

# St John Fisher's Church 25th February 2024

## Second Sunday in Lent

9.30am	Mass	
12.00noon	Adoration	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>26th February</b>	Lent Weekday
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>27th February</b>	Lent Weekday
9.00am	Mass	
9.30am	Adoration	
9.30am	Retreat for Divine Mercy School	
11.00am	Café (in the Cottage)	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>28th February</b>	Lent Weekday
9.00am	Mass	
9.30am	Adoration	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>29th February</b>	
<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Adoration</b>	Lent Weekday
7.30pm	Mass	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>1st March</b>	<b>Arrival Fr Herbert Opara</b>
11.00am	Adoration	
12.00 noon	Mass	St David
<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>2nd March</b>	Vigil 3rd Sunday Lent
11.00am	Adoration	
12.00 noon	Mass	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3rd March</b>	<b>3rd Sunday Lent</b>
9.30am	Mass	
12.00 noon	Adoration	
12.30pm	Retreat UCM Salford Diocese	

Registration Forms for First Holy Communion available at the back of Church. Please contact Fr Reginald or Anne Howard for details of when the classes start .



**Final Edition**

**St John Fisher Parish Community  
Shrine of Our Lady of Schoenstatt  
25th February 2024 second Lent Sunday**



### Christ Is the Answer

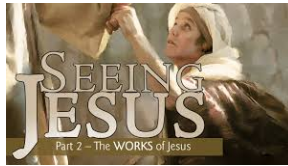
Jesus gave his three closest followers, Peter, James, and John, a supernatural experience of his glory, an experience that God wants us to learn from. The transfiguration unveils for a shining moment Christ's divinity, so subtly disguised during the rest of his earthly days. In Jesus Christ heaven and earth meet, time and eternity mingle. St Mark simply can't find adequate words to describe how dazzling and awe-inspiring this experience was. The brilliance of Christ's countenance, and even of his clothes, surpassed the brightest imaginable experience of earthly light. Time itself faded away, as Jesus talked with God's closest Old Testament collaborators, Moses and Elijah, whose law and prophecies had prefigured him. The scene culminated in the descent of a cloud, representing the Holy Spirit, and the voice of God the Father, the whole Blessed Trinity shows up! And then God the Father spoke from heaven, just to make sure we understand what this is all about: "This is my beloved Son," he says, "listen to him." What does he mean? Throughout all of human history, mankind has sought answers to pressing questions that simmer deep within his heart: Why are we here? How can we find the happiness we long for so desperately? Why is there suffering and evil? Often, as attested by the great literature of the world, we have addressed these questions directly to God. God has responded. But his response is a surprising one: it is a living person, not a formula or a philosophy, the person of his "beloved Son," Jesus Christ, God become man, the everlasting Lord of life and history. Through Christ's life, teachings, death, and resurrection God answers all of our questions more thoroughly than we could ever have imagined. Christ himself is the answer; it's up to each of us to get to know him.



**First Holy Communion Classes.** The programme starts on **Sunday 3rd March 2.00pm - 4.00pm** Please contact Fr Reginald and Anne Howard

## GOOD NEWS *Seeing Jesus Better*

If Christ is the answer to life's mysteries, then the better we get to know Christ, the wiser and more joyful we will be, even amidst the storms and sufferings of life in this fallen world.



**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 Irene Wood, Alec Watson, Candy Harris, Elizabeth & John Ward, Anna Abraham, Susan Irvine, Chloe, Brian Mather, Rose McGann, Nora McDonald, 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 Brocker, 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** Caroline Beechey, Josie Carroll, Kate Barnard, Jean Hughes, Thomas Alexander Shades, Mary Gaskell, Michael McGuire, Mary Cole, Mary Green. **On the Anniversary** of Kath Kelly, Mary Nicholas, Cape D W Pastore M.C., John Curliss Snr., Nora Robinson, Vera O'Connell, Henry Massey, Kathleen & Alf Lomax, Harry Woodward, Emily Neary, Patrick Sargent, Helen Cunningham, Joseph Blower, Rita Cooper, Patricia Crolla, Paul Neary, Mary Connaughton, 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 Eileen Shaughnesey, Sheila McDermott. For Janet Cassidy, Angela Fenton and for Dominic Mazza, Marie Jones, Theresa Karey. For Angela Fenton Hilda & Brian Madden on their Birthday. In the intention of MacDonal family, Harris family, Arun and Swanti and Holy Souls in purgatory. Bishop Brain on his 60th Anniversary of priestly Ordination.

## **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 on 1st March 2024, Father Herbert Opara a member of our Community from Nigeria. We look forward to welcoming him..

## MARRIAGE MATTERS *Free to be ourselves*

Sometimes we can be overwhelmed by each other's generous sensitivity, thoughtfulness and kindness which have helped us grow in confidence to share our deepest feelings, fears and joys. Let us try this week to find ways of growing in that confidence and trust so that in our relationship we radiate God's joy through the way we love each other.



## Season of Lent

Lent is the time when we as the Family of God prepare for the commemoration of Easter when we celebrate the Paschal mystery. It is the time when those joining full communion with the Church prepare for Baptism and the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Holy Communion. We began with Ash Wednesday a day of Fasting and abstinence, join our Lord in his Way of the Cross and look forward in hope to the Resurrection of the Lord.



## THOUGHT FOR LENT

"O Lord, make this Lenten season different from the other ones. Let me find you again. Amen." — Henri Nouwen

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## Prayer for Peace

O Loving God, your Son, Jesus Christ, came into the world to do your Will and leave us His Peace. Through the intercession and example of our Blessed Mother Mary, Queen of Peace, grant us the wisdom and humility to reflect that peace to the world. Inspire our thoughts, words and deeds to bear witness to your presence in our hearts. May your Holy Spirit fill us with every grace and blessing so that we may pursue what leads to peace for all humanity. Amen