



# SAINT JOHN FISHER KIDBROOKE

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**Sunday Masses:** Saturday Evening: 6pm Sunday: 10.00am & 5pm **Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturday 5.15pm-5.45pm  
**Sacrament of Baptism:** 12noon Sunday contact the Parish Office **Weddings:** Contact Parish Office: 6 months notice required **Coffee Morning:** Sunday after 10.00am Mass in the Parish Hall

## FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT Year A: 5 MARCH 2017:

*Happy Birthday to all those celebrating their birthday this week*

**Please note: Next Friday, 10 March 2017 is Lent Fast day**

	6pm	<b>Mrs Stockwell RIP</b>	(Jean Mizzi)	
<b>5 March, Sunday</b>	10am	<b>Killian Doherty and Maurice McCloughan RIP</b>	(Celine Conaghan)	
	5pm	<b>Tomás O'Sullivan's intentions</b>	(Sr Elizabeth Francis)	
<b>6 March. Monday</b>	9.30am	<b>Pauline Cahill RIP - Foundation Mass</b>		<i>Feria</i>
<b>7 March. Tuesday</b>	9.30am	<b>Osmund Bakelmun RIP - anniversary</b>	(Bakelmun family)	<i>Feria</i>
<b>8 March Wednesday</b>	9.30am	<b>Fr Richard Plunkett's well being</b>	(Monica White)	<i>Feria</i>
<b>9 March Thursday</b>	9.30am	<b>Myron D'Oliveira RIP - Birthday</b>	(Moira & Mike Spilsbury)	<i>Feria</i>
<b>10 March. Friday</b>	9.30am	<b>Aida O'Rourke - 80th birthday</b>		<i>Feria</i>
	10 - 10.30am	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>		
	7.30-8.00pm	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	<i>(check in the newsletter every week)</i>	
<b>11 March Saturday</b>	9.30am	<b>Xavier Paldano RIP - 1st anniversary</b>	(Salome Paldano)	<i>Feria</i>

## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT Year A: 12 MARCH 2017:

	6pm	<b>Jo Tobin RIP</b>	(Kay, Susan and the boys)
<b>12 March, Sunday</b>	10am	<b>David &amp; Abigail Osigawa RIP</b>	(Zase Oputu)
	5pm	<b>Eileen O'Sullivan's intentions</b>	(Sr Elizabeth Francis)

**Please Remember to Pray for the Sick and the Housebound:** Karon Phillips-Allen, Bob & Joan Driscoll, Monica Whitaker, Rachel Camozzi-Jones, Jackie Rennie, Fr John Lavery, Paul Foley, Joe Grandy, Dora Genga, Alice McMorro, Alan Goldsmith, Nora McCarthy, Agnes Parker, Alan Fitzsimons, Trixie Durey, Sandra Newman, Margaret Bondarenko, Selwyn Mohammed, Fr Eric Nimmo, Lucas Lekule, Mary Coughlan, Mike Harris, Catherine Leeper, Brian D'Oliveira, Joanna Connors, Tony Tsangari, Annette Bain, Angelita (Lili) Mendoza, Anne Donnelly, Dolores Edwards, Gerard Quirke, Emily Longua, Alan and Vera Molloy, Camillo Atampugre, Joseph Many, Hilary Grandon, Anthony O'Doherty, Angelito Cruz and Thelma Harnett.

**Please remember** those who have died recently, especially **Keith Harris (Abbey's Dad)**, **Divine Maxwell Emuobonne**, **Neil Donnelly (Anne's son)**, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time. May their souls rest in peace. We remember also the families who mourn their loss.

**Baptisms:** Please pray for **Kavanni Romeo Everett** who was baptized last weekend. We also ask you to pray for God's blessings and guidance for his parents and godparents.

### The Rite of Election: RCIA.

*Congratulations to:*

**Judy Fears –White, Michael Nwode, Abbey-Louise Harris, Yemi Ogaro, Gillian Lakareber, Nike Shobowale, Dele Shobowale, and Funso Omolade Aikulola.**

*These were called by the Archbishop Peter Smith at St George's Cathedral this Saturday during the Rite of Election. It was a moving ceremony involving over a thousand people worshipping and praying for those preparing for their Sacraments.*

*Let us make them feel welcome and pray for them in their journey faith.*

### RCIA: A secret society!

Although we do publish this event every year, I'm sure some would still ask, what is it? The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is a formal programme of catechetical instruction which studies the Church's teachings in relation to scripture and prepares adults to be admitted into the Church and receive the Sacraments of Initiation - Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

**The Rite of Election** is the Call by the Bishop to Continuing Conversion of those who are Preparing for Confirmation and/or Eucharist or Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church. **Fr Arbo**



