



# SAINT JOHN FISHER KIDBROOKE

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**Sunday Masses:** Saturday Evening: 6pm; Sunday: 10am & 5pm. **Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturday 5.15pm-5.45pm or by request.  
**Sacrament of Baptism:** 12noon Sunday contact the Parish Office **Weddings:** Contact Parish Office: 6 months notice required .

**Parish Office Opening:** The office is not always covered so if your call is not answered, please leave a message and we will get

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: YEAR A: 1 DECEMBER 2019

**Second collection: For the work of LEPR - see note overleaf.**

*Happy Birthday to all those celebrating their birthday this week.*

<b>1 Dec, Sunday</b>	6.00pm	<b>John McGlynn RIP</b>	(Maureen McGlynn)	
		<b>Cornelius McGlynn RIP</b>	(Nancy Tracey)	
	10.00am	<b>Sheila Gilmour RIP - Birthday</b>	(Greenfield family)	
	5.00pm	<b>Mary Coughlan RIP</b>	(Claire)	
<b>2 Dec, Monday</b>	9.30am	<b>Teresa Thomas RIP</b>	(Paul & Claire Thomas)	<i>Feria</i>
<b>3 Dec, Tuesday</b>	9.30am	<b>Marianne Shelton RIP</b>	(Monica & Bill White)	
		<i>Saint Francis Xavier, Priest, Memorial</i>		
<b>4 Dec, Wednesday</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Jack Mortimer RIP</b>	(Anne Romano & family)	<i>Feria</i>
<b>5 Dec, Thursday</b>	9.30am	<b>Pansy Bakelmun RIP - Birthday</b>	(Bakelmun family)	<i>Feria</i>
<b>6 Dec, Friday</b>	<b>9.00am - 9.00pm</b>	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction</b>		
	9.00am	<b>For Stephen Nsika RIP &amp; deceased members of Nsika and Muorah families</b>	(Eugenia Ogbah)	<i>Feria</i>
	<b>6.00pm</b>	<i>Legion of Mary</i>		
<b>7 Dec, Saturday</b>	9.30am	<b>Francis Connolly RIP - anniversary</b>	(Greenfield family)	
		<i>Saint Ambrose, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church, Memorial</i>		

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: YEAR A: 8 DECEMBER 2019: Bible Sunday: the importance of the sacred scriptures in Christian living

<b>8 Dec, Sunday</b>	6.00pm	<b>James Farrell's well being</b>	(Maureen McGlynn)
	10.00am	<b>For God's guidance, protection, prosperity, wisdom &amp; great health</b>	
	5.00pm	<b>People of the Parish</b>	

**Please Remember to Pray for the Sick and the Housebound:** Karon Phillips-Allen, Bob Driscoll, Monica Whitaker, Rachel Camozzi-Jones, Jackie Rennie, Paul Foley, Joe Grandy, Agnes Parker, Alan Fitzsimons, Trixie Durey, Sandra Newman, Margaret Bondarenko, Lucas Lekule, Mike Harris, Catherine Leeper, Joanna Connors, Annette Bain, Angelita (Lili) Mendoza, Gerard Quirke, Camillo Atampugre, Joseph Many, Doreen Grandon, Anthony O'Doherty, Thelma Harnett, Anna Mellon, Maria Mottau, Danielle Papie, Rod Feeney, Mary Grace Cruz, Margot Nimmo, Tina Borland, Sadie Felton, Barbara Hills, Seán Needham, Olympia Balugay, Lewis Usher, George Mihalda, Luigi Rispoli, Winston Coutinho, Sr Francis, Celia Hayward, Andrew Ronayne, Javier Carpentier and all those not listed here.

**Prayer for the sick and housebound:** *"Father, we thank you for the gift of your Son in this Eucharist. We now place before you all the sick and housebound of the Parish. As they share in this Eucharist with us, we pray that they may come to know the depth of your love for them, and the joy, peace and healing of your presence. Through Christ our Lord. Amen."*

Please remember those who have died recently, especially **James Tracey**, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time. May their souls rest in peace. Please also keep Nancy and family in your prayers.

**Pope Francis's Tweet:** " A missionary Church knows that its best message is its readiness to be transformed by the word of life, making service its hallmark. "

**The Holy Father's universal prayer intention for December** is: "May every country take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority."



## At a Glance

- **Choir practice** - 15 minutes before 10am Mass on Sunday.
- **Baptism Course:** every 1st Sunday of the month at 12 Noon followed by Baptism on the last Sunday of each month at 12 Noon (unless exceptionally agreed with Fr Anton).
- **Meeting for Newcomers to the Parish** - 3rd Sunday every month after the 10am Mass.

### Parish Finances:

Parish Offering: w/e 24/11/19: £794.73  
 Second collection: Catholic Youth services: £194.88

Thank you for your generosity .

**Children's Liturgy:** there will be no children's liturgy this week as the 10am will be a Family Mass.

**R**osary: please join us for the rosary at 9am every Saturday before the morning Mass.

The first Saturday of each month is devoted to the **Fatima Rosary** which is a special devotion to Our Lady of Fatima.

