

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.

Have you registered your children for the weekly 'Saturday Fun Club' which has 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.

**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 6pm. Please support this fun fundraiser in our local school.

The parish walk will now be on **30<sup>th</sup> June** as we have the FHC Mass on 23<sup>rd</sup>. It will be on Darland banks and transport will be available. Please bring a picnic lunch to be eaten in the Hall beforehand or on the Banks depending on the weather.

The Repository has lots of First Holy Communion cards, crosses and chains and

rosaries as well as candles, cards for all occasions and gifts for family and friends. Please support this fundraising enterprise.

**Helpers of God's Precious Infants:**  
The next Vigil at Mary Stopes abortion facility will be held on Friday **14<sup>th</sup> June 2019** starting from St Francis Church, Week St, Maidstone at 10.30hrs. Please see notice in Porch for further details.

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## Newsletter – 9<sup>th</sup> June 2019 Pentecost Sunday (C)

Readings: Acts 2: 1-11; Corinthians 12, 3b-7, 12-13; John 20: 19-23

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.*

**Gospel acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love.*

**Alleluia!**

Next week's Readings: Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9; Corinthians 13: 11-13; John 3: 16-18

My mother died of multiple organ failure on the feast day of St John Fisher, about a month after my ordination in 2005. It was one of my first funerals as a priest but a great and joyful occasion as about 8 priests came to celebrate her funeral, and many parishioners from the parishes I served in. About a couple of years before she died, she gave me and my brothers a beautiful picture of her. In some ways I think she knew that her body was preparing her for her eternal life. After she died whatever little possessions I have of her, the little gifts she gave me, including that picture, have become such prized possessions, keeping those beautiful memories of her alive. The Lord charged the disciples with the duty of baptizing and proclaiming the good news to the four corners of the world. In itself a daunting task. Yet our Lord promises that he will be with them, as they remember him in the gathering and the breaking of bread (Holy Mass), when people listen

**Sacrament of Confession** Saturday after 10 am Mass, and Adoration. Sunday 10.30 – 10.45 am & 5.30 – 5.45 pm. **Don't rush anything.** When the time is right it will happen.



and obey the teaching of the disciples (reading of scripture, the homily and talks, confession), and when they go out and preach the good news (witnessing/evangelising). That the Lord will not leave them to the task, but will send them the Holy Spirit. The divine consoler and advocate, the one who will work with them and make the Lord present among them. And this happens at Pentecost. The fathers teach us this is the birthday of the church as the Holy Spirit comes and transforms the lives of the apostles from being cowards to being witnesses. The power of the Holy Spirit is seen in the gift of tongues, how the sixteen nations gathered in Jerusalem each hears the disciples preaching in their own language. Today we celebrate the action of God who gathers his people as one in the Body of Christ. The Mass, the Holy Scriptures, the Sacraments, us the chosen People of God are the treasures we have to help us to go to heaven. So, let us thank God, let us celebrate with joy, and sharing whatever gifts that God has given us with our family, friends, our Christian family and those in need. So that the Holy Spirit may use those gifts however small or large to witness to Christ. Happy feast of Pentecost. May the Holy Spirit fill you with every joy. God bless. Fr Neil.

### HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

	9 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Feast Days	
Sunday	9am 11am 6pm	Pat Flood – R.I.P. People of the Parish Holy Mass No Intentions	Pentecost Sunday (C)
Monday	10am	Holy Mass No Intentions	Mary, Mother of the Church
Tuesday	10am	Bryan Harget - Wellbeing	St Barnabas, Apostle
Wednesday	10am	Holy Mass No Intentions	Feria
Thursday		No Mass	Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest
Friday	7 pm	Holy Mass No Intentions	Feria
Saturday	10am	Holy Mass No Intentions – followed by Benediction.	Our Lady
Sunday	9am 11am 6 pm	People of the Parish Holy Mass No Intentions Michael Maher – R.I.P.	The Most Holy Trinity (C)

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2019:

First collection: Loose – £241.22; Gift Aid - £218.00 = £459.22

Second collection: £136.94

Attendance: 9am -100 ; 11am -68 , 6pm -42 = 210

100 Club: £20– A. Hanshaw N<sup>o</sup> 9; £10– M. Gregory N<sup>o</sup> 91

**Second collection today:** Catholic Trust for England and Wales

**Second collection** next week: Day of Prayer for Human Life

**Today, 9<sup>th</sup> June,** is our monthly Traidcraft shop in the Parish Hall, after the 9 and 11 am Mass.

**New Rotas** for Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Counters are now being prepared for July to December. Please notify John of any changes, on 408105, or johngods@blueyonder.co.uk. We need more readers for the 6 pm Mass and if you would like to go on the rota, please tell John. If you would like to be considered for becoming a Eucharistic Minister, reader or a regular counter, please speak with Fr Neil.

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2019** –Our St John Fisher Celebration Mass will be at 12.30pm followed by a BBQ and buffet Bring and Share lunch, hopefully in the garden, weather permitting. Please see list in Porch and add names if you can attend and fill in where able to help. Please come along and join in celebrating together with fellow parishioners to make this a special day.

**St John Fisher Church, Rochester** is the title of the Parish Face Book page. Please have a look, and make relevant comments on there, please.

**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.

### Year of the Word-Communicating the Word in our communities in preparation for the 'Year of the Word'.

The Catholic Association of Preachers are pleased to offer a one-day course for teachers, catechists. readers and clergy on 25th June between 11 am - 3.30 pm at Mount Street Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street, Mayfair London W1K 3AY. The speaker will be David Payne, a Catholic film director and conference speaker. To book, please email [admin@catholicassociationofpreachers.org.uk](mailto:admin@catholicassociationofpreachers.org.uk). The recommended donation is £15 per person. Please bring your own packed lunch.

**The family of God is intended to be the answer to loneliness.**