



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

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

Happy Birthday to all those celebrating their birthday this week.

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)	
16 Dec, Monday	9.30am	Matthew Hodges RIP	(Marie, Ray & Rose)	<i>Feria</i>
17 Dec, Tuesday	9.30am	Philomena Cains RIP	(Paul Fitzgerald and family)	<i>Feria</i>
18 Dec, Wednesday	9.30am	Eoin Garvey's well being	(Mary)	<i>Feria</i>
19 Dec, Thursday	9.30am	Rev Fr Dr Edmund Nwagbala RIP	(Achebe & Azuka families)	<i>Feria</i>
20 Dec, Friday	9.30am	Brian Cadd RIP	(Bakelmun & Arnolda family)	<i>Feria</i>
	6.00pm	Legion of Mary		
	7.00pm - 8.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction		
21 Dec, Saturday	9.30am	For final conversion of the dying & repose of the souls of all faithful who have no one to pray for them	(Eugenia Ogbah)	<i>Feria</i>

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: YEAR A: 22 DECEMBER 2019: Day of prayer for expectant mothers

22 Dec, Sunday	6.00pm	Maria Uchuno RIP	(Cordelia Douglas)
	10.00am	Josephine Ejim RIP	(Ejim family)
	5.00pm	Teresa McGowan RIP - anniversary	(McGowan family)

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 and those whose anniversaries occur about this time. May their souls rest in peace.

Pope Francis's Tweet: "When we learn to live in forgiveness, we grow in our capacity to become men and women of peace."

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."

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, 24th Dec.

9.30am Mass (Mass of the Day)

6pm – Christmas Vigil Mass lead by our children who are invited to attend in nativity costumes.

11.15pm: Christmas Carols followed by

12 Midnight: Mass: The Nativity of The Lord

Christmas Day

Wednesday, 25th Dec.

10.00am: Mass of the Nativity of The Lord

(Please note there will be no evening Mass on Christmas Day)

Boxing Day:

Thursday, 26th Dec.: The Feast of St Stephen

Patron Saint of Altar Servers

9.30am: Mass

Friday, 27th Dec.

Feast of St John the Apostle and Evangelist

9.30am: Mass

Saturday, 28th Dec.

Feast of The Holy Innocents

9.30am Mass



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, 15 December.

Parish Finances:

Parish Offering: w/e 8/12/19:
£651.91

Thank you for your generosity.

Children's Liturgy: this week's children's liturgy will be lead by **Michelle Dias.**

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.

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, 1st February from 10.30am to 8pm.** Further details can be found in the poster in the porch. **All welcome.**

ADVENT CANDLES: this weekend we will be lighting the **third advent candle which is Pink** and represents joy and rejoicing. The third (pink) candle is also known as the Shepherd Candle or Candle of Joy.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES: please pick up a leaflet setting out the mass times over the Christmas period. Please also take an extra copy for anyone who is not a regular attendee and try to encourage them to join in our Christmas services.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING: your *Christmas offering is a gift to your priest.* Christmas offering envelopes can be found in the porch. If you are going away for Christmas, we wish you and yours a holy and blessed Christmas. If you wish to give your Christmas gift before you leave, please pop it into the Parish collection basket.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020: if your child is in **Year 3 and above** and has never received First Holy Communion and wishes to do so, please collect a form from the Church porch or from our website and post it through the Presbytery letterbox as soon as possible. There will be a **meeting for the parents (and catechists) on Saturday, 12 January at 10.15am** and the **Programme will begin on Saturday, 18 January 2020.** Please ensure the forms are completed clearly.

CONFIRMATION 2020: if you are in **Year 8 and above** and have already received Communion and are interested in joining our Confirmation Programme, please complete an application form (again found in the Church Porch or on our website) and post it through the Presbytery letter box as soon as possible. There will be a **meeting for candidates and their parents on Sunday, 12 January at 6pm.** The Confirmation programme will begin on **Sunday, 19 January 2020 at 6pm.**

PARISH SOCIAL COMMITTEE:
Christmas Hamper Raffle Draw will take place this weekend after the 10am Mass.

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.

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.

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 next day long Exposition will be on Friday, 3 January.** 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 note this date in your diary and do try to come along for whatever time you can spare.

ALTAR SERVERS: thank you to all the altar servers who attended the meeting last week. If you wish to join this very important ministry please speak to Fr Anton, Keith or Luigi. The only requirements are that you have already made your First Holy Communion and attend Mass regularly. Training will be provided.

YEAR OF THE WORD OF GOD: the **Book of Gospels** will remain on the altar throughout the year.

The next meeting of the **Lectio Divina** will be held in the Church on **Thursday, 19 December from 6 - 7pm.** For further details please contact **Dr Eugenia Ogbah on 07438586772** 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.

200 CLUB: The next Draw, which is the **Christmas Draw will take place on Sunday 22 December** after the 10am Mass. One lucky winner will receive £100.

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.