



Message from Fr Bryan Cunningham

February 2018



Dear Schoenstatt Family, dear Friends,

Welcome to the first of the new e-newsletter which will appear on a monthly basis. This letter from the Schoenstatt Movement is prepared by our editing team, Avril de Mink and Juan Ignacio Melecio in association with the editor of our quarterly magazine MTA, Patty Ganley and many contributors. It is meant to keep you up to date with what is going on in Schoenstatt and in the Movement in England. I am very grateful for this initiative.

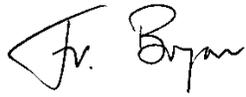
We stand before the Lenten Season and want to join Our Lord and his blessed Mother in the journey towards Easter. This year is marked by the fiftieth anniversary of the death of the founder of Schoenstatt, Father Joseph Kentenich. The invitation extended to the international Schoenstatt Movement is to ask for a share in his charism and in his spirit of marian renewal for the Church and world. In living the Covenant of Love to win the world for Christ. As Mary's Prophet Father Kentenich shows us the way to deep attachment to Mary, whom Christ gave us as his last will and testament to be our mother. With his 'hand on the pulse of time and his ear to the Heart of God', Father Kentenich wanted to help us see God in our world and in the progress of time. His charism helps us to discern the will of the Father and 'Do as he tells us' in everyday life.

At the Shrine in Kearsley we join with the Parish of St John Fisher in commemoration of 50 years since the first holy Mass was celebrated there. The gift of Eucharist in our community and the communion with one another in Christ is to be honoured this year. As a community we are a living Shrine and each one of us becomes a missionary disciple of the covenant of love. Our hearts become little shrines; our outreach to others an encounter of heart-shrine to heart-shrine (*cor ad cor loquitur*).

Celebrating this year we intend to have two seminars on the life and work of Father Kentenich with Fr Peter Locher who, as a young student, was with Father Kentenich in Milwaukee for a number of years. In the Parish there will be a number of events to remember the celebration of our first holy Mass. Our May Day prepared by the Kearsley Schoenstatt women's group and our October Day prepared by the Mount Carmel group will also celebrate these events.

The next quarterly MTA Magazine will be published for the Covenant Mass on the 18th March 2018. We welcome your contributions to live in the Schoenstatt Movement and life around the Shrine.

United in the Covenant of Love,



Fr. Bryan Cunningham
Movement Director and Rector of the Shrine

Masses

Regular Mass Schedule

Holy Mass every Sunday at 9:30am in St John Fisher's Hall

Holy Mass in the Shrine: Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 9 am. Thursday at 7:30pm and Saturday at 12:00noon

Adoration in the Shrine every Saturday at 11:00 am and Sunday at 12:00noon

Shrine is open daily for visitors from 9:00am - 6:00pm and the praying of the angelus is at 12:00noon and 6pm daily accompanied by the ringing of the bell

Groups welcome, to schedule go to www.schoenstatt.org.uk

Special Masses

7.00pm *Early Bird Holy Mass for men* on the first Saturday of each month (Shrine)

3.30pm *Taste and See Holy Mass* on the second Sunday of the month (February 11th)

Ash Wednesday, February 14th

Holy Mass and distribution of ashes 9:00am (Shrine) and 7:00pm (Hall)

Covenant Mass, Sunday February 18th

7.30pm The Covenant Mass in February will be organised by the Schoenstatt UK Youth Branch

Lenten Reconciliation, every Saturday from 11:00am to 12:00noon

Upcoming Celebrations

Celebrating Rose Farragher's Birthday

Rose invites family and friends to join her in celebrating her birthday at the 12.00noon Holy Mass on Saturday 5th May 2018, followed by an 'afternoon tea' styled buffet. Entertainment will be provided by a Ceilidh Band!

May Day

The Kearsley Women's Group will organise the May Day Celebrations.

Other Celebrations this Month

- **University Students Lent Workshop, Candlelight Rosary and Worship**
Saturday, February 24th, 2:00pm - 5:30pm.

Life at the Shrine

Schoenstatt Youth UK



<https://www.facebook.com/SchoenstattUKYouth/>

Into My Vineyard

- The **Family Week** has been arranged for the 6th - 10th August 2018 in Whitby. Registrations forms will be available soon from Fr Bryan.
- **The World Meeting of Families:** If anyone wants to attend the event in Dublin, Ireland, please contact Fr. Bryan for details. Our Holy Father Pope Francis is expected on the Friday afternoon for the final Mass at Croagh Park.
- The **Mothers and Toddlers' group** takes place at 10:00am every Wednesday at Schoenstatt and St John Fisher Centre. Parents and toddlers are welcome!
- **50th Anniversary of St John Fisher's Parish:** A barbecue will be held at Kearsley Mount Cottage on August 11th, 2018 to celebrate the event.

Save the Date



Mission Manchester
"Just the beginning"

Mission Manchester 2018

As Lent is around the corner, the Schoenstatt Youth in the UK and Portugal are organizing a lent mission in our Shrine during the **holy week** (Palm Sunday – Resurrection Sunday). Any young adult interested in becoming a "*misionari@*" and trying to do something different during the holy season to help our community contact Ignacio Melecio (Nacho) or Francisca Inácio (Kika):

schoenstattyouthuk@gmail.com or <https://www.facebook.com/SchoenstattUKYouth/>

Lenten meditations on Wednesdays in Lent at 2:30pm in St John Fisher's Hall

Year of Fr. Kentenich

Fr. Peter Locher of the Schoenstatt Fathers has been invited to hold two Seminars to commemorate Fr Kentenich. The seminars are planned for Saturday, April 28th and October 28th 2018.

The team members preparing the Father Kentenich Seminars are: Avril, Patricia, Paul, Sandra, Tricia and Sheila.

God our Father,
In Father Kentenich you have given us a father and a prophet, a witness and a herald of your message for our time, enkindled by the Holy Spirit.

Give us of his fire. Give us of his founder spirit.
Let his charism be so alive in us that we can shape the future of the Church and society.
May his vision be our vision:
In the power of the covenant of love, a new world is to arise – a world in which people form a covenant culture wherever they live and work.

Father in heaven, we ask you:
Accept Father Kentenich into the company of the saints recognized by the Church.

Open the door to him and his mission everywhere so that he can guide many people on the way to the fullness of life, the way to you.

We ask this of you, in communion with Mary, our Mother Thrice Admirable, Queen, and Victress of Schoenstatt, through Christ our Lord. Amen.



*Father Joseph Kentenich,
Founder of the international
Schoenstatt Movement
16.11.1885 - 15.9.1968*