



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.

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.

SECOND SUNDAY: YEAR C: 20 JANUARY 2019: Prayer for Peace on earth

Happy Birthday to all those celebrating their birthday this week.

20 Jan, Sunday	6.00pm	Hilda Petho RIP	(Laurence & Cecilia McEvoy)
	10.00am	Gwen Phillips RIP	(Bakelmun family)
	5.00pm	People of the Parish	
21 Jan, Monday	9.30am	Margaret Walsh's well being	(James and Nancy)
		<i>St Agnes, Virgin and Martyr, Memorial</i>	
22 Jan, Tuesday	9.30am	Edward Riley RIP	(Muriel Feeney) <i>Feria</i>
23 Jan, Wednesday	9.30am	Thomas and Sheena Connolly & family	(Greenfield family) <i>Feria</i>
		Our Church was consecrated on this day in 1987	
24 Jan, Thursday	9.15am	Divine Mercy prayers	
	9.30am	Mary Griffiths RIP- 12th anniversary	(Anne Romano & family)
		<i>Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, Memorial</i>	
25 Jan, Friday	9.30am	May Foley's Well Being	(James & Nancy)
		<i>Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle</i>	
	7.00pm - 8.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction	
		The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity ends today.	
26 Jan, Saturday	9.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration & Rosary then Mass	
	9.30am	Monty Bakelmun RIP - Birthday	(Bakelmuns)
		<i>Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops, Memorial</i>	

THIRD SUNDAY: YEAR C: 27 JANUARY 2019

27 Jan, Sunday	6.00pm	Edward Riley RIP	(Dorothy, Jackie and Rose)
	10.00am	In thanksgiving for my daughter & son-in-law's successful marriage	
			(Mrs Christina Okagbare)
	5.00pm	People of the Parish	

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, Joanna Connors, Annette Bain, Angelita (Lili) Mendoza, Gerard Quirke, Emily and Amy Longua, Vera Molloy, Camillo Atampugre, Joseph Many, Doreen Grandon, Anthony O'Doherty, Thelma Harnett, Anna Mellon, Michael Needham, Maria Mottau, Danielle Papie, Rod Feeney, Mary Grace Cruz, Callistus Iwu, Tom & Margot Nimmo, Tina Borland, Chris Bakelmun, Sadie Felton, Barbara Hills, Seán Needham, Jinny Needham, Olympia Balugay 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."

Pope Francis's Tweet: "The Spirit of God speaks freely to each person through feelings and thoughts. The Spirit cannot be confined with simple reasoning, but must be welcomed with the heart! "

The Holy Father's universal prayer intention for January is: "May young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world".



At a Glance

- **Choir practice** - 15 minutes before 10am Mass on Sunday.
- **Dates for your diary:**
Baptism Course: every 1st Sunday of the month at 12 Noon followed by Baptism on the **last Sunday of each month at 12 Noon** (unless exceptionally agreed with Fr Anton).
- 2nd Feb starting at 9am: Fatima Rosary followed by Candle lit procession and Mass.

Parish Finances:

Offering: for the upkeep of the Parish: w/e 13/1/19: details will 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. 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.

Message from Fr Anton:

The Feast of The Presentation of Our Lord, Candlemas, is on Saturday, 2 February. It is also the First Saturday of the month. We will therefore start as usual with the **Fatima Rosary at 9am followed by a Candle lit procession into the Church and Mass at 9.30am.** Please make every effort to join us in celebrating this special feast.

E Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy

Communion - the next Commissioning Day for Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be at the Metropolitan Cathedral Church of St George on **Saturday, 2nd February 2019 from 10am concluding with Mass at 2.30pm.** **We have 4 volunteers so far but we need more parishioners** to undertake this vital Ministry. If you are interested, please provide your details to Fr Anton, Geraldine Bakelmun or email the office.

First Holy Communion Programme

2019. The first meeting for all children who have registered for this programme is at 10.30am on **Saturday, 26 January 2019.** Please be prompt.

Confirmation Programme for 2019.

The first meeting for all **candidates** who have registered for the Confirmation Programme is on **Sunday, 27 January 2019 at 6.15pm.**

RCIA programme; if you are not a

Catholic, have never been confirmed or would like to study more about the Catholic faith, please speak to Fr Anton or call the Parish Office. The Programme is underway but it is still not too late to join. Application forms are also available in the porch. The next session is on **Wednesday, 23 January at 7pm in the Presbytery.**

Blessed Sacrament Adoration: Each

Friday at 7pm there will be an hour of Exposition followed by Benediction. Please come and spend an hour before the Blessed Sacrament.

Stewardship in the Parish: Fr Anton

has been in touch with a number of people who have volunteered to undertake various ministries. He is still working his way through all the responses. If, in the meantime, you see something you would like to join or get involved with, please do not hesitate to speak to Fr Anton or to contact the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions: 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.

Children's Liturgy: Thank you to **Tonia Paolozzi -Wilson** for last week's children's liturgy. This Sunday's will be lead by **Karen Fitzpatrick.**

A reflection for the coming week: a short story by Anthony de Mello

The Indians tell a cautionary fable about a great saint who was always surrounded in his Ashram by loyal devotees. For hours a day, the saint and his followers would meditate on God. The only problem was that the saint had a young cat, who used to walk through the temple meowing and purring and bothering everyone during meditation. So the saint, in all his practical wisdom, commanded that the cat be tied to a pole outside for a few hours a day, only during meditation, so as to not disturb anyone. This became a habit – tying the cat to the pole and then meditating on God – but as years passed, the habit hardened into religious ritual. Nobody could meditate unless the cat was tied to the pole first. Then one day the cat died. The saint's followers were panic-stricken. It was a major religious crisis – how could they meditate now, without a cat to tie to a pole? How would they reach God? In their minds, the cat had become the means.

The purpose of this story is to make us reflect on not getting too obsessed with the repetition of religious ritual just for its own sake. It can happen that we get so caught up on the externals that we lose sight of the essentials. Religion and tradition can give us false security and complacency. It may be useful to remember that it is not the tying of the cat to the pole that has ever brought anyone to transcendence, but only the constant desire of an individual seeker to experience the eternal compassion of Our Lord. Flexibility is just as essential for divinity as is discipline.

The story of the guru's cat is an encouragement and an invitation to review what we do habitually and to ask: Why do we do what we do? Why do we say what we say? Why do we use what we use? Is what we're doing still appropriate and beneficial today? Is what we're doing on a daily basis still achieving what it was originally intended to do? **Or is it perhaps becoming a distraction, clutter, confusion ... another guru's cat?**