



# SAINT JOHN FISHER KIDBROOKE

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**Sunday Masses:** Saturday Evening:6pm; Sunday:10am & 5pm. **Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturday 5.15pm-5.45pm or by request. **Sacrament of Baptism:** 12noon Sunday contact the Parish Office **Weddings:** Contact Parish Office: 6 months notice required .

**Parish Office Opening:** The office is not always covered so if your call is not answered, please leave a message and we will get back to you asap.

## TWENTY- THIRD SUNDAY: YEAR B: 9 SEPTEMBER 2018 :EDUCATION SUNDAY

**Collectors please note: Second collection for the Catholic Education Service (CES):** the CES acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic Education. They have a strong and positive working relationship with the British and Welsh governments, sharing the aims of high academic standards of all, and increased parental choice.

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

<b>9 Sept, Sunday</b>	6.00pm 10.00am 5.00pm	<b>John &amp; Birdie McGrath</b> <b>Guy Andrews RIP</b> <b>People of the Parish</b>	(Maureen McGlynn) (Dulcie Nichols)	
<b>10 Sept, Monday</b>	9.30am	<b>Anne Donnelly RIP</b>	(Mike & Moira Spilsbury)	<i>Feria</i>
<b>11 Sept, Tuesday</b>	9.30am	<b>Anne Donnelly RIP</b>	(Greenwich Irish Pensioners)	<i>Feria</i>
<b>12 Sept, Wednesday</b>	9.30am	<b>In thanksgiving for God's loving kindness</b>	(Eugenia Ogbah)	<i>Feria</i>
<b>13 Sept, Thursday</b>	9.30am	<b>Anne Donnelly RIP</b> <i>Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, Memorial</i>	(Mary & Colin Greenfield & family)	
<b>14 Sept, Friday</b>	9.30am	<b>David Gould RIP</b> <i>Feast of the Exaltation of The Holy Cross</i>	(Paul Fitzpatrick)	
<b>15 Sept, Saturday</b>	9.00am 9.30am	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration &amp; Rosary then Mass</b> <b>Chris Bakelmun's well being</b> <i>Our Lady of Sorrows, Memorial</i>	(Keith and Lettie)	

## TWENTY- FOURTH SUNDAY: YEAR B: 16 SEPTEMBER 2018 : HOME MISSION SUNDAY

**Second collection for Home Mission Sunday:** This collection provides the bishops of England and Wales with resources to support Home Mission, the spread of the gospel in our own country. The money collected enables a breadth of work to be done in support of parish evangelization.

<b>16 Sept, Sunday</b>	6.00pm 10.00am 5.00pm	<b>John McGrath RIP</b> <b>Chris Bakelmun's well being</b> <b>People of the Parish</b>	(Maureen McGlynn) (Christine Foster)	
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**Please Remember to Pray for the Sick and the Housebound:** Karon Phillips-Allen, Bob Driscoll, Monica Whitaker, Rachel Camozzi-Jones, Jackie Rennie, Paul Foley, Joe Grandy, Agnes Parker, Alan Fitzsimons, Trixie Durey, Sandra Newman, Margaret Bondarenko, Lucas Lekule, Mary Coughlan, Mike Harris, Catherine Leeper, Brian D'Oliveira, Joanna Connors, Annette Bain, Angelita (Lili) Mendoza, Gerard Quirke, Emily Longua, Vera Molloy, Camillo Atampugre, Joseph Many, Doreen Grandon, Anthony O'Doherty, Thelma Harnett, Louise Magill, Anna Mellon, Michael Needham, Celia Hayward, Maria Mottau, Danielle Papie, Rod Feeney, Mary Grace Cruz, Callistus Iwu, Tom & Margot Nimmo, Gwendoline Phillips, Tina Borland, Chris Bakelmun and all those not listed here.

### Prayer for the sick and housebound

*"Father, we thank you for the gift of your Son in this Eucharist. We now place before you all the sick and housebound of the Parish. As they share in this Eucharist with us, we pray that they may come to know the depth of your love for them, and the joy, peace and healing of your presence. Through Christ our Lord. Amen."*

**Please remember** those who have died recently especially Kathleen Mercer and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May God grant them eternal rest.



## **At a Glance**

- **Choir practice - 15 minutes before 10am Mass on Sunday.**
- **Dates for your diary:**  
Watch this space for forthcoming Events.

