

St John Fisher's Church 21st January 2024

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am	Mass	
12.00noon	Adoration	
Monday	22nd January	Weekday
Tuesday	23rd January	Weekday
9.00am	Mass	
9.30am	Adoration	
11.00am	Café	
Wednesday	24th January	St Francis de Sales
9.00am	Mass	
9.30am	Adoration	
12.30pm	Hands of Hope	
Thursday	25th January	
11.30am	Requiem for Mary Cole	
6.30pm	Adoration	
7.30pm	Mass	Conversion of St Paul
Friday	26th January	St Timothy
11.00am	Adoration	(in the Shrine)
12.00 noon	Mass	(in the Shrine)
12.30pm	Lazy Lunch	(In St John Fisher)
Saturday	27th January	Vigil 4th Sunday
11.00am	Adoration	
12.00 noon	Mass	
Sunday	28th January	4th Sunday of the year
9.30am	Mass	
12.00 noon	Adoration	

Final Edition

**St John Fisher Parish Community
Shrine of Our Lady of Schoenstatt
21st January 2024 third Sunday**



Entering Christ's Kingdom Is a Matter of Trust

Jesus' first words in the Gospel of Mark are mysterious. He tells us that the time of fulfilment has arrived, and he says, "The Kingdom of God is at hand." "The Kingdom of God" is one of Christ's most frequently used phrases. He came to establish it; he rules it; and he taught us to pray constantly for its coming: "Thy Kingdom come," we pray in the Our Father, "Thy will be done." Every week in the Creed we profess our faith that this "Kingdom will have no end." Clearly, we can be sure that this concept is central to Christ and Christianity. In this initial announcement of the arrival of his Kingdom, Jesus gives us the first lesson about what it entails. After proclaiming that "The Kingdom of God is at hand," he adds, "repent and believe in the gospel." And so, the "Kingdom of God" refers to wherever things are done God's way, wherever his will and his loving heart are allowed to guide people's lives. To repent means to stop doing things our own, selfish way, which is our default tendency ever since Adam and Eve poisoned human nature with original sin. And to believe in the gospel means to trust that God's way, God's will, is always the best choice. If we trust in the love, wisdom, and power of God, we will have the courage to fashion our lives according to his standards, the ones taught by the Bible and the Church. If we recognise our own ignorance, limitations, and selfish tendencies, we will have the necessary humility to repent. In other words, if we want to enter this Kingdom and share in its unequalled vitality and meaning, we simply need to trust in God more than other voices (at times, even our own) - over and over again.



GOOD NEWS Give Silence a Chance

God is always calling out to each one of us, because he loves us and wants to lead us to a more fulfilling life, both here on earth, and also for all eternity in heaven. If we really want to let God's call in our hearts resound, we must learn the value of silence.



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. For Fr Andrew Pastore on his Birthday. For Mary Neary on her 80th Birthday

MARRIAGE MATTERS *Change of lifestyle*

Jonah the prophet and Jesus call us to repent, to a change of lifestyle. When we married there was a radical change in our lifestyles. He became husband, she became wife and together we became a flesh and blood ‘sacrament of marriage’. This is our continued call to each other - live a new life of love in the Lord.



WEEKLY LISTENING REFLECTION

Praying for Wisdom and Understanding God’s Voice

Dear Heavenly Father, I humbly pray for the gift of wisdom and understanding to decipher Your voice. Grant me the discernment to recognise Your guidance and the ability to apply it to my life. May my prayers be a source of enlightenment and revelation. Amen.

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. 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.

The Requiem Mass will be live-streamed

Link: Schoenstatt YouthUK
 <<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZ7Ln3tpup3sFcZjv6TQU6w>>
 Facebook: <<https://www.facebook.com/SchoenstattUKYouth/>>

Service at the Crematorium Link

Website <<https://watch.obitus.com>>
 Username lagu7360
 Password 234819

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.

