



SAINT JOHN FISHER KIDBROOKE

THE FIRST SUNDAY
IN ADVENT:

HOPE



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Daily Mass will continue to be live streamed at 9.30am Monday-Saturday and at 10am on Sunday until further notice.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT BEGINS

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: YEAR B: 29 NOVEMBER 2020

Birthday Prayers and Blessings for all those celebrating their birthdays this week.

Sunday, 29 Nov	10.00am	Deceased parents, relatives & friends of Ofokile, Achebe & Azuka families	(Catherine Azuka and family)	
Monday, 30 Nov	9.30am	Carmen Perez RIP	(Mercedes Bermejo)	
		<i>Feast of St Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland</i>		
Tuesday, 1 Dec	9.30am	Sheila Gilmour RIP	(The Greenfield family)	<i>Feria</i>
Wednesday, 2 Dec	9.30am	Iris Hayward RIP	(Lawrence & Celia Hayward)	<i>Feria</i>
Thursday, 3 Dec	9.15am	Chaplet of the Divine Mercy		
	9.30am	Well being of Ofokile, Achebe & Azuka families		
		<i>Feast of St Francis Xavier, Priest, Memorial</i> (Catherine Azuka and family)		
Friday, 4 Dec	9.30am	Catherine Cunningham RIP	(Greenwich Irish Pensioners)	<i>Feria</i>
	7.00pm - 8pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction		
Saturday, 5 Dec	9.00am	Rosary and Benediction		
	9.30am	Pansy Bakelmun RIP - 100th birthday	(Her family)	<i>Feria</i>

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: YEAR B: 6 DECEMBER 2020

	6.00pm	Mrs Dorothy McEvoy and family's intentions (Kathy Hobin)		
Sunday, 6 Dec	10.00am	Deceased members of the Greenwich Irish Pensioners		
		(Anne Romano)		
	5.00pm	People of the Parish		

Please Remember to Pray for the Sick and the Housebound: Karon Phillips-Allen, Monica Whitaker, Rachel Camozzi-Jones, Jackie Rennie, Joe Grandy, Agnes Parker, Alan Fitzsimons, Trixie Durey, Sandra Newman, Margaret Bondareko, Lucas Lekule, Mike Harris, Catherine Leeper, Joanna Connors, Annette Bain, Angelita (Lili) Mendoza, Camillo Atampugre, Joseph Many, Doreen Grandon, Anthony O'Doherty, Thelma Harnett, Anna Mellon, Maria Mottau, Danielle Papie, Mary Grace Cruz, Tina Borland, Sadie Felton, Barbara Hills, Sean Needham, Olympia Balugay, Lewis Usher, George Mihalda, Luigi Rispoli, Winston Countinho, Sr Francis, Celia Hayward, Andrew Ronayne, Javier Carpentier, Colman Joyce, Kate, Iris Chase, Brian Kieran, Andrew Nkunika, Bejaxin Noble Mesmin, Danny Connelly, Poppy Beck and all those not listed here.

We remember all those who have died recently, especially **Jean Marsh RIP**, and those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time. May their souls rest in peace. Please keep John Marsh and family in your prayers.

Coronavirus Prayer—to be recited at all Masses

“Dear Lord, at this time of pandemic we ask you to protect our families, our country and our brothers and sisters around the world. We ask you to be with us when we feel vulnerable, frightened or ill. We pray especially for those who are suffering with the virus, for those who care for them and for those whom you have called to their heavenly home. Help us to remember that we are all created by you and to reach out to those in need, especially the sick, the lonely and the bereaved. We pray that an effective vaccine, which can be shared equally, may be found soon. Send your Spirit on us, so that we may have hope when despair seems all around us and give us strength and courage to look to a future of justice and equality. We ask this in the name of Christ our Lord, Amen.”

Pope Francis Twitter message: “When we pray, God opens our eyes renews and changes our hearts, heals our wounds and grants us the grace we need. ”

Parish Finances

Thank you very much to everyone who has been donating their weekly offering by standing order and also to those who have been donating on the JustGiving page.

