

OUR LADY'S AND ST JOHN FISHER RC CHURCHES

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 16th JUNE, 2024

Readings: Ezekiel 17:22-24 Psalm 91 2 CORINTHIANS 5:6-10 MARK 4:26-34

Psalm Response: It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

Saturday, 15 th June BAPTISM 11 th Sunday in Ordinary Time QUIZ NIGHT AT OUR LADY'S	11:00 am Our Lady's 4:00 pm Our Lady's 7:00 pm Our Lady's Church Hall	Kyairah Mary Benjamin +Michael Manning. QUIZ NIGHT AT OUR LADY'S
Sunday 16 th June FATHER'S DAY 11 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 am St John Fisher 11:00 am Our Lady's	Mr & Mrs Rawlins (Olivia & Nathan) Kitty Delaney, Elliott Cannon (Birthdays)
Wednesday 19 th June - Going Forth Mass Alpha Course	9:00 am St. James' School 6:45 pm Our Lady's Church Hall	Going Forth Mass Alpha Course
Thursday 20 th June – Going Forth Mass Reception into Church	10:00 St Columba School 4:30 pm St. John Fisher	Going Forth Mass +Mary Markley
Friday 21st June – Requiem Mass	10:00 am St John Fisher	+Mary Markley
Saturday, 22 nd June Baptism 12 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11:00 am St John Fisher 4:00 pm Our Lady's	Noah & Aria Jones +Teresa McFadden, +Mary Duffy
Sunday 23 rd June 12 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Baptism	9:00 am St John Fisher 11:00 am Our Lady's 1:00 pm Our Lady's	George McGovern & Lauren Tracey Linda Bennett intentions Alfie Collins & Ophelia Newnes.

Please pray for those whose Anniversaries occur around this time: 17 Fred Styles, 18 Bridget Quinlan, Pat Brown, 19 Patrick Lyden, Elsie Hooton, John Birch, Jack Griffin, 20 Agnes Sterling, Alice Morris, Richard Heywood, Norah Maloney, 21 Michael Geraghty, Anne O'Brien, Lesley Cameron, Julia Corral, 22 Mary Duffy, Edna Linthwaite, Bernard Murray, Jean Dutton, John Anderson, Helen Byrne, 23 Jetta Watson, Maureen Grinham.

Please Pray for those who are Sick: Margaret Owen, Carol Spooner, Dave McGrath, Mary Smallwood, Margaret Cooper, Trisha Forest, Fr Tony Rohan, Ann Docherty, Nancy Witcomb, Maz Boyce, Lily McKenna, Mary and Victor, Margaret Izon, Carl Brookes, Sheila Cox, Peter Flanagan, Pat Farrell, Jan & Mark Hurley, Peter Rafferty, Jackie Hurley, Helen Ingram, Mary Molloy, Andrea Byrne, Linda Simms, Rita Fitzpatrick, Christina Cooper, Fr Gerry Lennon, Ann Glenn, Pat Curly, Linda Bennett, Jo MacAleenan and Margaret Smythe, Ben Jackson, Jackie Whitehead, Philip Coleman, Michelle Wright

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Gift Aid £92.10	Total £442.33	Gift Aid £187.50	Total: £395.38
Loose Money £350.23		Loose Money £207.88	
Church Maintenance: £73.15 Second Collection this week. Day For Life		Church Maintenance: £155.67, First Holy Communion £366.89 Second Collection this week is for Day for Life	

Thank you for All Your Giving. Not only do we show the total every week, but we present a report with accounts each year. That is available this weekend. A lot of people have joined the parish. This is reflected in increased giving on Sundays with cash put in the baskets (shown as 'Loose'). Thank you for all your donations. Would you please switch from Loose to standing orders? There is no minimum amount – you don't have to give more. But it helps reduce the work of counting and banking. It is more secure, and you can change it whenever you wish. If you pay tax, we can also get that 23% back from the government on the amount you give. Over the year, that amounts to more than £8,000 when lots of people sign up (it's very easy and costs you nothing).

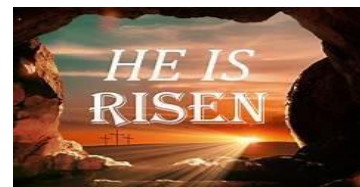
Deaths: Please Pray for **Mrs Mary Markley** who will be received into St John Fisher Church on Thursday 20th June at 4:30 pm, followed by Requiem Mass on Friday 21st June at 10:00 am and Burial at Lodge Hill Cemetery. May she rest in Peace. Amen.

Our Lady's Parish Hall: New bookings email: olhallbooking@gmail.com.

Family BBQ Saturday 13th July 12pm-3.00pm. If there is enough demand, we could look at a monthly Quiz night.

