

ST JOHN FISHER CHURCH

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Newsletter –10th September 2017– TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY A

Readings: Ezekiel 33: 7 - 9; Romans 13: 8 – 10; Gospel: Matthew 18: 15 - 20.

Responsorial Psalm: *O that today you would listen to his voice. Harden not your hearts.*

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

Next Week's Readings: Sirach 27: 30 – 28: 7; Romans 14: 7 – 9; Matthew 18: 15 - 20.

You will be free the moment you stop caring about what other people think of you

Holy Communion Preparation Applications are available in the porch. Last date to submit: 18 September.

Sacrament of Confession: Every Saturday after 10 am Mass

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.

Bible Verse to remember: Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations [Romans 13:8].

Would all the holders of the Red A.P.F Missio Boxes, please return them to the church, so that John Lyons can send the money collected to the missions, over the next month. All Red Box holders kindly find a Mission Today magazine for you in the porch.

Three Steps Conflict Management

1) Confrontation: The first step proposed by Jesus to the one who has been wronged is that he should go to meet the offender in person, and point out lovingly, but in all seriousness, the harm he has done. This first stage is designed to let the two persons concerned solve the issue between them. If it works out at that level, that is the ideal situation. "*You have won back your brother.*" Abraham Lincoln said that only he has the right to criticize who has the heart to help.

2) Negotiation: Suppose the first step does not resolve the situation and the person refuses to admit wrong, take one or two other members of the Church along with the wronged person to speak to the wrongdoer and to act as confirming witnesses. The taking of the witnesses is not meant to be a way of proving to a man that he has committed an offence. It is meant to assist the

process of reconciliation by emphasizing and explaining calmly the gravity of the situation.

3) Adjudication: If the negotiation step does not resolve the situation either, the third step is to have the whole Church or community of believers confront the wrongdoer. Here the Church provides an atmosphere of Christian prayer, Christian love and Christian fellowship in which personal relationships may be righted in the light of love and of the Gospel. Finally, in matters of honour and shame, the community is the final arbiter, for the community as a whole suffers from the wrong.

Pope Francis to Korean Religious Leaders: "We have a long journey ahead of us, which must be undertaken together with humility and perseverance, not just by raising our voices but by rolling up our sleeves, to sow the hope of a future in which humanity becomes more human, a future which heeds the cry of so many who reject war and implore greater harmony between individuals and communities, between peoples and states. Religious leaders are thus called upon to initiate, promote and accompany processes for the welfare and reconciliation of all people: we are called to be *heralds of peace*, proclaiming and embodying a nonviolent style, a style of peace, with words clearly different from the *narrative of fear*, and with gestures opposed to the *rhetoric of hatred*."

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS.

Sunday 10th September	9am 11am 6pm	Shirley Jago - R.I.P. People of the Parish. Mary Grace Amado & Marjorie Amado – Thanksgiving	<i>23rd Sunday A</i>
Monday	10am	Pat Kelly - Wellbeing	<i>The Most Holy Name of Mary</i>
Tuesday	10am	Holy Mass for the names written on November Holy Souls list	
Wednesday	10am	Holy Mass (No intentions received)	
Thursday		No Mass	<i>The Exaltation of The Holy Cross</i>
Friday	10am	Holy Mass (No intentions received) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Divine Mercy Chaplet.	<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>
Saturday	10am	Holy Mass (No intentions received)	<i>Saints Cornelius and Cyprian</i>
Sunday 17th September	9am 11am 6pm	John and Anna Norris - R.I.P. Michael and Brigis Ferguson - R.I.P. People of the Parish	<i>24th Sunday A</i>

Sunday 3rd September

Collections: Loose – £247; Envelopes –£282.81= £529.81.

Building Fund: £233.52

Attendance: 9am - 97, 11am - 95; 6pm – 34 = 226

100 club; £20 – Jean Harris, N^o 97; £10 – Catherine Hyde, N^o 2.

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

Last week's £30 winner donated the winning to Building Fund.

Our Bring & Share Lunch and Raffle last Sunday raised £175 for Mcmillan Cancer care.

Thanks to Pat Wiley for organising this event.

Today, 10th September, is Education Sunday and there will be a second collection for the Catholic Education Service (CES).

Next Sunday is Home Mission Day and there will be a second collection to support the Bishops' national work of evangelisation.

OUR FIRST 'GOOD AS NEW' & JUMBLE SALES will be next Saturday: 16th from 11am.

Please come and support this venture, which is in aid of the Church Building Fund. We have a huge amount of goods, thanks to our kind parishioners, and so many bargains will be on sale at very low prices. More items are still welcome, even though Fr Antony has hardly any room for his car any more! Setting up and sorting out will be from 4pm on Friday 15th. We are looking forward to seeing you all on Saturday 16th September.

As long as you are breathing, it's never too late to start a new beginning.

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