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St John Fisher Church

1954-2024



70th Anniversary

"Come and See" John 1:39



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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 9TH AUGUST—NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.00am Holy Mass—Adegboyega Faloye Birthday Intentions

Readers: Chiamaka and Veronica

10.30am - 10.45am Confessions

11.00am Holy Mass—People of the Parish

Readers: Ekeoma and Margaret

6.00pm Holy Mass—Johnnie Naughton RIP

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MASS FOR MARY'S MEALS

Monday 10th August St Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

9.00am Adoration of the Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Holy Mass—

Tuesday 11th August—St Clare, Virgin

9.00am Adoration of the Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Holy Mass—Patrick and Margaret Joyce Wellbeing

Followed by reflections in the presbytery

Wednesday 12th August—St Jane Frances de Chantal

9.00am Adoration of the Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Holy Mass—

Thursday 13th August—Ss Pontian, Pope and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

9.00am Adoration of the Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Holy Mass—

Friday 14th August—St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

11.30am Adoration of the Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

12.00 Midday Holy Mass

Saturday 15th August—The Blessed Virgin Mary

9.30am Adoration of the Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

10.00am Holy Mass—

SUNDAY 16TH AUGUST—THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9.00am Holy Mass—

Readers: Anna and Simon

10.30am - 10.45am Confessions

11.00am Holy Mass—

Readers: Laura and Akuchi

6.00pm Holy Mass

COLLECTION: 2nd August 2026

GA Envelopes: £75.00, CQ £150.00 Loose: £293.80

DONA (Card Machine): GA £44.25, Non GA £60.96

Total: £624.01

Direct debits received for the month of July: £2,280.33

(Weekly £570.08)

Thank you

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FROM THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF ENGLAND AND WALES—A Private Members' Bill on assisted suicide – so-called assisted dying – has been reintroduced to the House of Commons. The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill will have its Second Reading and vote on Friday, 11 September 2026. Our

The Church is open every day for prayer
from 8:30am to 7.00pm.



clear principled objection to this Bill remains and we renew our call for Catholics and people of goodwill to unite in prayer and compassionate action.

Archbishop Richard Moth, President of the Bishops' Conference, explains our strong opposition to this legislation: "The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill which aims to legalise assisted suicide has returned to the House of Commons, and Members of Parliament will vote on its Second Reading on 11 September. This bill is wrong in principle. It is also deeply flawed and, if passed, could lead to vulnerable people feeling pressured into ending their lives. The Bill has a serious lack of protection for health and social care staff and risks putting many wonderful hospices and care homes in the position of no longer being able to operate. I urge you to write to your Members of Parliament to petition them to vote against the Bill at Second Reading."

Visit: <https://righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote> to ask MP Lauren Edwards to vote "NO" at the Second Reading.

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REQUESTING MASS FOR A PARTICULAR INTENTION

It is a long-established and laudable Catholic custom to ask that Mass be offered for a particular intention. Every Mass is offered for the glory of God and the salvation of the world; nevertheless, the priest may also offer the Mass for a specific intention. In this parish, Mass intentions are usually published in the newsletter. Anyone may request that Mass be offered for a particular intention. Masses are commonly offered for the welfare of an individual or family, in thanksgiving, for a special need, or for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. When requesting a Mass, it is customary to make an offering as a sign of one's particular participation in the offering of the Mass and in support of the Church's ministry.

This offering is not a payment for the Mass, and no one is obliged to make one. The suggested offering is £10; some give less, some give more, and some are unable to give anything. Please never feel that a Mass cannot be offered for your intention because of financial difficulty. The grace of the Mass is never bought or sold. Its true price has already been paid for us in the saving death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus. Mass intention envelopes and the Mass intention diary are available at the entrance to the church.

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ARE YOU PAYING BY CHEQUE??—Due to ever tightening bank regulations, from now onwards please make any cheques payable to 'RCAS ROCHESTER' which is the name of the parish bank account. Many thanks for your generosity and co-operation.



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MONTHLY PARISH LUNCH—FISH AND CHIPS—

The monthly parish lunch of fish and chips will resume on Friday 14th August after midday Mass. Please see the sign up sheet in the porch!



FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please see the separate sheet in the porch for:

- Altar server training;
- New young adults group (ages 18-35) and
- Day for readers