

SU JOHN FISHER CHURCH

Maidstone Road, Rochester, ME1 3EN

Newsletter – 1st October 2017 – TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY A

Readings: Ezekiel 18: 25 – 28; Philippians 2: 1 – 11; Gospel: Matthew 21: 28 – 32.

Responsorial Psalm: *Remember your mercy Lord.*

Gospel acclamation: *Alleluia, Alleluia. If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia.*

Next Week's Readings: Isaiah 5: 1 – 7; Philippians 4: 6 – 9; Matthew 21: 33 – 43.

This week Feasts:

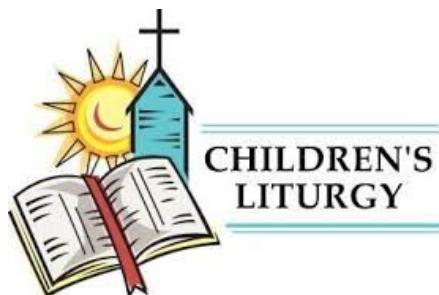
Sunday: Rosary Sunday, **Monday:** The Holy Guardian Angels

Wednesday: Saint Francis of Assisi, Memorial

Friday: Saint Bruno, Priest, **Saturday:** Our Lady of the Rosary, Memorial

Next Sunday: Prisoners' Sunday

Bible Verse to remember: “As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it [Isaiah 55:10-11].



We begin Children Liturgy today in our Parish:

Every Sunday at 9am Mass, the children learn the values of God's kingdom through the children's' version of liturgy in the Parish Hall. Many thanks to our catechists who came forward to do this mission. Denise Hextall, Monica and Emmanuel Segurini, Andrew and Giuliana Capone, Michael Ionta and Katherine Welch and Gillian Hanson.

Rosary Sunday

October is the Month of the Rosary and The Rosary will be said every Saturday in October at 9.30 am.

Journeying through the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries of the rosary, the individual brings to mind our Lord's incarnation, His passion and death and His resurrection from the dead. In so doing, the rosary assists us in growing in a

deeper appreciation of these mysteries, in uniting our life more closely to our Lord and in imploring His graced assistance to live the faith. We also ask for the prayers of our Blessed Mother, who leads all believers to her Son.



The new hall kitchen Blessing: Many thanks once again to all those kind parishioners [John Endicott, John Kennett, Ken Bruce and Carlo Audino] who helped with the hard work of removing the old kitchen and fitting the new one. The new kitchen will be blessed today, 1st of October, after the 11am Mass. Many thanks to John and Maureen Endicott for organising this and maintaining the Hall windows and door.

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS.

		THIS WEEK	NEXT WEEK
Sunday 1st October	9am 11am 6pm	Don Harris - R.I.P. 20th Anniversary. People of the Parish. Ann Neville - R.I.P	<i>9am: Gordon & Alistair McCann - R.I.P. 11am: Don & Rebecca Mogg - R.I.P. 6pm: People of the Parish</i>
Monday	10am	Adriana Ricaurte Martine & Cesar Ricaurte Martinez	<i>11am Funeral Mass</i>
Tuesday	10am	School Mass (No intentions received)	<i>School Harvest Mass No intentions received</i>
Wednesday	10am	Stan Brown - R.I.P.	<i>No intentions received</i>
Thursday		No Mass	No Mass
Friday	10am	Holy Mass (No intentions received)	<i>No intentions received</i>
Saturday	10am	Jim & Margaret McDonagh - special intentions	<i>No intentions received</i>

Sunday 24th September

Collections: Loose – £257.68; Envelopes –£266.03= £523.71.

Attendance: 9am -104 , 11am - 82; 6pm –47 = 233

100 club; £30- J Meehan, N° 37, £20 – J Meehan, N° 59; £10 – Felim McCarthy, N° 121.

Friday 6th October is CAFOD Harvest Fast Day. Please remember to pick up your Fast Day envelope for next Sunday.

The Jumble Sales last Saturday, the 23rd, and the previous Saturday, 16th, made a grand total of £620 for our building fund. Many, many thanks to all the helpers who worked so hard to achieve this wonderful amount and also to those who contributed goods and came to buy, or give donations, on the two days. The homeless and charity shops benefitted from the 'leftovers'. The raffle was drawn on Monday morning, and the prizes are waiting to be collected in the back of the church. The list of winning numbers is on the notice board. Grateful thanks, once again, for all the support.

Live Laudato Si: Did you know there are currently **7 varieties of plastic**, some of which are not recycled. At present **8 million tonnes of plastic ends up in the sea every year.** Experts estimate that plastic is eaten by *31 species of marine mammals* and more than *100 species of sea birds*. When we pollute Creation, we pollute ourselves. Frequently no measures are taken until after people's health has been irreversibly affected. However, We CAN **Live Laudato Si** by making wise shopping choices, by asking our MP to support the ban of microbeads and by campaigning e.g. with Greenpeace against plastic pollution.

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Jean Harris raised £414.16 (including £10 gift aid) on Friday for Macmillan Care at her coffee morning. Thank you for those who supported her.