

There is usually a 'Bring & Share' Lunch, on the first Sunday of the month, after the 11 am Mass, in the Parish Hall; Traidcraft on the second Sunday after the 9am & 11 am Masses, and a Parish Walk on the third Sunday starting at 12 Noon from the Parish Hall. All are welcome, please come and join us.

Please see the N.H.S. notice in the porch, re Blood Donor Sessions being held on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January, at the Rochester Army Reserve Centre, at Fort Clarence, St Margaret's Street. Any one of us, or our loved ones, could need a lifesaving transfusion. So, if you are able, please book an appointment and donate some lifesaving fluid.

**The City and Tower of London, today, Sunday 20th January, 3pm.** A walk through the city with its turbulent history, as we hear the story of brave heroes such as St Thomas More and St John Fisher, walking towards the Tower of London. Meet at Monument Tube Station.

**A Royal Walk. Sunday 27th January, 3pm.** A walk exploring the history of the Royal Family and Catholicism, through St James' Park and on to Buckingham Palace. Meet on the steps of Westminster Cathedral. Nearest Tube: Victoria.

**Your Newsletter editor, John,** is appearing in that lovely musical 'Oliver!', at the Hazlitt Theatre, Maidstone, from 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> April. He is playing the undertaker, Mr Sowerberry, and would like your support. This Dickens tale, as many of you will know, contains a good Christian message for us all. Tickets are on sale already and are selling well, so, if you don't want to miss out, get yours soon! Call 01622-758611.

**Quote:** "I have never known a man who has received Christ and ever regretted it" Billy Graham.

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## Newsletter – 20<sup>th</sup> January 2019 Second Sunday (C)

**Readings:** Isaiah 62: 1-5, Corinthians 12: 4-1, John 2: 1-12  
Responsorial Psalm. *Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all His peoples.*

Gospel acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia. Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life.*  
*Alleluia.*

**Next week's Readings:** Nehemiah 8:2-6,8-10; Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4,4:14-21

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

**You cannot break a person** that seeks happiness from God!

Today's Gospel is beautiful in many ways. The disgrace of not having enough is overcome by the prompting and faith of the mother in her Son. And the disciples, when looking back, will see this as the first sign of Jesus in revealing his divinity. No wonder it is used in so many weddings as the Gospel reading. Let us also never lose faith in God like



Mary did. Let us always have faith and hope that God can change our emptiness, our wretchedness in an instant to reflect his divinity. For that is why he came that we live our lives to the full. God bless. Fr Neil.

## HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

		20 <sup>th</sup> January	Feast Days
Sunday	9am 11am 6pm	James & Bridget McDonnell – R.I.P Michael Maher – R.I.P. People of the Parish	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday	10am	Eddie Perry – R.I.P.	Saint Agnes, Virgin & Martyr
Tuesday	10am	Christian Unity Mass led by Years 6 and 3	Saint Vincent, Deacon & Martyr
Wednesday	10am	Holy Mass No Mass Intentions	Feria
Thursday	10am	Holy Mass No Mass Intentions	Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7pm</b>	Peter Stevens – R.I.P.	The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle
Saturday	10am	Eddie Perry – R.I.P. Followed by Adoration at 10.30am	Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops
Sunday	9am 11am 6pm	Rev Bert Cooper Eddie Perry – R.I.P. People of the Parish	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January:

**Collection:** Loose – £274.28 ; Gift Aid –£188.50 = £462.78

Second Collection: White Flower Appeal: £107.16;

**Attendance:** 9am –95; 11am –76, 6pm –41 = 212

**100 Club:** £20 –Peter Jago N<sup>o</sup>12 ; £10 – Chris Castle N<sup>o</sup> 01

**This Sunday** is a Day of Prayer for Peace on Earth.

**The 6 pm Mass** will start with the recitation of the Angelus. This is a wonderful devotion as we remember the Incarnation. This devotion is recited morning, noon and evening and is a popular devotion to the church.

**The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark** is looking for 2 part-time Resource Assistants to the Centre for Catholic Formation in Tooting Bec to revitalise and run the bookshop as well as develop an online sales offering via the Centre website. They are also looking for an Advisor for Catechesis and Adult Formation covering Kent, to join the advisory team at the Centre for Catholic Formation This is a full time role which will include working some evenings and weekends. The key function of the Centre is assisting parishes in

the work of adult formation, the training of catechists and helping to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. If you would like an informal chat and a visit to the Centre, please contact the Director, Mark Nash, by email [marknash@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:marknash@rcaos.org.uk) and a copy of the job description can be found at [www.ccftootingbec.org.uk/jobs](http://www.ccftootingbec.org.uk/jobs).

**Notices Regarding the Sacraments - Baptism:** I have now had some requests for Baptism which is the Sacrament through which we are made God’s children. The rules of the church are clear that the parish priest must be convinced that the family are practicing their faith and can form their children in the faith. This is usually through regular attendance at Mass on Sunday and the practice of the faith in the family through prayers and discussions of the faith. If the parish priest feels that this is not the case, he may *defer* baptism till a time when the family can demonstrate that they are truly and sincerely practising their faith. Also, people are asked to be diligent when choosing Godparents that they are fitting and truly fulfil that role. Care should be taken that they are not chosen like a bridesmaid or best man is, or because they are nice, it is because they are living the faith and can be an excellent example of the faith to the children, that they are of good faith and moral standing. For example: the Godparents chosen are married in church and not living together. They must be also 16 years and over and have made their Sacraments of initiation, that is they are baptised, and have made their first holy communion and confirmation. This is so that the child being baptised can have good faith role models to follow. Please do speak to Fr Neil if you would like more information,

**Marriages:** If you live in the parish of St John Fisher our parish is responsible for filling in all paper work even if you are getting married in another church or abroad. You need to give a minimum of 6 months notice of marriage so the administration and marriage preparation can begin. Please speak to Fr Neil if you have any questions.

**Father Neil will be serving Mass** for the Prison every Friday and Saturday morning so Friday Mass will now be held at 7pm and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be on Saturday after Mass.

**Confirmation 2020:** Those in the school year groups 7 & 8 and those who are older who haven’t made their confirmation please give your names to Fr Neil. He would love to hear from volunteers who would like to help as catechists.