



SAINT JOHN FISHER KIDBROOKE



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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.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY : YEAR B: 4 JULY 2021

Sunday, 4 July	6.00pm 10.00am 5.00pm	Will McNulty RIP (Tom Smith) For the well being of Fr Bill Keogh and family (Luz and Chas) 8th Wedding anniversary of Izabela & Robin Pritchett	
Monday, 5 July	9.30am	God's blessings on my daughters, Del, Somto and Nwanneka as they celebrate their birthdays this month. May God promote their health and endeavours (Eugenia Ogbah)	<i>Feria</i>
Tuesday, 6 July	9.30am	Margaret (Pearl) Cockle RIP (Burns family)	<i>Feria</i>
Wednesday, 7 July	9.30am	Holy Souls (Anon) In thanksgiving (Moirá Spilsbury)	<i>Feria</i>
Thursday, 8 July	9.15 am 9.30am	Divine Mercy Chaplet Fr Eric Nimmo RIP - birthday 9 July (Mary Greenfield and family)	<i>Feria</i>
Friday, 9 July	10.00am 7.00pm	REQUIEM MASS: Phillip Keith Ewens RIP Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction	
Saturday, 10 July	9.15am 9.30am	Rosary and Benediction Ernest Paldano RIP - Birthday (Salomé Paldano)	<i>Feria</i>

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY : YEAR B: 11 JULY 2021: SEA SUNDAY

Second collection today for the Apostleship of the Sea (AoS): the AoS is a Catholic Charity supporting seafarers worldwide. They provide practical and pastoral care to all seafarers, regardless of nationality or belief.

Sunday, 11 July	6.00pm 10.00am 5.00pm	Paul O'Connor RIP and the intentions of the O'Connor family (John Giltenan) Barbara Hills RIP (Catherine Azuka and family) Jean Maria Murphy RIP; Peter Gerard Murphy RIP and Benjamin RIP (Kevin Murphy)	
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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, Mike Harris, Catherine Leeper, Joanna Connors, Annette Bain, Angelita (Lili) Mendoza, Camillo Atampugre, Joseph Many, Anthony O'Doherty, Thelma Harnett, Anna Mellon, Maria Mottau, Danielle Papie, Mary Grace Cruz, Tina Borland, Sadie Felton, Sean Needham, Olympia Balugay, Lewis Usher, Luigi Rispoli, Sr Francis, Celia Hayward, Andrew Ronayne, Javier Carpentier, Colman Joyce, Kate, Iris Chase, Brian Kieran, Andrew Nkunika, Bejaxin Noble Mesmin, Danny Connelly, Michelina Scialo (Luigi's Mum), Josephine Azzopardi, Therese Rodrigo, Shane Kelly, Michael De Lima, Robbie McKinven, Mechelle Urgate Jayawickrema, Win Kennedy, Danilo Vecino, James Cabatu, Keith Phillips, Erlinda Vecino and all those not listed here.

We remember all those who have died recently especially **Phillip Keith Ewens** and those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time. May their souls rest in peace. Please also keep their families in your prayers.
 The **funeral of Phillip Keith Ewens** will take place, here at Kidbrooke, on **Friday, 9 July at 10am** followed by committal at Charlton Cemetery at 11.45am. **Please note that there will be no 9.30am Mass that morning.**

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 for a smooth roll out of the vaccine, that it will be safe and effective and shared equally. Send your Spirit on us, and give us hope, 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: “ Let us pray that, in social, economic, and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.”

Message from Fr Anton. I hope you and your families are all well. 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 (via Zoom) for the Confirmation candidates is this **Sunday, 3 July from 6pm immediately after the evening Mass.**

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.

SJFK Query Box: as and when space permits, we are introducing a new "Query Box" at the end of the newsletter, where we will aim to answer some of the many questions posed on the Catholic faith and about the Mass. If you have a burning question, that you think others would also be interested in, please email the Parish and, if appropriate, I will aim to answer here.

Parish Finances:

Parish Collection w/e 20 June 2021: £646.60 (apologies for omitting this from last week's newsletter).

Parish Collection w/e 27 June 2021: £659.78. **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.

? SJFK QUERY BOX

Do We Understand the Holy Mass? All of the great saints, especially those who were priests, had a wonderful devotion to the Mass. **St Pio of Pietrelcina** (1887-1868) would typically take an hour to prepare for Mass and the Mass itself typically lasted 3 hours. One was said to have gone on for over 4 hours! Such was his engagement and interaction with what he was doing that he lost all track of time. This was common with a lot of the saints, where it was recorded. **St John Vianney** (1786-1859) – known as Cure d'Arns, said of the Mass: "If we really understood the Mass, we would die of joy." **St Francis of Assisi** (1181-1226) said: "Man should tremble, the world should quake, all Heaven should be deeply moved when the Son of God appears on the altar in the hands of the priest."

St John Chrysostom (347-407) said: "When Mass is being celebrated, the sanctuary is filled with countless angels who adore the Divine Victim immolated on the altar." **St Augustine** (354-430) also said the same thing. "The angels surround and help the priest when he is celebrating Mass." **Our very own Guardian Angels** go up to the altar carrying our petitions and prayers at Holy Mass.

Why does the Priest kiss the Altar?

The altar is **the sacrificial table where the miracle of the Eucharist takes place** and is the table of the Lord (CCC1383). It is the symbol of Christ Himself, so the priest kisses the altar to show love and reverence for Christ. **St Ambrose** (340-397) said "For what is the altar of Christ if not the image of the Body of Christ".

When an altar is first installed in a church it is **consecrated by the bishop**, and is therefore **set apart for the purpose of the Sacrifice of the Holy Mass**, so kissing it is also honouring the special role it has in the Liturgy and the consecration it was given by the bishop. Most altars have the relics of saints hidden within them so the kiss is also a veneration of the saints. This practice is one of the most ancient liturgical traditions of the Church which can be dated back to the 4th Century.