

St John Fisher's Church 10th March 2024

Laetare Sunday Fourth in Lent

9.30am Mass
12.00noon Adoration

Monday 11th March

Lent Weekday

Tuesday 12th March

9.00am Mass
9.30am Adoration
11.00am Café (in the Cottage)

Lent Weekday

Wednesday 13th March

9.00am Mass
9.30am Adoration
1.00pm The Unity Brook Colliery Memorial Service

Lent Weekday

Thursday 14th March

10.00am Coffee Morning
6.30pm Adoration
7.30pm Mass

Lent Weekday

Friday 15th March

11.00am Adoration
12.00 noon Mass
3.00pm Stations of the Cross

Lent Weekday

Saturday 16th March

11.00am Adoration
12.00 noon Mass
1.30pm St John Pendlebury Recollection

Vigil 5th Sunday Lent

Sunday 17th March

9.30am Mass
11.30am Baptism Reuben Benjamin Duddridge
12.00 noon Adoration

5th Sunday Lent

Mothers' Day

Livestream Link:

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Final Edition

St John Fisher Parish Community
Shrine of Our Lady of Schoenstatt
10th March 2024 fourth Lent Sunday



God Cares

You never really know someone until you know what's in their heart, what motivates them, what they're looking for, why they do what they do. In the Gospel passage we just listened to, Jesus lays bare the heart of God. Jesus is talking with Nicodemus, a member of the Sanhedrin, Israel's ruling body. It is at night, Nicodemus was afraid to come to talk to Jesus during the day-time, afraid to be seen with him.

Maybe they are sitting around a campfire, or at a table with an oil lamp on it, casting restless shadows on their faces. What message does Jesus give to this confused and fearful Jewish leader? The history of salvation, from the fall of Adam and Eve until the final judgment, revolves around the coming of Jesus Christ, the Saviour, the Son of God. Why did he come? Because the Father sent him. Why did the Father send him? Because he "loved the world so much."

God simply couldn't bear to see us perish in our sins; he longed to share with us his everlasting life. He cares. God cares. And Jesus Christ is the definitive proof that he cares. He cares so much that he is willing to sacrifice his only Son to atone for the sins that have separated man from God, the source of all good things. We need look no further to find the very core of the Gospel: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish, but might have eternal life." No hidden agenda, no selfish undertones, pure generosity. This is the heart of God, of the Lord who longs for our friendship. Only when we internalise this fundamental motive of God does our Christian adventure really begin.



Church Car Park Closure

A Tree Surgeon will be working on the trees in the Presbytery Garden from **Tuesday 19th - Thursday 21st March**. **Carpark will be closed** after Mass on Tuesday and Wednesday 9.00am Mass and all day Thursday.

GOOD NEWS *Spreading the Joy*

We are the lucky ones: we know that God loves us, that we are infinitely valuable in his eyes, no matter what, in spite of our sins, failings, and weaknesses.



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 Kate Martin, baby John McDonagh, Auntie Rosaleen, 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 Connors, 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** Joanne Lansley, Caroline Beechey, Josie Carroll, Kate Barnard, Jean Hughes, Thomas Alexander Shades, Mary Gaskell, Michael McGuire, Mary Cole, Mary Green. **On the Anniversary** of Mary Dorothea Holland, Kevin Madden, Paul Neary, Irene Yates, Vincent Robinson, Kath Kelly, Mary Nicholas, Capt. DW Pastore M.C., John Curliss Snr., Nora Robinson. 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 the deceased members of the Kelly Purdy Family. For Santhosh Cherian, Arthur Caswell, Hilda & Brian Madden on their Birthday. In the intention of MacDonald family, Harris family, Arun and Swanti and Holy Souls in purgatory. Bishop Brain on his 60th Anniversary of priestly Ordination.

THOUGHT FOR LENT Give something, however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could.” — St. Gregory Nazianzen

MARRIAGE MATTERS *Called to be a 'sign'*

The world often ridicules marriage saying 'it's just a piece of paper', but Scripture draws attention to God's powerful message. St. Paul says: "We are God's work of art; created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning He had meant us to live it." Let us shine out so the world sees what it's missing.



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

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.

