

ST JOHN FISHER CHURCH

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Newsletter – 20th August 2017 – TWENTIETH SUNDAY A

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

Responsorial Psalm: *Let the peoples praise you O God; let all the peoples praise you.*

Gospel acclamation: *Alleluia, Alleluia. The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. Alleluia.*

Next Week's Readings: Isaiah 22: 19-23; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16: 13-20.

Holy Communion

Preparation Applications
are available in the porch.

Sacrament of Confession:
Every Saturday after 10am
Mass

Bible Verse to remember: Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest [Is 56:1].

Five Tips for Effective Evangelization

1. Witness of life.

Show signs of a faith that is alive, of a conviction that is real, of a love for God that is attractive. Ensure that your behaviour and choices bespeak a life lived in accord with the Gospel values and the newness of life of the God you profess to believe in.

2. Develop relationships of care and trust.

Begin to develop or deepen a relationship of friendship and trust with the person or persons whom God and life's circumstances place on your heart and in your life, and as the level of trust and care for one another develops be ready to share with them what Christ and His Church have come to mean in your life and to Christians across the globe down through the centuries.

3. Share your faith story.

Take some time to prayerfully put into writing what Christ has done for you and what He means to you, and how participation in the life of His Church has changed your life, highlighting significant moments of conversion and/or renewal of your faith and relationship with God. When the time is right, share this testimony or story of faith with the family member, friend, neighbour, co-worker or a stranger...

4. Extend an invitation.

Invite your listener to accept God's salvation and new life offered in Christ, the only Saviour of the world, by making an explicit commitment to Him... Upon this initial commitment, invite your listener to attend an appropriate Church event or service, such as a daily, Sunday or special Mass, a presentation aimed at adult formation in the faith, an RCIA class...

5. Facilitate incorporation into the Body of Christ.

Inquire as to the person's readiness to receive the Church's Sacraments of Initiation and arrange accordingly, whenever appropriate and welcomed by the person being evangelized. Continue to serve as a "spiritual mentor" or "sponsor" to ensure that the initial proclamation of the Gospel and initial commitment take root in this person's life.

A Cordial Welcome to the Croydon Filipino Community:

This coming Sunday [27 August 2017], the Filipino Community from Croydon will be with us. They bring with them delicious Filipino Food for us ALL. They are also very good singers and they will do the choir for the 11am Mass. Please be there for the lunch and show our goodness and friendship.

Our Prayers and Blessings to Mr and Mrs Gilbert who were married in our church yesterday. Please keep in your prayers also Grace Cameron and Tommy Miller who will be married in our church on 2nd September 2017

Evangelization Starts with Our Own Relationship with Jesus – Pope

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS.

Sunday 20th August	9am 11am 6pm	Kubala and Slawka families wellbeing Ellie Sufflings intentions People of the Parish.	20th Sunday A
Monday	10am	Cathy Purtill - Wellbeing	<i>Saint Pius X, Pope</i>
Tuesday		No Mass Cremation of Mr. Alfred Frienforf at Medway Crematorium for 9.45am	<i>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Wednesday	10am	Meg Watson – Wellbeing	<i>Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin</i>
Thursday	1pm	Nuptial Mass for Aideen Gormley and Blair Cowling.	<i>St Bartholomew, Apostle</i>
Friday	10am	Holy Mass (No Mass intention received) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Divine Mercy Chaplet.	
Saturday	10am	Holy Mass (No Mass intention received) followed by Reconciliation.	
Sunday 27th August	9am 11am 6pm	Holy Mass (No Mass intention received) People of the Parish. Holy Mass (No Mass intention received)	21st Sunday A

Sunday 13th August

Collections: Loose – £256.91; Envelopes –£195.00 = £451.91

Attendance: 9am - 83, 11am - 69 ; 6pm – 52 = 204

100 club; £20 – Maureen Endicott, N° 92; £10 – Maureen Jones, N° 129.

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

NO TEA OR COFFEE WILL BE SERVED after today's Masses, as the new kitchen is still being fitted, due to B & Q not delivering on the promised date!

“GOOD AS NEW AND JUMBLE” SALES will commence on Saturday 16th September from 11am.

Many thanks again for all the good, saleable items donated by our parishioners. All monies raised is for the building fund. 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.

Our next Bring and Share lunch on 3rd September is being held for Macmillan Cancer Care and there will be a Raffle. All donations welcome.

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