**Parish Finances:**  
**Offering: for the upkeep of the Parish: w/e 2/9/18: figures to be included in next week's newsletter.**

**Gift Aid:** If you wish to sign up for Gift Aid or donate by Standing Order, please complete a relevant form from the porch.

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

**Church Flowers:** Please post any requests and/or donations through the box in the porch.

**Tea and coffee is available in the Parish Hall after the 10am Mass every Sunday.** All welcome.

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Check out easyfundraising on the website: [www.sjfkcc.org.uk](http://www.sjfkcc.org.uk). If you shop online, please sign up and support the Parish.  
It won't cost you a penny but for every £ you spend at a number of retailers, the Parish will receive a small percentage.

A big thank you to **Fr Joe Feeley** for covering all masses last week.

We welcome **Fr Anton Jerome, our new Parish Priest.** If you have not already had a chance to say hello to Fr Anton why not join him over a tea or coffee in the Parish Hall after the 10am Mass.

### **Message from Fr Jerome**

When I was asked to take over St John Fisher Kidbrooke I wanted to find out whether it's an active parish or not?

Are there any church's participatory structures like a Parish council, a finance committee, a building committee, and a social committee? If there are, are these committees active or dormant?

How is the liturgy? Have they got a choir for all masses? How many altar servers and Eucharistic Ministers are there?

Are there any pious associations or Prayer Groups, and how active are they?

How is the church decoration? If it is looking well it creates a prayerful atmosphere. Especially around the Sanctuary area and the altar?

On a more practical level, what is the financial situation of the parish? Are there any outstanding loans? Are there any urgent works to be done to the roof, heating, windows, electrics, etc. What was the most recent result from the Precision Health & Safety Services inspection?

I will find the answers to these questions in the coming weeks with your help.

I know my strengths and limitations but I know nothing about the strengths and limitations of this parish. Whatever the answers to these questions might be, good or bad, together we can move the parish forward.

All I ask of every parishioner, at this time, is to keep the parish in your prayers and to be patient with me while I get to know you all. This is your church and your parish and together we can develop the sense of belonging to one big family.

As September 8 is the birthday of Mother Mary it is fitting that we begin a new chapter in the life of this parish by asking Mother Mary to bless and help us on our journey together.

Our parents and grandparents worked hard to bring the parish to where it is today. It's our duty to move the parish forward so that, in some future time, we can proudly tell our children that when our time came we did it right.

**Sr Francis McPartlin**, who has been the mainstay of our Parish over the last number of years and during all the many changes we have had, has decided that the time has come for her to move to the Convent at Bexleyheath. She will be **moving at the end of September.** I know we will all make every effort to keep in touch and to ensure that she visits us

regularly.

**Mass Intentions:** We are **desperately** short of Mass intentions for the coming weeks. In fact we do not have any intentions for next week. Why not offer a mass for yourself, a loved one or a friend or indeed for the repose of the soul of a loved one. **Brown Mass intention envelopes can be found in the Church porch.** Please note that a donation of at least £10 should be made. If there is a shortfall, the balance has to be made up by the Parish.

**Children's Liturgy:** resumes next weekend but we do need more volunteers. If you are interested in supporting this important ministry please speak to Geraldine or drop a note through the door, clearly printing your contact details and we will be in touch. If you wish we can pair you up with an existing catechist for the first couple of sessions. The more volunteers we have, the less onerous it is, so please do volunteer.

### **Kerala floods: an SVP appeal**

As you've probably seen in the media, terrible floods have been taking place in Kerala in southern India. Hundreds of people have been killed and many more are missing; countless homes have been washed away, and the monsoon season is set to continue until early September.

Kerala is the most Christian state in India – it has more churches than any other region. The leading Catholic volunteering charity, the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), is very active there and they are doing great work helping the victims of the flood in local communities. However, they desperately need funds. Please contribute to the SVP's Kerala appeal. To donate visit [www.svp.org.uk](http://www.svp.org.uk), telephone 020 7703 3030 or send cheques made out to SVP (write 'Kerala appeal' on the back) to SVP, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB. And please remember our sisters and brothers in Kerala in your prayers.

**The Cameroon Catholic Community** meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at St. Peters Church hall, Woolwich at 1.30pm. **Contact Albert Suh on 0740 0529955** or see the website, [www.cccommunity.greenwich.com](http://www.cccommunity.greenwich.com) for further details.

*You are loved more than you will ever know by someone who died to know you. Romans 5:8*