Baptism Dates: The next meeting is on **Saturday 20th July 2024 at 5:00 pm in St John Fisher Church – West Heath.**

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SVP: Dear Friends, many thanks as always for your generous donations of non-perishable food items. **OUR NEXT FOOD PARCEL IS ON THURSDAY 20th June** Please, drop off your donations to your usual drop off point or bring them to Our Lady's Parish Hall on **THURSDAY 20th June** between 10:15am and 10:30am. Please donate any new/ used carrier bags for the food parcels. (One of our parishioners is happy to take broken 'bags for life' back to supermarkets to exchange for new ones!) It is by working together that we can make a difference. There will be an SVP meeting after the bag pack on 20th June at 12.30. Can all attend if possible. If you have any queries, please contact Pauline on 07810 557197. **At present our Food Stocks are very low. Please be as generous as possible with your donations.**

Our Lady's Stamp Box: Kindly fill with your new/used postage stamps, the box is in the Church porch.

Young Servers wanted for all Masses in our 2 Churches: any child who has made their First Holy Communion can become an Altar Server. If you are interested, please email: roa.alfie@yahoo.com



We intend to start Sacrament of Confirmation Preparation during the summer term to have the Candidates prepared in time for November, for parents of children studying in Non - Catholic Schools can contact Annie Gannon anniegannon@btinternet.com and Julia McHugh mcjoolz@yahoo.co.uk for registration please. The meetings/sessions will take place in the Parish Hall at St John Fisher Church - West Heath after the 9:00 am Mass last approximately an hour.

Have you heard about a weekend for all the family? **Celebrate Joy** is to be held on the weekend of 21/22 September. It is a national event being held at St Thomas Aquinas School. Its focus is on family with specific activities for children and young people. The weekend will include worship, prayer and reflection, children and youth groups, Mass each day, and various talks to support us with our faith journey. For further details and to book go to: - www.celebratetrust.org/joy As there will be many volunteers to facilitate this event, we have been asked to support the accommodation needed for the weekend. Have you a spare room to offer a bed to someone? If you could or would like some more details, please contact Angela Vince on 07958 726783.

Caritas Social Action Network have a new campaign: [Do Justice: A Vision for Spiritual and Civic Renewal](http://www.dojustice.co.uk). For those interested, there are some resources which have been created to facilitate the Do Justice campaign at the local level, particularly in Catholic parishes and schools across England and Wales. Parish communities to are invited to 'see' the needs of their local area and consider how the Gospel might call us to respond. The website is regularly updated with resources on other topical issues that can be viewed on <http://www.dojustice.co.uk/resources/downloads/>. If anyone is interested in setting up a Do Justice group in the parish or would like to find out more about the campaign in general, please contact Bernadette Durcan, Research and Programmes Officer at Caritas Social Action Network (Mobile: 07785 950585).

March for Life UK happens in London on Saturday 7th September. There are many attempts at the moment to further liberalise abortion in the UK and to silence those offering any alternative viewpoint whether that's 'pills by post' abortions, 'decriminalisation', buffer zones or censorship on pro-life students at universities. The dangers of these situations are being highlighted by the theme for this year's March for Life which is 'Abortion isn't Healthcare'. Join thousands at this family-friendly event. Find out more at marchforlife.co.uk

Are you able to help? We want to say a huge thank you to everyone who donates to our Parishes. Whether you have donated to your parish, or a specific fund, made a single donation, or regular contribution, we thank you. Thanks to your generosity we are able to continue to support our parishes and charitable functions.

How you can donate: Regular giving is the financial bedrock of your parish. It also minimises risk and costs the parish less to manage, so your money goes further. If you have online banking, you can set this up online, or you can print the standing order form and post it to your bank or parish. Instructions as to how to set this up are here:

[Set up a regular donation](#)

Leave a Legacy: By remembering your parish in your Will, you can support the vital work of priests and people in the building up of God's Church, in looking after our churches and in reaching out to those in need in our local communities. All of this is made possible as we give back to God in response to His care of us.

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Happy Father's Day: Happy Father's Day to all dads out there. We hope you have a blessed day with your families. Please pray for all fathers that they will be the best, most caring and life-giving parents that the Lord wants them to be. It is a day to honor all fathers, grandfathers, great-grandfathers, and father figures for their contribution.

Reflection: Today's Gospel illustrates the growth of faith in our human hearts. Just as it's hard to understand the mechanics of a seed's growth when we plant it in the ground, we cannot begin to fully comprehend how God nurtures faith within us. Once the seed of the 'Word of God' is sown, only time will show how a person's faith will grow and develop. God is not impatient with our growth. God grows love in us, so that adult love can shelter and comfort many others. Seeds grow when the conditions are right. It is through the mystery of God's love that unfolds in the soil of our lives. I am reminded of the words of the song 'The Rose' - *Just remember in the winter, far beneath the bitter snow, lies the seed that with the sun's love, in the spring, becomes the Rose.*



Thank you everyone for all your support and help. God bless you. Have a lovely weekend.