



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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: YEAR A: 8 DECEMBER 2019: Bible Sunday: the importance of the sacred scriptures in Christian living
Happy Birthday to all those celebrating their birthday this week.

8 Dec, Sunday	6.00pm	James Farrell's well being	(Maureen McGlynn)
	10.00am	For God's guidance, protection, prosperity, wisdom & great health	(Achebe and Azuka families)
	5.00pm	People of the Parish	
9 Dec, Monday	9.30am	Dinah Mould RIP	(Shirley Adams)
		<i>Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	
	12.30pm:	Funeral Mass: James Noel Tracey RIP	
10 Dec, Tuesday	9.30am	Rex Philips RIP	(His family) <i>Feria</i>
11 Dec, Wednesday	9.30am	Anastasia Murray RIP	(Carol-Ann Murray) <i>Feria</i>
12 Dec, Thursday	9.30am	Joseph Ogbah RIP & the deceased members of Ogbah & Nwangene families	(Eugenia Ogbah) <i>Feria</i>
			(Greenfield family)
13 Dec, Friday	9.30am	Jack Mortimer RIP	(Greenfield family)
		<i>Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr</i>	
	6.00pm	Legion of Mary	
14 Dec, Saturday	7.00pm - 8.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction	
	9.30am	Thanksgiving	(Christine Foster)
		<i>Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i>	

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: YEAR A: 15 DECEMBER 2019: GAUDETE SUNDAY

15 Dec, Sunday	6.00pm	Norah Browne RIP - anniversary	(McGowan family)
	10.00am	Eileen Warnock RIP	(Celine & Barney Conaghan)
	5.00pm	Pritchett family's intentions	(Pritchett)

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, Eoin Garvey 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.

The funeral of **James Noel Tracey RIP** will take place in our church on **Monday, 9 December 2019 at 12.30pm.**

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. All newcomers are invited to remain behind after the 10am Mass this Sunday, 8 December.

Parish Finances:

Parish Offering: w/e 1/12/19:
£581.37

Second collection: LEPR:
£540.13

Thank you for your generosity and, in particular, for your very generous gift to LEPR.

Children's Liturgy: this week's children's liturgy will be lead by **Eileen Usher and Clare Greenfield.**

Rosary: 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.

Church 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 next Sunday, **15th December.**

Tea and coffee is available in the Parish Hall after the 10am Mass every Sunday. Come and meet your fellow parishioners. All welcome.

YEAR OF THE WORD OF GOD: **Enthronement of the Book of Gospels** will take place in the front of the Altar and the Book will remain there throughout the year.

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** and if you haven't done so already please pick up a leaflet from the Church for information on our plans for this special year.

As part of our celebrations, Dominique Quinn has kindly put together activity sheets to encourage families to revisit some of the stories from the Old Testament and talk about the lessons they teach us. Each month, a new sheet will be available in the Church which has an activity, a bible story to read, some questions and a prayer. **This month's copy is available in the porch.** We hope that this will help families reconnect with the bible and enjoy spending time together exploring God's word.

LIFE IN SPIRIT SEMINARS: these will be taking place in our Parish Hall **every Friday between 7.30pm and 9.30pm starting 10 January 2020 until 21 February 2020.** There will also be a **retreat on Saturday, 1 February from 10.30am to 8pm.** Further details can be found in the poster in the porch. **All welcome.**

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND BENEDICTION: every Friday evening and Saturday morning and on the First Friday of each month, 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.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES: please pick up a leaflet setting out the mass times over the Christmas period. Please also take an extra one for anyone who is not a regular attendee and try to encourage them to join in our Christmas services. The children who attend the 6pm Mass are invited to come dressed in nativity costumes.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS: 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: Christmas Hamper Raffle and includes other prizes. 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.**

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: we will be decorating the Church with Poinsettias for Christmas and would welcome donations of poinsettia plants (whatever size you wish) during the weekend of 21/22 December. Please leave them in the Church porch.

RCIA AND ADULT CONFIRMATION: our programme is underway but if there is anyone 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 speak to Fr Anton or contact the office.

ADVENT CANDLES: this weekend we will be lighting the second purple candle which is known as the Bethlehem Candle or the Candle of Preparation. Perhaps we can all take a little time this week reflect on how best to prepare spiritually for Christmas.

200 CLUB: Congratulations to **Bernadine De Silva and Nicholas Oni-Isibor** who won £50 and £25 respectively in this month's draw. The next Draw which is the **Christmas Draw will take place on Sunday 22 December** after the 10am Mass.

It is still not too late to join and the "Club" remains open to new members. The money may be paid by cash, cheque or bank transfer (**The St John Fisher Parish account number is 34195858 and the Branch Sort Code is 60 23 27**). More details of the scheme can be found in the leaflets in the porch.

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

ADVENT THOUGHT!
It's Advent. Jesus is near. With the rest of the people of God you are out in the wilderness waiting for him to appear. How can you make straight the paths of your own life? Be open to a change of heart, to letting yourself be turned in a new direction. To what new roles — perhaps unexpected ones—does your life, like John's, point? Could it be to bring some forgiveness and peace to yourself, your family, your friends, your co-workers, the world? The answers may be hidden just beneath the waters, waiting to surface.