If you haven't already done so please consider setting up a standing order (bank details below) as it is the easiest way to make your weekly donation and again if you are a UK taxpayer, please remember to **gift aid it**. The Parish bank details are below.

Bank details: Stipends (donations for mass intentions) weekly offerings or donations towards the Church refurbishment Project, may also be made via bank transfer or standing order. Please specify on the transfer the nature of your donation.

Bank : NatWest. Branch: Blackheath and Westcombe Park

Account name: RCAS Re:

Kidbrooke Catholic Church

Account number: 34 19 58 58

Sort Code: 60-23-27

Church Building and Refurbishment Fund:



The fund stands at just over **£17k**. Keep up the good work and help us reach our target. And if you gift aid your donation, HMRC will give us 25p for every £1 you donate.

Donations **may be made in whichever way that suits you best**. You could drop it through the letter box of the Presbytery (that also applies to your weekly offering) Or you may prefer, to send a cheque made payable to St John Fisher, Kidbrooke (please make it clear that it is for the refurb) or arrange a bank transfer. Or go to the JustGiving page at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stjohnfisherkidbrooke>.

Please circulate this as widely as you can and, if you are a UK tax payer, remember to gift aid it!

Message from Fr Anton. As you will have heard, London has been placed in **Tier 2: High Alert, with effect from 2 December**. But **the good news** is that churches may reopen for **communal worship from 3 December**. **Thanks be to God**. It is important, however, that we continue to follow government guidelines. This means that we **maintain a distance of at least one metre and ensure that face coverings are worn** inside the church. I will again look to the stewards to help me ensure that we are compliant and I would be grateful if you would support them by following their advice. In the meantime and certainly for this weekend, I will continue to live stream one mass each day and this will continue even after we open the Church to enable those of you who are not able to attend mass, for whatever reason, to join in through Zoom. If you would like to do so, please contact me for details. I should also be grateful if you would pass this on to our parishioners and assure them that we will be providing a safe environment should they wish to return to the Church.

In anticipation of the reopening, we will need to ensure that the church is cleaned. If you are able to spare a little time on Wednesday, 2 December around 2pm, please come along to the Church.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), is a process developed by the Catholic Church for prospective converts to Catholicism who are above the age of infant baptism. Candidates are gradually introduced to aspects of Catholic beliefs and practices. We hope to begin our Programme for 2021 in January and further details will be provided in due course. But, in the meantime, if you, or anyone you know, are interested in finding out more, please do not hesitate to contact Fr Anton.

Book of Remembrance: The Book remains open throughout the year and names can be added at any time. If you wish to include the name of a deceased loved one or friend, please send their name and the relevant day (Printed in BLOCK capitals) to the office together with a donation of around £5 for every name. **All funds raised will go towards the refurbishment fund.**

Mass intentions: If you wish to offer a mass for a deceased friend or relative, for your own or another's intentions or indeed in thanksgiving, please drop your request and your donation through the Presbytery letter box or email the Parish on kidbrooke@rcaos.org.uk. We will do our best to meet the date requested or to give you the earliest available date.

Message from Miss O'Brien and Miss Darren, Holy Family School

Advent Foodbank

For many reasons 2020 has been a tough year! However, throughout the challenges, our school community has stuck together and pulled together to support each other. In keeping with our community spirit, the Catholic ethos of our school and the sense of pride we embed in our children, we are launching several initiatives throughout Advent, one of which is our Advent Foodbank.

The Holy Family Advent Foodbank will be providing Christmas hampers to a number of families at our school.

Therefore we would be very grateful if you could donate to our school Foodbank so that we can support our community this Christmas. Here are some suggestions for items you could donate:- Dry foods such as Rice, Pasta, Cereal, Lentils; Long life milk; Tinned and other non perishable food.

There will be a box at the entrance of the church for any donations. Any donation big or small will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for taking the time to help our school community.