



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.

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY: YEAR B: 29 AUGUST 2021

Sunday, 29 Aug	6.00pm 10.00am 5.00pm	May Sanders' intentions Lucas Lekule RIP (Catherine Azuka and family) Eileen Mary Murphy RIP & Jean Maria Murphy RIP (Kevin Murphy)	
Monday, 23 Aug	9.30am	Colin O'Regan RIP & John O'Regan RIP (Greenwich Irish Pensioners)	<i>Feria</i>
Tuesday, 24 Aug	9.30am	Professor Joseph Muoghalu RIP (Eugenia Ogbah) <i>Feast of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle</i>	
Wednesday, 25 Aug	9.30am	Giovanni and Shelia Quigley RIP (Mary Savage)	<i>Feria</i>
Thursday, 26 Aug	9.15am 9.30am	Divine Mercy Chaplet Norman Spilsbury RIP (Moira and Mike Spilsbury) Moira Spilsbury's intentions - birthday (Bakelmun family)	<i>Feria</i>
Friday, 27 Aug	9.30am	Esme Pereira RIP—Foundation Mass <i>Saint Monica, Memorial</i>	
Saturday, 28 Aug	7.00pm 9.00am 9.30am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction Rosary and Benediction Gabriel Paldano RIP (Salomé Paldano) <i>Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, Memorial</i>	

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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, 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, Bejatin Noble Mesmin, Danny Connelly, Michelina Scialo (Luigi's Mum), Josephine Azzopardi, Therese Rodrigo, Shane Kelly, Michael De Lima, Mechelle Urgate Jayawickrema, Win Kennedy, James Cabatu, Erlinda Vecino and all those not listed here.

We remember all those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time. May their souls rest in peace.

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: “ God does not come to free us from our ever-present daily problems, but to free us from the real problem, which is the lack of love. This is the main cause of our personal, social, international and environmental ills. Thinking only of ourselves: this is the father of all evils. ”

Message from Fr Anton. I hope you and your families are all well. For the time being, please continue to wear face masks, sanitise your hands on entry and exit from the church and continue to maintain at least 1m distance between family groups.

Planned Regular Giving: The Weekly Donation

Religious giving, or your weekly donation, is a part of the concept of stewardship. We are grateful to all those in our Parish who willingly participate in many forms of stewardship – altar serving, choir, church gardening, playing music, reading, Confirmation and First Holy Communion programmes, and many others. However, we also need to focus on planned giving. Prayerful reflection, and some introspection, might make all of us rethink our level of participation in this regard.

Why Should I Give?

The Parish does not exist in a vacuum or just run itself. Just as every one of us, at home, has utility bills, daily running costs, redecoration costs, replacement costs, etc. so too does the Parish. We all love to see our church looking resplendent whenever there is a Wedding, a Baptism, a Confirmation, etc., and that is a good thing, but keeping it in that condition requires a lot of work from a lot of people and also requires money. People may assume that the Church is well off and the Diocese can support a parish, but nothing is further from the truth. The Church runs purely on weekly donations from Catholics in every parish.

“For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have.”

2 Corinthians 8:12

What Should I Give?

God does not demand that we give a certain amount each week, He wants us to give what we can, as a gift! He wants us to give what we can afford to give. There are percentage figures and formulas for how much we should give but ultimately, giving is a decision for each individual and we must make our own minds up. Each of us has to be comfortable with what we do. Do you feel that the amount you give is right for you, or could you afford to be a bit more generous.

How Do I Give?

There is of course the traditional collection bag passed around at every Sunday Mass (though not in these Covid times). This is the time-honoured way and will continue. But there are other, and possibly better, ways. The Parish has a need for some financial certainty in order to plan, and execute, the necessary maintenance work to the Church and Presbytery. The best way for this to happen is for each parishioner to consider Planned Regular Giving.

Planned Regular Giving – this is the best way for the parish.

- This can be in the envelopes provided;
- Better still is the Standing Order which you can set up with your bank;
- and if you sign up for Gift Aid (if you are a UK taxpayer), both of these ways are truly helpful to the parish. We receive 25p from HMRC for every £1 donated (at no cost to the individual), which certainly adds up. We receive over a thousand pounds (£) from HMRC each year.

I ask each and every parishioner to carefully consider all the above and to respond with the love of God in their hearts. Many of you already give generously, for which I thank you and gratefully ask you to continue.

Repository - the repository has been restocked with a number of new items including rosaries and cards. Why not take a look and see if you can pick up something useful and support the Parish.

St Anthony's Box (just above the radiator near the Sacred Heart Chapel): all money collected is used to help those in need in the Parish.

Parish Finances:

Parish Finances: **Parish Collection : w/e 15 August 2021: £570.17. 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:

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



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What is the difference between a cathedral, a basilica and a shrine?

Every diocese in the Catholic world has a **cathedral** it is the chief church of the diocese, the bishop's church. It is not uncommon to hear someone refer mistakenly to an especially large or magnificent church as a cathedral. But it isn't size or décor that matters, it's the bishop. That said, there is one physical feature that sets a cathedral apart from all the other churches in the diocese: the bishop's throne, which is usually set on a raised platform within the sanctuary. The Latin word for a raised chair or throne, *cathedra*, is the source of our English word, cathedral. The term '**basilica**' comes from a Greek word meaning regal or kingly, in other words, a cut above the rest. Over the centuries the Catholic Church has used basilica in this sense, with the pope granting the title **Minor Basilica** to a church that has unusual historical significance, or is especially sacred because of the presence of a relic or relics. There are over 1400 minor basilicas around the world, 527 just in Italy alone. These honorary basilicas include **the great church at the grotto in Lourdes**, the **Cathedral of St Mark in Venice**, the **Shrine of St. Anne de Beaupré in Quebec**, and the **National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.** The designation **Major Basilica** is restricted to the four greatest churches in Rome: **St Peters, St John Lateran, St Mary Major, and St Paul-Outside-the-Walls**. Traditionally a **shrine** is a church that attracts pilgrims because it possesses an important relic or a wonderworking sacred image; examples of this type of shrine include the **Shrine of St James the Greater in Compostela, Spain; the Shrine of the Holy House in Loreto, Italy; the Shrine of the Black Madonna in Jasna Gora, Poland**. Over the last hundred years, it has become popular to designate as a shrine a church that is a focus for a particular devotion, such as a perpetual novena to St Jude, St Anthony, or St Therese the Little Flower. By canon law, however, such an official designation must come from the local bishop. Shrines have been part of Catholic life since the early days of the Church when Christians came to pray at the tombs of the martyrs.