Newsletter – 23rd July 2017 – SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A

Readings: Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19; Romans 8: 26 - 27; Gospel: Matthew 13: 24 – 43

Responsorial Psalm: *O Lord, you are good and forgiving.*

Gospel acclamation: *Alleluia, Alleluia. Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia.*

Readings for 30th July: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13: 44-52

Holy Communion

Preparation Applications are available in the porch.

Sacrament of Confession:

Every Saturday after 10am Mass

R.I.P.: Please pray for the peaceful repose of the soul of Brian Richard

Cartwright whose funeral Mass will be on Friday 4th August, followed by interment in St Margaret's Cemetery.

Bible Verse to remember:

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness [Romans 8:26].

Children Liturgy on Sundays:

On Sunday 6th August after the 9am Mass there will be a brief meeting for all parents of young children and anyone who is interested and willing to be involved in a children's liturgy/crèche to run during the 9am Mass. Andrew Capone and Fr Antony will be leading the meeting looking for ideas of what the church would like to provide in order to support the parents and cater for the needs of the children of the parish during the Mass. please come along with your ideas.

Welcome Croydon: The Goan community from Croydon will be with us today and they are preparing **curry and Biryani** for us. Kindly come to Parish Hall after 11am Mass to welcome them and to enjoy the curry. All are welcome.

THE POPE'S STATEMENTS ON THE ENVIRONMENT:

- ❖ "As stewards of God's creation, we are called to make the earth a beautiful garden for the human family. When we destroy our forests, ravage our soil and pollute our seas, we betray that noble calling."
- ❖ "God always forgives, we men forgive sometimes, but nature never forgives. If you give her a slap, she will give you one. I believe that we have exploited nature too much."
- ❖ "A Christian who doesn't safeguard creation, who doesn't make it flourish, is a Christian who isn't concerned with God's work, that work born of God's love for us."
- ❖ "May the relationship between man and nature not be driven by greed, to manipulate and exploit, but may the divine harmony between beings and creation be conserved in the logic of respect and care."
- ❖ "The earth, our home, is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth. In many parts of the planet, the elderly lament that once beautiful landscapes are now covered with rubbish."
- ❖ "We received this world as an inheritance from past generations, but also as a loan from future generations, to whom we will have to return it!"

Tommy Maxwell Jenkins is to be baptised on Saturday 29th July 2017 after Mass.

Please pray for Tommy and his family.

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS.

Sunday 23rd July	9am 11am 6pm	People of the Parish Dorothy & Norbert Falkenstein - R.I.P. Holy Mass (No intentions received).	<i>Sixteenth Sunday</i>
Monday	10am	Holy Mass (No Mass intention received).	
Tuesday	10am	Holy Mass (No Mass intention received).	<i>Saint James. Feast.</i>
Wednesday	10am	No Mass	<i>Saints Joachim & Anne</i>
Thursday	10am	65 th Birthday - thanksgiving	
Friday	10am	Holy Mass followed by Benediction and Divine Mercy Chaplet. (No Mass intention received)	
Saturday	10am	Holy Mass followed by Reconciliation. (No Mass intention received)	<i>Saint Martha, Memorial</i>
Sunday 30th July	9am 11am 6pm	Holy Mass (No Mass intention received). Kathleen & Cyril Kelly - R.I.P. People of the Parish.	<i>Seventeenth Sunday</i>

Sunday 16th July

Collection: Loose – £217.70; Envelopes –£407.00 = £624.70.

Attendance: 9am - 88 , 11am - 85; 6pm – 54 = 227

100 club: £20 – Chris McLoughlin, N^o 78; £10 – Maureen Jones , N^o 129.

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. 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 today, 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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Never lose hope. You don’t know what tomorrow will bring!