## **At a Glance**

- **7pm** every Wednesday in the Church Hall: **skillz@sjfk: for those aged 16 or under.**
- **10am Stations of the Cross** - every Friday after the morning Mass. There will occasionally also be Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings - please check the newsletter.
- **9am Pray the Rosary** every Saturday before Mass
- **8pm Every Thursday:** AA meeting in the church hall.
- **5 March, 6pm:** Confirmation candidates meet
- **9 March, 7.30pm** RCIA
- **11 March: 10.15am** First Holy Communion session

### ***Parish Finances:***

**Offering: For the upkeep of the Parish: 26 Feb 2017:**

Total collection was **£820.07** including £249.50 from Standing Orders. Potential Gift Aid **£97.49.** **Thank you all for your generosity.**

If you wish to sign up for Gift Aid or to donate by Standing Order, please pick up the relevant forms for this purpose from the porch.

*Fr Eric* continues to receive good care at the Fountain Lodge, Tunbridge Wells Tel: 01892682290. Please continue to keep him in your prayers and if you are able to pay him a brief visit, he would be pleased to see you.

### ***Website***

Please note that the **Parish website** is temporarily unavailable. We were unable to continue the subscription of the site due to a number of problems. A new one is under construction and we hope it will go live soon.

The easy-fundraising will resume as soon as the new site is in operation. Apologies for the inconvenience.

**Altar servers:** we are appealing for more altar servers to join in this very important ministry. We will be having one hour training at 6pm on the following Fridays: 3 March, 10 March and 17 March. Please email Keith Phillips kitphil2@aol.com or speak to Fr Arbo or call the Parish office if you are interested in joining this ministry.

### **First Holy Communion 2017:**

Congratulations to our children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation last weekend. Please keep them in your prayers as they now prepare for their First Holy Communion in June.

**Parents please note:** The dates for the parents' sessions have been revised. Please check your emails, WhatsApp or collect a new programme from the office. Parents are reminded that Sunday Mass attendance is essential to the programme. The next session is on **Saturday, 11th March 2017 at 10.15am.** Parents, please ensure your child/children turn up on time.

**Prayer Sponsors:** If you would like to sponsor a child/children from the First Holy Communion programme, please enter your name against the name of the children on the list provided in the porch.

### **Confirmations 2017:**

The next session for candidates is this **Sunday, 5 March 2017 at 6pm.** You are reminded that mass attendance is an essential part of the programme.

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** programme continues. The next meeting is on **Thursday, 9th March at 7:30pm** in the presbytery. If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or wish to complete your Sacraments of initiation, please contact the Parish Office.

### **Clergy Support Fund Campaign**

Thank you to all who completed a card last weekend. Those who have completed one will receive a personal invitation to a presentation together with details of the times of the presentations, which will take place before Easter. Cards are being distributed again at all Masses this weekend so that everyone who would like to know more about the needs of our sick and retired priests will have an opportunity to do so. Only one per family is needed, as provision will be made for other family members to attend. Please either hand in

your card with the offertory collection or place it in the box provided in the church porch. Thank you.

### **Skillz@sjfk: For our Youth**

16 or under? Confirmed? Got questions about faith and the world around you? **skillz@sjfk** is a new group for post-confirmation young people up to the age of 16, which will discuss modern day issues and explore how we can use faith to guide us in facing and tackling them. Why not turn up on Wednesday at 7pm and find out more.

**Rosary :** please join us for the Rosary every Saturday at 9am before the Morning Mass. The first Saturday of the month is devoted to the Fatima Rosary which is a special devotion to Our Lady.

**Lenten Fast Day, 10 March;** CAFOD is the official aid agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales and works in countries around the world - wherever the need is the greatest. They ask us to come together on **Friday, 10 March, the Lent Fast day** to make sacrifices - such as eating a simple lunch and donating some money so that our poorest sisters and brothers can live lives free of poverty. There will be speakers at all Masses on 4th/5th March to tell you how you can support this worthy cause. Look out for posters and envelopes in the porch.

### **Parish Bereavement Group**

The Parish Justice and Peace group is planning to re-start an on-going bereavement group in the parish. If you are interested in such a group, please fill in a form from the porch and place it in the box provided.

**Are you willing to help?** One of our parishioners who wishes to appeal against the decision of the Home Office, on behalf of herself and her young children who were born in the UK, has to pay £420 to lodge her appeal. Unfortunately she does not have the funds. If you are prepared to help, please donate whatever you can in an envelope addressed "Appeal" and hand it to Fr Arbo or drop it in the collection baskets.

**Don't miss Teas & Coffees** after the 10am Mass in the Hall.

*He who loses money, loses much; He who loses a friend, loses more; He who loses faith, loses all.*