

**There is 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.

**Food Bank list** is available for priority items needed on desk in Porch. Thank you for your generosity.

**Yesterday, Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May**, a weekly '*Saturday Fun Club*' started in our Parish Hall. The classes, for children, are interactive, jam packed with fun with games, activities, storytelling, role play and drama to help make learning a second language fun. Spanish & Italian will be taught.

You can book up at rochesterlanguageclub@hotmail.com with Barbara and Sabrina. Poster in church porch & notice board.

**Today, 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019**, there will be a walk, setting off from Church, after the 11am Mass and coffee in the Hall. Lifts will be available to Maidstone as the walk will be along the River Medway. Do come along and enjoy a pleasant afternoon with fellow parishioners.

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2019:** 10am Induction Mass for James Willis – as headteacher of St William of Perth school. All welcome.

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019 School Summer Fair** - 4pm to 6p. Please support this fun fundraiser in our local school.

**The planet does not need more successful people.** It desperately needs more peacemakers, healers, restorers, storytellers and lovers of all kinds. -

*The Dalai Lama*

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**Sacrament of Confession**

Saturday after 10 am  
Mass, and Adoration.  
Sunday 10.30 – 10.45 am  
& 5.30 – 5.45 pm.  
God gives our hearts  
peace and so much more.

# ST JOHN FISHER CHURCH

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Newsletter – 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019 Fifth Sunday of Easter (C)

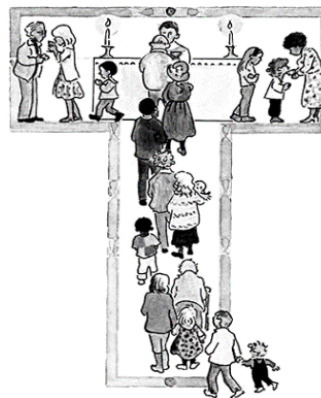
Readings: Acts 14: 21-27; Apocalypse 21: 1-5; John 13: 31-35

Responsorial Psalm: *I will bless your name forever, O God, my King,*

Gospel acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said "I give you a new commandment: love one another, just as I have loved you" Alleluia!*

Next week's Readings:

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Apocalypse 21: 10-14, 22-23; John 14: 23-29



As part of the chaplaincy team of the hospital in Medway, I was asked to attend an induction course. It was wonderful to spend some time with medical and admin staff all getting a crash course in working at Medway. There was an interesting part of the course, where the presentation was on approach to work and patient care. How despite the stress of daily commute and all the trials at home, that we put the care of the patient first. A positive cheerful attitude apparently led to 40% increase in productivity. In the gospel we are given the greatest commandment in the bible. The Lord bids us to

“Love one another as I have loved you.” Our love for one another is not to be pretense or insincere, we are not simply to be nice, we are called to go the extra mile. It is wonderful to see this already in our community. How the sick are visited and taken Holy Communion, how parents struggle to bring their infants and little ones to Mass, how people spend time in caring and looking after the parish grounds, concerns about the environment and living simply, outreach to the homeless to name but a few. It is wonderful to see all your efforts. We also need to think of really building a parish community. As we have three Masses on Sundays, we have three communities. We need to see how we could at least once in a while, bring these communities together. To gather outside of Mass to spend time with our Lord in devotion, catechesis and fellowship. To deepen our faith through prayer and learning about our faith, through frequent confession

and also to meet and share socially. That we be prepared as St Paul says to give an account of what we believe and witness. We also need to think of forming our young people which is not an easy task granted the distractions about. Let us keep the parish in our prayers as we transition into the future. Let us ask the Lord that by our actions and his grace we become the people after his own heart. To love sincerely and walk humbly with God and neighbour. God bless. Fr Neil.

### HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

		19 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Feast Days
Sunday	9am 11am 6pm	Patricia Flood – R.I.P. People of the Parish Michael Devitt – R.I.P.	Fifth Sunday of Easter (C)
Monday	10am	Holy Mass No Intentions	St Bernardine of Sienna, Priest
Tuesday	10am	Holy Mass No Intentions	St Christopher of Magallanes, Priest
Wednesday	10am	Requiem Mass for Andrew James Simpson RIP	St Rita of Cascia, Religious
Thursday		No Mass	Feria
Friday	10:45am 7pm	Feast Day Mass in School Holy Mass No Intentions	Feria
Saturday	9.30 am 10am	Holy Rosary Holy Mass No Intentions – Followed by Benediction.	St Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor
Sunday	9am 11am 6 pm	People of the Parish Paola Martinez Int. Michael Maher-R.I.P.	Sixth Sunday of Easter (C)

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2019:** First Collection: Loose – £265.30; Gift Aid - £ 161.00 = £ 426.30, Second Collection for Ecclesiastical Education: £ 195.73

Attendance: 9am - 103 ; 11am – 68, 6pm – 49 = 220

100 Club: £20– Joan Meehan N<sup>o</sup> 59; £10– Jane Cameron N<sup>o</sup> 47

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of** Andrew James Simpson, whose funeral will be held at 10 am this coming Wednesday. 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

**Pray also for the repose of the soul of** David Michael Patrick Tyrie, whose funeral will be at 10 am on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

### Church Maintenance etc:

Important remedial work was done on a length of radiator pipe, the water was flushed and chemicals added for efficient distribution, yesterday. The radiators seem to heat up in double time now. We also need to do some work on the church windows which are in a poor state. The online streaming service has become costly with the monthly telephone bill being increased to £75. I have consulted with the finance committee to dispense with this service saving the parish about £420 a year. Thank you for all your support both financial and otherwise for looking after our church.

**St William of Perth school** will be celebrating the feast day of their patron saint next Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 10:45am. This Mass will take place on the school field weather permitting. We ask that you arrive by 10:45 and sit at the seats towards the back of the field. All are welcome.

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2019** – First Holy Communion – 11am Mass. Please pray for our young children who will be receiving the most wonderful Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time.

**Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage: July 13<sup>th</sup> at St George's Cathedral:** If you are celebrating your 1<sup>st</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>/40<sup>th</sup>/50<sup>th</sup>/60<sup>th</sup> + wedding anniversary this year, please apply as soon as possible. Get in touch with Fr Neil or Gill and provide your names, the anniversary you are celebrating, your home address, email address and telephone, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop.

### Parish Calendar of Feasts

30<sup>th</sup> of May, The Ascension of the Lord – Holy Day of Obligation

*June - is the month of devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of our Lord*

9<sup>th</sup> of June – Pentecost Sunday

16<sup>th</sup> of June – The Most Holy Trinity

22<sup>nd</sup> June – St John Fisher & Thomas More - Solemnity

23<sup>rd</sup> of June – The Most Holy Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ (Corpus Christi)

11:00am – First Holy Communion Mass

24<sup>th</sup> of June – The Nativity of John the Baptist, Solemnity.