

ST JOHN FISHER CHURCH

Maidstone Road, Rochester, ME1 3EN

Newsletter –27th August 2017– **TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY A**

Readings: Isaiah 22: 19-23; Romans 11:33-36; Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-20.

Responsorial Psalm: *Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.*

Gospel acclamation: *Alleluia, Alleluia. God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, and he has entrusted to us that they are reconciled. Alleluia.*

Next Week's Readings: Jeremiah 20: 7 - 9; Romans 12: 1 – 2; Matthew 16: 21 - 27.

Holy Communion

Preparation Applications are available in the porch.

Sacrament of Confession:

Every Saturday after 10am Mass

Medway Food Bank:

Its never too late!!

Please make a contribution to the Food Bank to help the needy families in our locality during these long summer holidays. Every donation is greatly appreciated.

Bible Verse to remember: I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven' [Matthew 16:19].

THE NEW HALL KITCHEN is looking very good and nearly finished. Our grateful thanks to John Kennett, our wonderful kitchen fitter parishioner, who has given up his free time, at no cost to the church, to install the kitchen. Many, many thanks to all the willing helpers; John Endicott, Ken Bruce, Michael Blandford, Carlo Audino and Rob Twist, for all their hard work in removing the old kitchen units, painting, doing the electrics and building the new units from flat packs. What great parishioners we have!

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 9am and 11am Masses. 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 on 19 August 2017, and Mr and Mrs Cowling yesterday. Please keep in your prayers also Grace Cameron and Tommy Miller who will be married in our church on 2 September 2017

The Sacrament of Confession:

In the life of the body a man is sometimes sick, and unless he takes medicine, he will die. Even so in the spiritual life a man is sick on account of sin. For that reason he needs medicine so that he may be restored to health; and this grace is bestowed in the Sacrament of Penance. --**St. Thomas Aquinas**

"A soul does not benefit from the sacrament of confession if it is not humble. Pride keeps it in darkness. The soul neither knows how, nor is it willing, to probe with precision the depths of its own misery. It puts on a mask and avoids everything that might bring it recovery."

--**Saint Faustina**

"In failing to confess, Lord, I would only hide You from myself, not myself from You."

--**Saint Augustine**

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS.

Sunday 27th August	9am 11am 6pm	The Bennett Family - Thanksgiving People of the Parish. Bob Cooke – R.I.P.	21st Sunday A
Monday	10am	Holy Mass - Foundation Mass for the donors	
Tuesday		No Mass	
Wednesday	10am	Liturgy of the Word	
Thursday		No Mass	
Friday	11am	Funeral Mass for James O'Brien	
Saturday	10am 1.30pm	Foundation Mass for the Donors. Marriage – Grace Cameron and Tommy Miller	
Sunday 3rd September	9am 11am 6pm	People of the Parish. Brenda McDonagh – R.I.P. Repose of the souls of the Corrigan family	22nd Sunday A

Sunday 20th August

Collections: Loose – £195.14; Envelopes –£419.40= £614.54.

Attendance: 9am - 93, 11am - 62; 6pm – 47 = 202

100 club; £20 – Pat King, N^o 124; £10 – C. Handy, N^o 15.

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

GOOD AS NEW & JUMBLE SALES will commence on Saturdays 16th & 23rd September from 11am. Setting up and sorting out will be from 4pm on Friday 15th. Many thanks again for all the good, saleable items donated by our parishioners. All monies raised are for the building fund. Tea, coffee and cake 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.

OUR NEXT 'BRING & SHARE LUNCH will be on Sunday 3rd September and is being held in aid of Macmillan Cancer care, and there will be a raffle. All donations welcome.

ACROSS visit to Lourdes by Jumbalance– 28th Sep to 7th Oct 2017. Stephan and Margaret Jenkins go with this group which is in need of more helpers. Cost is £699 which includes insurance, travel and full board.

If you can help please contact pilgrimage@across.org.uk or 02035421800.

PLEASE PRAY for the peaceful repose of the soul of **James O'Brien** whose funeral Mass will be on 1st September at 11am. May he rest in the peace of Ch

**Always remember your present situation is not your final destination.
The best is yet to come.**

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