

Sunday Mass Bookings: Please note on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, the parish priest by canon law is morally obliged to say one Mass for the People of the Parish. On Sundays, this is usually the 6:00pm Mass. If you are using the diary to book Masses please make sure that you book Mass intentions for the 9:00am and 11:00am please and also leave your contact details on the envelope so that we can contact you for clarification or changes that may occur. The Mass envelopes have been now updated to leave your contact details. Thank you.

Plant some Bulbs with Us! - Please join in our bulb planting event today, 18th November at 10am. Families and children are especially welcome. Warm yourselves up with a hot cocoa or other drink in the hall afterwards. Please come prepared with suitable footwear and outdoor clothing and trowels if you have them. We hope to have good participation so as to create a great display of daffodils, tulips and other flowers for the Spring.

Parish Walk around Huckling Estate with optional 2.30pm pub lunch at The Hook and Hatchet – next Sunday, 25th November. We will arrange to car share following 11 am Mass. Julie would like to have an idea of numbers so as to book a table for those interested. Please phone or leave a message Tel - (01634) 406963. Please note, the paths may be muddy and slippery so appropriate boots and outdoor gear and a bottle of drink are advised. A fairly easy walk with one or two gentle to moderate climbs which can be taken at a slower pace. Let us hope for good weather.

Smile, it will make you look better. Prayer will keep you strong, and Love will make you enjoy life

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Newsletter – 18th November 2018 Thirty Third Sunday (B)

**Readings: Daniel 12:1-3; Hebrews 10:11-14, 18;
Mark 13:24-32**

Responsorial Psalm: *Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.*

Gospel acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia. Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia.*

Next week's Readings: Daniel 7:13-14; Apocalypse 1: 5-8;
John 18: 33-37

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will follow 10am Mass each Friday

Sacrament of Confession Saturday after 10am Mass. Sunday 10.30 – 10.45am & 5.30 – 5.45 pm.

Good looks fade, but a good heart keeps you beautiful forever!

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, the readings reflect on the last things. There will be a time of distress, but the Lord will come to wipe the tears of those who are precious to him. He will bear them on eagle's wings to a place of eternal rest and happiness. Despite our struggles in life let us not forget our future greatness. Let us not forget how precious we are in the eyes of the Lord that he admits us

into the presence of the Holy Trinity, into the presence of divine intimacy. God bless. Fr Neil.

Advent Church spring clean will take place Wednesday 28th November, after Mass, till complete. Please come along to help if you can.
Many hands make light work.

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

		18 th November	Feast days
Sunday	9am 11am 6pm	John Meehan – R.I.P. Fred Fletcher, Senior – R.I.P People of the Parish	The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles.
Monday	10am	Father Tom Lynch Intentions	Feria
Tuesday	10am	Michael Maher – R.I.P.	Feria
Wednesday	10am	Peggy and Angus MacKay	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday	10am	Thomas Buffini & Annie Ferguson – R.I.P.	Saint Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr
Friday	10am	P J Ferguson & Josey Dolan R.I.P.	Clement 1, Pope & Martyr
Saturday	10am	Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary	Saints Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs.

Sunday 11th November:

First Collection: Loose – £311.16; Gift Aid – £210 = £ 521.16

Archbishop's Fund: Loose - £123.78; Gift Aid - £33.50 = £157.28

Attendance: 9am – 81; 11am – 90, 6pm – 80. = 251

100 Club: £20: – Mr D. Tupper N^o 39; £10:– C. Pettit N^o 3

Second Collection today is for World Day for the Poor

Next Sunday is the Solemnity of Christ the King.

There will be a **Second Collection** next Sunday, 25th November, for the Catholic Youth Services.



November Remembrance of the Dead:

Envelopes are available at the back of the church to remember the faithful departed.

Please put in the names of your loved ones and

place them in the basket provided, which will be by the Altar at all Masses in November.

Fr Neil Vincent will be inducted as Parish Priest of St John Fisher Church, Rochester, at 11.30 am on Saturday 8th December. Following Mass, he would like there to be a 'Bring & Share Lunch', where, with Monsignor Matthew Dickens, he will meet everyone.

Please Pray for the repose of the souls of Patricia Stanley RIP, whose Requiem Mass will be held here on Friday 30th November at 10am and her body will be received into the Church at 3:30pm on the 29th November 2018, and **Michael Maher RIP** who passed away on Friday, 16th November. May they rest in peace. With sympathy to all family and friends. Please remember them in your prayers.

Advent is nearly upon us so please check out the Repository for presents, cards, which are on the windowsill, calendars, diaries and candles and if there is something you particularly want you can go on CBC Distributors, take the number and ask Gill to order for you.

A Christmas Fayre will be held on 30th November 2018 from 3.30pm to 5.30pm in the school hall with Santa's Grotto, Christmas goodies and decorations, etc. Please come along and support our school.

Foodbank: Please find the Christmas shopping list for this worthwhile cause on the table in the Porch.

Your contributions are so gratefully received by those in crisis.

Notable Dates for our Parish

Sun 25th Nov, Solemnity of Christ the King.

Fri 30th Nov, Feast of the consecration of our Church, Solemnity, Adoration at 6:30pm, Mass at 7:00pm.

Sun 2nd of Dec, First Sunday of Advent

Fri 7th of Dec, Advent Devotions with Adoration 6:30pm and Mass 7:00pm

Sat 8th of Dec, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Induction of Fr Neil at 11:30am followed by "Bring and Share" lunch.