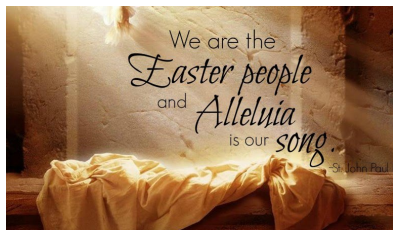


# St John Fisher's Church 24th March 2024

<b>Sunday</b> 9.30am	<b>31st March</b> Mass	<b>Easter Sunday</b>
12.00noon	Adoration	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>1st April</b>	<b>Easter Weekday</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 9.00am 9.30am	<b>2nd April</b> Mass Adoration	
<b>Wednesday</b> 9.00am 9.30am	<b>3rd April</b> Mass Adoration	<b>Easter Weekday</b>
<b>Thursday</b> 6.30pm 7.30pm	<b>4th April</b> Adoration Mass	<b>Easter Weekday</b>
<b>Friday</b> 11.00am 12.00 noon	<b>5th April</b> Adoration Mass	<b>Easter Weekday</b> No Abstinence
<b>Saturday</b> 12.00 noon	<b>6th April</b> Mass	<b>Vigil Mercy Sunday</b>
<b>Sunday</b> 9.30am	<b>7th April</b> Mass	<b>Mercy Sunday</b>

**Livestream Link:** on YouTube:  
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**Early Edition**

**St John Fisher Parish Community  
Shrine of Our Lady of Schoenstatt  
31st March 2024 Easter Sunday**



## The Resurrection Says it All

Today we consider the mystery at the heart of the Christian faith. It is simple but extraordinary and powerful. It was so mind-blowing that even the disciples and the apostles Jesus told it would happen didn't believe it until they saw him. It shattered all their concepts of life. In the whole history of humanity, death was the greatest fear, the curse to wish or inflict on your worst enemies. It was conquered. "Christ is Risen," says it all. We can no longer live the same way now that death has been defeated in Christ. In today's Gospel, we see that the Resurrection didn't sink in for the disciples until they witnessed the results themselves. It leaves us in hopeful suspense because death no longer had the last word. The disciples had all the facts. Christ could raise the dead. Martha saw his brother Lazarus raised after three days in the tomb. The mourners of the dead little girl's daughter mocked Jesus when he said she was sleeping, and then he "woke" her up. Even Mary thought today that the body had been stolen. The disciples walking to Emmaus had all the facts. After the Transfiguration, he told Peter not to tell anyone until he was raised from the dead and kept repeating that he would be raised from the dead on the third day. The disciples were clueless. We can't blame them. Even today there are a lot of disciples of Christ who are clueless. All the facts are at hand, but they lack faith, and so they live as if eternal life is a fairy tale. We have many more signs that they did: the Church has testified to the Resurrection for over two thousand years, and many of her children have gone to the grave believing that someday they would rise, just as Our Lord did. Like John in today's Gospel let's look at the signs of Jesus' resurrection—an empty tomb, a suspiciously well-folded head wrapping—and simply believe.



**Live as Easter People** So what does it mean to live as Easter people? It means we live as a people, all parts of Christ's Body working together toward a single purpose: love. We allow him to live through our bodies

and voices, our thoughts and dreams, our arms and faces. We are the Body of Christ. This is not merely a nice metaphor; it speaks a reality by which we live as Easter people. Jesus now is with us, within us. He is also outside us, in others, we meet him especially in those who need our love, those we can feed, clothe, visit, heal, forgive, and love.

### Hope Garden

We will shortly be "refreshing " the Hope garden. This will involve replacing some plants with ones that do not need as much water. If anyone has donated a plant previously to the Hope garden and they would like their plant to be kept could you please let us know. Can you offer your time as a volunteer in the gardens, even for just a couple of hours a week please also speak to Paul Stephen or Jimmy Nicholas. Thank you, *the gardening team*

### GOOD NEWS *Tell Your Story*

Christianity spread because Christians told their story. In our own time, people will come to find their joy in Christ if we tell our own story about finding that joy.

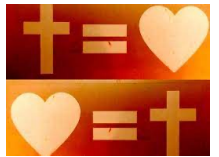


**Mass Intentions.** We Pray for peace in Eastern Europe, the Holy Land and for the people suffering there and other theatres of war. We pray for world leaders to follow a way to peace and justice. **For all our sick and housebound:** Please pray for Irene Sargent, Kate Martin, baby John McDonagh, Konrad Ostmeier, Angela Edmondson, Colette Crillen, Muriel & Brian Osborne, Auntie Rosaleen, Jodie Corless, Gerrard Herffernon, Gina Buccinno, Joan Eastwood, Paul Ormerod, 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, Maria Edwards, Agnes

McFadden, Eric Derbyshire, John Derbyshire, Eileen Johnson, Jane Boyle, Pat Jones, Lee Pomfret. **For those, who died recently** George Devlin, Matt O'Sullivan, Harriet O'Neill, Joanne Lansley, Caroline Beechey, Josie Carroll, Kate Barnard, Jean Hughes, Kathleen Caulfield, Linda O'Brien. **On the Anniversary** of Brian Stocks, Mary Grogan, Anne Valler, Josie O'Neill, Allyson Houghton, Alice Massey, D P Pastore, Paul Neary, John Curliss Snr., Nora Robinson. For a precious granddaughter. For Janet Cassidy, Angela Fenton and for Dominic Mazza, Marie Jones, Theresa Karey. For the deceased members of the Kelly Purdy Family. For Fr Anthony Graham, Santhosh Cherian, Arthur Caswell, Brian Madden on their Birthday. In the intention of MacDonald family, Harris family, Arun and Swanti and Holy Souls in purgatory. Easter Mass for Anne Mazza and family, Jim & Vera O'Connell. Remembering Paul Neary on his Birthday

### MARRIAGE MATTERS *A sign of new life*

Today we celebrate the resurrection and new life in the Lord. In our marriage we too rise to new life when we put each other first in all we do and say. Let us live openly, honestly and truthfully so that we become a 'sign' to our families that Jesus is alive in our married love.



### Offertory Envelopes

Envelopes for the next financial year (April 2024 – March 2025) are now being distributed. If you do not currently use the envelopes could I please encourage you to give serious consideration to doing so. Everyone can use the envelopes even if they are not a taxpayer but they are particularly important if you are a taxpayer. The government's Gift Aid Scheme enables us to reclaim the tax you will have paid on the amount you donate. This means, in effect, that the value of the donations in your envelopes increases by 25% at no further expense to you. If you want envelopes, please drop a note with your name and contact details into the offertory basket or you can speak to Tom Burke on 01204 578706. If you have any questions about the Gift Aid Scheme I am sure that he will answer them for you.

