

ST JOHN FISHER CHURCH

Maidstone Road, Rochester, ME1 3EN

Newsletter – 6th August 2017 – TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Readings: Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1: 16 - 19; Gospel: Matthew 17: 1 – 9.

Responsorial Psalm: *The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.*

Gospel acclamation: *Alleluia, Alleluia. This is my son, the Beloved, he enjoys my favour; listen to him. Alleluia.*

Most things worth doing are difficult. No deed is small when done for Christ.

Holy Communion Preparation Applications are available in the porch.

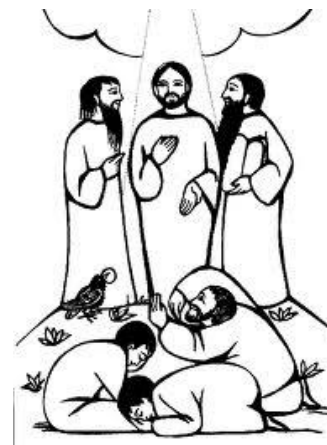
Sacrament of Confession: Every Saturday after 10am Mass

Medway Food Bank: Please keep your donations to the Medway Food bank coming, as there seem to be more people who require our help of late.
Thank you.

Bible Verse to remember: Psalm 96(97):1-2

*The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,
let all the coastlands be glad.
Cloud and darkness are his raiment;
his throne, justice and right.*

The Transfiguration: The primary purpose of Jesus' Transfiguration was to consult his Heavenly Father in order to ascertain His plan for Our Lord's suffering, death and Resurrection. The secondary aim was to make Jesus' chosen disciples aware of His Divine glory, so that they might discard their worldly ambitions about a conquering political Messiah. A third purpose was to strengthen their Faith and hope and to encourage them to persevere through the future ordeal.



Children Liturgy on Sundays:

After the 9am Mass today, 6th August, 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.

Bidding Prayers:

Rota for composing bidding prayers is on the Noticeboard. Many thanks for Deacon Malcolm Turner overseeing this and all those willing participants.

Many thanks to John Endicott, Ken Bruce for dismantling the old shed, clearing up the corner room in the church and making a new fence in the meditation garden.

Please pray for the peaceful repose of the soul of **John O'Regan** whose funeral Mass will be on the 15 August 2017 at 1 pm.

Next Week Readings: 1 Kings 19: 9a, 11-13a; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14: 22-33.

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS.

Sunday 6th August	9am 11am 6pm	Tony Holding - R.I.P. Maria Baltes - R.I.P. People of the Parish.	<i>The Transfiguration Of The Lord</i>
Monday	10am	Gerald Baron – R.I.P.	Saint Sixtus II
Tuesday	10am	Brian Cartwright – R.I.P.	Saint Dominic
Wednesday	10am	Simone Winifred Bradley – R.I.P.	
Thursday		No Mass	Saint Lawrence
Friday	10am	Holy Mass (No Mass intention received) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Divine Mercy Chaplet.	Saint Clare
Saturday	10am	Holy Mass (No Mass intention received) Reconciliation.	
Sunday 13th August	9am 11am 6pm	People of the Parish. Thanksgiving by Sidhy Matthew Thanksgiving for the Prayers answered	<i>19th Sunday A</i>

Sunday 30th July

Collection: Loose – £199.85; Envelopes – £241.15 = £441.00.

Attendance: 9am -61 , 11am -58; 6pm – 51 = 170

100 club: £20 – John Fisher, N° 80; £20 – M Naughton, N° 120; £10 – Pat Andrews, N° 17.

Thanks to Sheila Callagher who donated her winnings [£20] towards the building fund.

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

JUMBLE SALES: Many thanks to all who have sent in some very good items for our Jumble sales. We hope to have the first one on Saturday 16th September. This is to raise much needed money for the Church Building Fund. This fund is for all works to be carried out in and around the church and hall. It will be from 10am onwards. More goods are still very welcome and can be left in the porch area. Teas and coffees will be made available too. Many thanks in anticipation.

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.

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. 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 goods or contribute in any way they can. Please contact Gill Hanson if can help in anyway or want to donate.

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We celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on 15 August 2017 [Tuesday]. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. We shall have two Masses on that day at 10am and 8pm.