**C**hurch Flowers: Please post any requests and/or donations through the box in the porch.

**NEW TO THE PARISH?** Welcome to all who are new to this Parish. Fr Anton and the parishioners look forward to meeting you. There will be a meeting for all newcomers on the 3rd Sunday of each month immediately after the 10am Mass. The next meeting will be on 17th November.

Tea and coffee is available in the Parish Hall after the 10am Mass every Sunday.

Come and meet your fellow parishioners. All welcome.

**Please note:** This weekend marks the start of **Advent**. The new lectionary cycle for Sundays also begins, that is (A), the year of Matthew.

### SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR THE WORK OF

**LEPRA: Welcome to Silvia Bonotto** who will be speaking at all masses this weekend about how LEPRA are working towards a day when leprosy no longer destroys lives. Their mission is to beat leprosy – so that all cases are easily diagnosed and treated and leave no disability or stigma. Please help LEPRA beat leprosy – even the smallest contribution can help treat and rehabilitate people trapped by this disease.

**YEAR OF THE WORD OF GOD;** As you are aware, we are celebrating the **Year of the Word of God from December 2019 to November 2020**. The Deanery's **Inaugural Mass will now be held on Thursday, 5 December 2019 at Our Lady of Grace, Charlton**. Our Parish too has a number of events planned to mark this year including a Bible Study group or Lectio Divina. The first **meeting of the Lectio Divina will be held in the Church on Thursday, 12 December from 6-7pm**. For further details please contact **Dr Eugenia Ogbah on 0743856772**. Please pick up a leaflet from the Church for information on our plans for this special year.

**GENERAL ELECTION:** Please see message in the porch from the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales given by Archbishop John Wilson. Some extra copies have been placed in the porch and are also available on request from the office.

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND BENEDICTION: every Friday evening and Saturday morning.** Also on the First Friday of each month, starting with this **Friday, 6 December**, there will be **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 9am -9pm**. The Church will remain open throughout the day. Adoration will start with the Mass at 9am on that day and as usual will close with the evening prayer and benediction. Do please try to come along for whatever time you can spare.

**ALTAR SERVERS:** there will be a meeting for all altar servers on Saturday, 7 December from 11am to 1pm. I would be grateful if the young altar servers could be accompanied by a parent.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATIONCATECHISTS:** Fr Anton would be grateful if **CONFIRMATION** catechists could attend a meeting on **Tuesday, 10 December at 7pm** to discuss the 2020 programme. He would also appreciate if the catechists involved in the First Holy Communion programme could attend on **Wednesday, 11 December at 7pm**.

**PARISH SOCIAL COMMITTEE:** The Social Committee are pulling together a Christmas Hamper and other prizes for a Christmas Raffle and would welcome

donations of prizes including cash! The raffle is to be held on 15 December. **Raffle tickets will be on sale after all masses - please support your Parish.**

**Cleaning the Church:** we are desperately short of cleaners for the church. If you can spare even half an hour on a Thursday or Saturday morning after the 9.30 am Mass, please come along and help prepare the Church for the weekend masses.

**PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS:** We will be preparing the Church for the Christmas services on **Monday, 23 December immediately after the 9.30am Mass** and we would appreciate as many volunteers to both tidy the church and the gardens. **Many hands make light work so please come along.**

**MUSIC for the Christmas services** - if you would like to be part of the choir or play an instrument during any of the Christmas masses, please come along on **Tuesday, 3 December at 6.30pm** for a practice session. **All welcome.**

**REPOSITORY:** please remember to support our repository at the back of the church.

**SJFK YOUTH GROUP:** The Youth Group have been holding a **series of Quiz Evenings in our Parish Hall, the last of which will be on 7 December between 4 and 6pm**. If you are **aged between 11 and 19**, come along and join in the fun.

**RCIA AND ADULT CONFIRMATION:** I am pleased to announce that we have two catechumens, **Sandy Aghogho and Awushie Sosu** who will be formally introduced to the congregation this weekend at the 10am Mass. Please keep them in your prayers as they embark on the RCIA programme. If you know of any person who was never baptised, or was baptised in another Christian tradition and would like to become a Catholic, or any Catholic adults who have never been confirmed. Please ask them to speak to Fr Anton or contact the office.

**ADVENT CANDLES:**The advent candles and their colours are packed with rich meaning. Each represents a specific aspect of spiritual preparation for Christmas. The three main colours are purple, pink, and white. Purple symbolizes repentance and royalty. Pink represents joy and rejoicing. And white stands for purity and light. Each candle carries a specific name as well. The first purple candle is called the Prophecy Candle or Candle of Hope. The second purple candle is the Bethlehem Candle or the Candle of Preparation. The third (pink) candle is the Shepherd Candle or Candle of Joy. The fourth candle, a purple one, is called the Angel Candle or the Candle of Love. And the last (white) candle is the Christ Candle.