

# St John Fisher's Church Epiphany 2024

## Epiphany Sunday

<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>8th January</b>	<b>Baptism of the Lord</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9th January</b>	<b>Weekday</b>
9.00am	Mass	
9.30am	Adoration	
11.00am	Café	
7.00pm	Fundraising Committee	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10th January</b>	<b>Weekday</b>
9.00am	Mass	
9.30am	Adoration	
12.30pm	Hands of Hope	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>11th January</b>	<b>Weekday</b>
10.00am	Coffee Morning	
6.30pm	Adoration & Confession	
7.30pm	Mass	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>12th January</b>	<b>Weekday</b>
11.00am	Adoration in the Shrine	
12.00 noon	Mass in the Shrine	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>13th January</b>	<b>Vigil 2nd Sunday</b>
11.00am	Adoration	
12.00 noon	Mass	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>14th January</b>	<b>2nd Sunday Ordinary Time</b>
9.30am	Mass	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>15th January</b>	
Schoenstatt Fathers attending the annual Province Meeting Monday 15th January - Friday 19th January 2024. <b>There will be no Masses from 15th- 19th January 2024 at St John Fisher's. Normal programme resumes on Saturday 20th January</b>		

**Early Edition**

**St John Fisher Parish Community  
Shrine of Our Lady of Schoenstatt  
7th January 2024 the Epiphany**



### God Is King - He Comes to Rule

God is a King. The Saviour he sends us, Jesus Christ, the Son of God made man, comes not to philosophise, but to rule. Herod trembled because he knew this. The Wise Men rejoiced because they knew this. Even before Jesus can talk, he teaches us a precious truth about ourselves. In our hearts there dwell two potential responses to the coming of such a King: Herod's or the Magi's. Herod had spent his life murdering, extorting, and building a personal kingdom ruled by his whims for his personal glory. Christ enters the scene, a King with authority from on high. Herod immediately feels the threat. If Christ is not destroyed or discredited, it could spell the end of all his labours. The Magi, on the other hand, do not fear the demands that this new King will make on their personal lives. Instead, they rejoice to know that God's Saviour is finally coming. Instead of hoarding and protecting their treasures, the fruits of their life's labours, they generously offer them to Christ as gestures of honour, respect, and allegiance. Whenever Christ enters our lives, which he does every day through the voice of conscience, the teachings of his Church, and the designs of Providence, we must choose in whose steps we will follow, Herod's or the Magi's. Will we tremble, afraid of what Jesus may demand of us? Or will we rejoice, glad to have such a glorious Lord to follow? We have both possibilities in our hearts - we are potential Herods, and we also are potential Magi.



### GOOD NEWS *Be a Star in This World*

Each one of us should strive to be like the star that guided the Magi: a steady witness to Christ, a gentle, but clear and attractive, invitation to his everlasting Kingdom.



**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, Mary Cole, 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** Fr Michael Savage, David Farrer, Tom McClean **On the Anniversary** of 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. For Janet Cassidy, Angela Fenton and for Dominic Mazza, Marie Jones, Theresa Karey. For a special intention. Remembering Brian Stocks on his 40th Birthday. **Christmas Masses:** James Rooney Thorne, James & Elizabeth Dillon, Ann & Darren Barns, Chris Ward Snr, Brian Stocks jnr, John Carabine, Alison Birch, Bernard Jordan, Winifred Jordan, Winifred & Joseph Wild, Florence Beech, Betty & Rita Mills, Audrey Jones, Eveline & Norman Smith, Nora & Vincent Robinson, Anne Slee, Les Brunt, Bernie Lomax, Ray Mazza, Members of the Neary family, Dennahey family, O'Connell and MacDonald families, Anna Cook, for Hilda Plover and family, Jimmy & Denise Nicholas, Anne Mazza, Paul Cooper, Edith Hamilton, Mary Cole, Anne Holland, Fr John Cooper Leo & Doreen Mazza, and Angela Fenton, Sr Mary Elsbeth and Sr Margareta. 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** *The gift of unity*

At this joyful time of the year, let us look with delight at one another, remembering that we have each been entrusted, by God, with the grace he meant for each other when we got married. God's gift has made us one body and the gift of our children is this grace made flesh bringing joy into our hearts.



**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.



**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.