



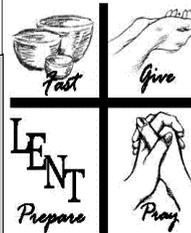
# SAINT JOHN FISHER KIDBROOKE

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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

**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT Year A: 19 MARCH 2017: ADULT CHRISTIAN INITIATION: FIRST SCRUTINY**  
*Happy Birthday to all those celebrating their birthday this week*

	6pm	<b>Angela Duff RIP</b>	(Coughlan family)
<b>19 March, Sunday</b>	10am	<b>Funmilayo Stowe née Osigawa RIP</b>	(Zase Oputu)
	5pm	<b>Anthony O' Doherty's well being</b>	(Mrs P O'Doherty)
<b>20 March, Monday</b>	9.30am	<b>Jackie Lenihan RIP</b>	
	<i>Feast of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of the Universal Church</i>		
<b>21 March, Tuesday</b>	9.30am	<b>Mamie Marshall's intentions-birthday</b>	(Greenfield family) <i>Feria</i>
<b>22 March, Wednesday</b>	9.30am	<b>Sr Francis's intentions</b>	(Mary Greenfield and family) <i>Feria</i>
<b>23 March, Thursday</b>	9.30am	<b>John McDermott RIP</b>	(Liz White) <i>Feria</i>
<b>24 March, Friday</b>	9.30am	<b>Louise Magill's intentions</b>	(Chris and Geraldine) <i>Feria</i>
	10 - 10.30am	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	
	7.30pm - 8.00pm	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	
<b>25 March, Saturday</b>	9.30am	<b>Eileen O'Doherty RIP</b>	(Sr Elizabeth Francis) <i>Feria</i>

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT Year A: 26 MARCH 2017: Laetare Sunday and Mothers' Day**  
**ADULT CHRISTIAN INITIATION: SECOND SCRUTINY**

	6pm	<b>John McGlynn RIP</b>	(Maureen McGlynn)
<b>26 March, Sunday</b>	10am	<b>Amina Salifu's intentions - birthday</b>	(Amina Salifu)
	5pm	<b>People of the Parish</b>	

**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, Thelma Harnett and Louise Magill.

**Please remember** those who have died recently, especially **Lucy Anyango, Piet Derks** 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 **Patrik Joseph Mihalda**, who was baptized during the week and for **Joan (Princess) Winfunke** and **Daniel Adekoyejo Mabo** who are to be baptized this weekend. We also ask you to pray for God's blessings and guidance for their parents and godparents.

**"don't encourage parents to let their children 'run riot' in Church..."** I hope no one believes that my note in last week's newsletter was a blank cheque to the parents. I believe that when parents make genuine efforts to handle their children in the church, they deserve a credit not dirty looks. However, parents need to take their responsibility seriously. Whatever their age, children need to be made aware of the differences between playground and church, a party and a celebration of Mass. Children are taught to keep boundaries at home, at school, in the playground and even at parties. Why not in the Church? A bag of crisps or any other food and drink to be eaten in the church; **is really out of order.** How can the child tell the difference between a church and McDonald's! Generally, no one knows a child more than a parent.

In my days as a child, every adult around had a go at me if I misbehaved, but today it would be unacceptable. After all it is unfair for the child. If you have a helpful piece of advice on how to handle a child, give it to the parent. It is the adult who is responsible. Is it not unfair to single out the children on this matter? When a child comes to church and sees adults chatting aloud up to the beginning of the Mass, what do we expect? When they see adults walking on the sanctuary without reverence, what do we expect? Let us all be conscious of our own flaws first before pointing a finger at others. As Jesus says: "If anyone causes one of these little ones to sin, it would be better for him if a large millstone were hung around his neck and... drowned in the sea." Matt 18:6. It's a bit harsh, right! **Fr Arbo**



## **At a Glance**

- **7pm** every Wednesday in the Church Hall: [skillz@sjfk](mailto:skillz@sjfk): for those aged 16 or under.
- **10am Stations of the Cross** - every Friday after the morning Mass and in the evening at **7.30pm**.
- **9am Pray the Rosary** every Saturday before Mass
- **8pm Every Thursday:** AA meeting in the church hall.
- **19 March, 6pm:** Confirmation candidates meet
- **23 March, 7.30pm** RCIA
- **25 March: 10.15am** First Holy Communion session

### **Parish Finances:**

**Offering: For the upkeep of the Parish: 12 March 2017:**

Total collection was **£1050.28** including £249.50 from Standing Orders. Potential Gift Aid **£96.27**.

Second collection: CAFOD: **£ 452.39**  
**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.

### **Hospital Chaplaincy**

**Volunteers** required: Lewisham and Greenwich Trust are looking for volunteers to spend at least 3 hours per week for at least one year. Volunteers work on the wards or in the chaplaincy office offering a confidential listening ear. Training is provided. If you would like more information please speak to Fr. Kevin 020 8333 3000 ext 3299 email: [tlh-tr.chaplaincyuhl@nhs.net](mailto:tlh-tr.chaplaincyuhl@nhs.net)

## **Website**

[www.sjfkcc.org.uk](http://www.sjfkcc.org.uk)

We are back!!!

A big thank you to Anna and Raphael Mathieu. Do have a look at it - there may be a bit of fine tuning required and we are addressing these but, as always, any constructive criticism/ feedback is always welcome.

### **Altar servers' Easter Training:**

All Altar Servers are reminded to come to training sessions for general principles of serving and also in preparation for our Easter celebrations. Training sessions will be on Saturdays; **1 April, 8 April and 15 April at 10am**.

You will not be able to serve at our Easter celebrations if you have not attended one of these sessions. Please email Keith Phillips [kitphil2@aol.com](mailto:kitphil2@aol.com) or speak to Fr Arbo or call the Parish office for more information.

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

Please keep our children in your prayers as they now prepare for their First Holy Communion in June. The next session is on **Saturday, 25th March 2017 at 10.15am**.

**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. Please also 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, 19 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, 23rd 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.

**Easter Egg Hunt and refreshments** for adults in the presbytery garden. after the Easter Sunday, 10am Mass. Contributions for the Easter hamper are welcome. Tickets for the Easter hamper on sale after all the masses.

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

16 or under? Confirmed? Got questions about faith and the world around you? [skillz@sjfk](mailto: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.

### **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.

**Marriage Care:** which offers marriage preparation, relationship counselling and more will be sending a speaker to say a few words about their work at all Masses next Sunday.

**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.*