

St John Fisher's Church 14th January 2024

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am	Mass	
Monday	15th January	Weekday
Tuesday	16th January No Services this week	Weekday
11.00am	Café	
Wednesday	17th January No Services this week	St Anthony
Thursday	18th January No Services this week	Weekday
Friday	19th January No Services this week	Weekday
Saturday 11.00am 12.00 noon 2.00pm	20th January Adoration Mass Covenant Mass	Vigil 3rd Sunday
Sunday 9.30am	21st January Mass	3rd Sunday of the year

Schoenstatt Fathers attending the annual Province Meeting Monday 15th January - Friday 19th January 2024. **There will be no Masses from 15th- 19th January 2024 at St John Fisher's. Normal programme resumes on Saturday 20th January**

Final Edition

**St John Fisher Parish Community
Shrine of Our Lady of Schoenstatt
14th January 2024 Second Sunday**



Jesus Is the Meaning of Life

History's great philosophers and religious leaders have given various answers to humanity's central question: What is the meaning of life? But only Jesus Christ has given us the complete answer. And he gives it in today's Gospel passage. He is about thirty years old, and the time has come for him to leave behind his simple life as a carpenter in Nazareth and take up his public ministry of preaching to the crowds and training his twelve apostles. And where does he go to find those apostles? To John the Baptist, who had been preparing his own disciples to recognise and welcome the Messiah. So, as Jesus walks along the bank of the River Jordan, John the Baptist points at him and tells his two disciples that he is the One, the Lamb of God, the Messiah. John and Andrew can barely believe their ears; they decide to check out this new Rabbi. Jesus hears them approaching, turns around, looks them in the eye, and asks: "What are you looking for?" It's the key question. In other words, where are you searching for meaning in your life? Struck by the simplicity and warmth of Jesus' greeting, and maybe surprised by the question, they just say, "Teacher, where are you staying?" Maybe without realising it, they have given the perfect answer: "Jesus, we are looking for you; we want to stay with you." A smile spreads over Jesus' face, and he says to them, "Come, and you will see." He invites them to walk with him, to follow him, to be his companions, and that is Christ's answer to the question of life's meaning. The meaning of life is not a thing to be possessed, or an abstract doctrine to be understood. The meaning of life is a relationship to be lived out: it is a personal friendship with Jesus Christ.



GOOD NEWS *Deciding to Listen*

God speaks in so many ways, through so many messengers! We just need to tune in. This is the attitude we need to adopt: to constantly listen, to actively pay attention, to God.



Mass Intentions. We Pray for peace in Eastern Europe, the Holy Land and for the people suffering there and other theatres of war. We pray for world leaders to follow a way to peace and justice. **For all our sick and housebound:** Please pray for Susan Irvine, Chloe, Brian Mather, Rose McGann, Nora McDonald, Fr John Cooper, Sally Gibson, Jane Shades, Pauline Millington, Eileen Kehoe, Bob Plover, Ruth Dawson, Pauline Kent, Peter Hughes, Maureen Manion, Lynda Robinson, Ann Kirby, Paul Grogan, Leo Mazza, Doreen Mazza, Hilda Plover, Hildegard Cornelius, Avril de Mink, Barbara Conners, Maureen Rogers, Sheila Barker, Martin Hotchkiss, Alice Hindley, Pat Pearson, Bernard Dunn, Edith Hamilton, Sheila Bocker, Peter Fenton, Marie Fenton, John Ward, Jane Jordan, Rita Derbyshire, Peter Tracey, Linda Muir, Sharon Simpson, Anne Holland, Bob Cole, Elizabeth De Chazal, Joan Eastwood, Maria Edwards, Agnes McFadden, Eric Derbyshire, Eileen Johnson, Jane Boyle, Pat Jones, Lee Pomfret. **For those, who died recently** Mary Cole, Mary Green, Fr Michael Savage, David Farrer, Tom McClean **On the Anniversary** of William Lockett, William Worsley, Joe Summerville, Fr Franz Brügger, Noel Neary, Helen Cunningham, Joseph Blower, Rita Cooper, Patricia Crolla, Paul Neary, Barney Shannon, Paul Barnes, Ged Hughes, Bernard Fairclough, Nora Greene, Douglas Johnson, Bernard Jordan, Winifred Curliss, Emma Sheldon. For a precious granddaughter. **Birthday Remembrance** for Sheila McDermott. For Janet Cassidy, Angela Fenton and for Dominic Mazza, Marie Jones, Theresa Karey. Remembering Brian Stocks on his 40th Birthday. For Mary Neary on her 80th Birthday

Annual Province Meeting of the Schoenstatt Fathers

Schoenstatt Fathers attending the annual Province Meeting Monday 15- Friday 19th January 2024. **There will be no Masses or Services from 15th - 19th January 2024 at St John Fisher's. On Saturday 20th January we will have adoration at 11.00am, Mass at 12.00 noon and Covenant Mass at 2.00pm**

MARRIAGE MATTERS *Welcomed in His name*

When Andrew and Simon Peter met Jesus, they asked Him: “Rabbi, where do you live?” He said: “Come and see.” They went, and stayed for the rest of the day. Did Mary, His mother, return to find strangers in her house and welcome and serve them in her Son’s name? Do we welcome and serve one another in His name?



Farnworth & Kearsley Foodbank

Please bring one item each time you’re here. Thanks for all the help so far for “The Well”, Farnworth & Kearsley Foodbank, part of The Trussell Trust, a U.K. wide charity.

Funeral for Mary Cole

Requiem Mass for Mary Cole will be on Thursday 25th January 2024 at 11.30am. The Mass and the service at Overdale Crematorium will be live-streamed. (Links will be published.) There will be refreshments after Mass at St John Fisher’s. Mary will be brought to the Shrine on Wednesday at 3.30pm and lie in repose until the Mass next day.

New Addition to the Schoenstatt Father’s UK

A new member of the Schoenstatt Fathers will be joining us here at the Shrine, St John Fisher’s at the end of January/beginning of February 2024. Father Herbert Opara a member of our Community from Nigeria was ordained in May 2013. He has had a number of assignments in Formation and in Parishes. He worked in our Parish in Rome for four years before returning to Ibadan, working in Community there. We look forward to welcoming him. At this time Fr Reginald is on home leave and will return on 8th February 2024.

