

Message from Fr Anton. Happy Father's Day to all the Dad's of the Parish. I hope you have a wonderful day with your children. We also remember all our Dad's who are no longer with us and pray that God will grant them eternal rest. Please continue to keep safe and remember, that when you are in church it is important to **maintain a distance of at least, one metre and ensure that face coverings are worn**. Please support the Stewards by following their advice.

Confirmation Programme 2021 - the next session is on **Sunday, 20 June at 6.15pm by Zoom**.

Choir Loft/Library of Catholic spirituality books. If you have any such books which you would like to donate, please bring them along to the church. Any unsuitable material will be disposed of unless the donor has provided their name and contact details.

St Anthony's box: All money collected from St Anthony's box (which is just above the radiator near the Sacred Heart chapel) is used to help any needy people within our Parish. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Parish Finances:

Parish Collection w/e 13 June 2021: £545.99. Thank you for your generosity. 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:

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:

Thanks to further donations, the fund now stands at just over **£23,000.00**. I very much appreciate your generosity so far but let's see if we can meet the half way point (£25,000) by the end of this month or better still our next target of £30,000. Remember no matter how big or small, every contribution helps. Why not donate any loose change into the refurbishment fund basket or go to the Justgiving Page at

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stjohnfisherkidbrooke>. Remember every penny counts and if you gift aid your donation, HMRC will give us 25p for every £1 you donate.

Gift Aid envelopes: thank you to all those who gift aid their weekly donation to the Parish whether by Standing Order or cash using the weekly gift aid envelopes. The new stock of gift aid envelopes are in the porch. Please remember to pick up your envelope before you leave the Church.

If you are a UK taxpayer and would like to gift aid your weekly donation (which means that the government - HMRC - will give the Parish 25p for every £1 you donate), please complete the necessary form which can be found in the porch or on the Parish website and return it to the Presbytery. Once you have completed the form and given your consent, there is no further action for you. You can continue to donate either by Standing Order or using a gift aid envelope and the Parish will collect the gift aid from HMRC.

MFL Bereavement: "Grief and Loss, Hope in Christ" retreat weekend. Aylesford Priory 8-10th October 2021

This is an opportunity for those who have lost a loved one through death. It is a time to mourn and share with others.

For more information, please contact the Retreat House: 01622 717272 or email enquiry@thefriars.org.uk

Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage: 9 October 2021 at St George's Cathedral

If you are celebrating your **1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th+ wedding anniversary** this year, please get in touch with mflse@rcaos.org.uk so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop. Please provide them with the location of your Parish in the title of your email e.g. Kidbrooke, Blackheath. They also need your names in the format *John and Mary Smith* and your home address.

Please apply as soon as possible as spaces are limited.

Pope's Prayer Network

This month we pray with Pope Francis for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: that may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

Pope Francis' reflection: *Is it true, what people say - that young people don't want to get married, especially during these difficult times? Getting married and sharing one's life is something beautiful. It's a demanding journey, at times difficult, and at times complicated, but it's worth making the effort. And on this life-long journey, the husband and wife aren't alone; Jesus accompanies them. Marriage isn't just a "social" act; it's a vocation that's born from the heart; it's a conscious decision for the rest of one's life that requires specific preparation. Please never forget that God has a dream for us - love - and He asks us to make it his own. Let us make our own the love which is God's dream for us. And let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience. Because a great deal of patience is necessary in order to love. But it's worth it, eh?*