

ST JOHN FISHER CHURCH

Maidstone Road, Rochester, ME1 3EN

Newsletter – **13th August 2017** – **NINETEENTH SUNDAY A**

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

Responsorial Psalm: *Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.*

Gospel acclamation: *Alleluia, Alleluia. Blessings of the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace be in heaven and glory in the highest heaven. Alleluia.*

Next Week's Readings: Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7; Romans 11:13-15, 29-32; Matthew 15: 21-28.

The only person you should try to be better than, is the person you were yesterday

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. The new lists are in the porch.

Bible Verse to remember: Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go [Joshua 1:9].

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

"O Immaculate Virgin, Mother of God and Mother of Men, — we believe with all the fervour of our Faith in your triumphal Assumption, both in body and soul, into heaven where you are acclaimed as Queen of all the choirs of angels and all the legions of the Saints; and we unite with them to praise and bless the Lord who has exalted you above all other pure creatures, and to offer you the tribute of our devotion and our love."

(from the Assumption Prayer of Pope Pius XII)



Mary is Our Heavenly Mother: Jesus, at the moment of his ultimate self-sacrifice, on the cross, sought to keep nothing for himself, and in handing over his life, he also handed over to us his Mother. He told Mary: Here is your son; here are your children. We too want

to receive her into our homes, our families, our communities and nations. We want to meet her maternal gaze. The gaze that frees us from being orphans; the gaze that reminds us that we are brothers and sisters, that I belong to you, that you belong to me, that we are of the same flesh. The gaze that teaches us that we have to learn how to care for life in the same way and with the same tenderness that she did: by sowing hope, by sowing a sense of belonging and of fraternity [*Pope Francis*].

Please pray for the peaceful repose of the souls of **John O'Regan** whose funeral Mass will be on this Tuesday, 15 August, at 1 pm, **Alfred Friendorf** whose cremation will be on 22 August, and **James O'Brien** whose funeral Mass will be on 1 September at 11am. May they rest in peace.

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.

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS.

Sunday 13th August	9am 11am 6pm	People of the Parish. Thanksgiving by Sidhy Matthew. Thanksgiving for the Prayers answered.	<i>19th Sunday A</i>
Monday	10am	Mairi Lutri - R.I.P.	<i>Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe</i>
Tuesday	10am 1pm 8pm	Holy Mass (No intentions received) Funeral of John O'Regan R.I.P. Holy Mass (No intentions received)	<i>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Wednesday	10am	Holy Mass (No intentions received)	
Thursday		No Mass	
Friday	10am	Holy Mass (No Mass intention received) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Divine Mercy Chaplet.	
Saturday	10am	Nancy Neville - R.I.P. Holy Mass followed by Reconciliation.	
Sunday 20th August	9am 11am 6pm	Kubala and Slawka families wellbeing Ellie Sufflings intentions People of the Parish.	<i>20th Sunday A</i>

Sunday 6th August

Collections: Loose – £218.20; Envelopes –£248= £466.20. Building Fund: £323.08

Attendance: 9am - 98, 11am - 68; 6pm – 42 = 208

100 club; £20 – Rob Twist, N^o 5; £10 – Veronica Holding, N^o 36.

Thanks to Deacon Malcolm Turner who donated his winning [£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.

Please pray for the sick, Stephan Jenkins, Pamela Sargisan, Malcolm Campbell-Carr, Samuel Koroma, Claire McIntosh, Gerald Campbell Briggs, Debbie and Graham Brooks, Michael Ionta & all the sick in our Parish, rest homes and hospitals. Should you wish any name to be added to the list, please let us know.

Difficult roads often lead to beautiful destinations.

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