

St John Fisher's Church 3rd March 2024

Third Sunday in Lent

9.30am Mass
12.00noon Adoration
12.30pm Salford UCM Retreat
2.00pm First Holy Communion Classes (Cottage)

Monday 4th March Lent Weekday
Tuesday 5th March Lent Weekday
9.00am Mass
9.30am Adoration
11.00am Café (in the Cottage)

Wednesday 6th March Lent Weekday
9.00am Mass
9.30am Adoration
12.30pm Hands of Hope

Thursday 7th March
6.30pm Adoration Lent Weekday
7.30pm Mass Ss Perpetua & Felicity

Friday 8th March
11.00am Adoration
12.00 noon Mass St John of God
3.00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday 9th March Vigil 4th Sunday Lent
11.00am Adoration
12.00 noon Mass

Sunday 10th March 4th Sunday Lent
9.30am Mass Mothers' Day
12.00 noon Adoration

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Early Edition

St John Fisher Parish Community
Shrine of Our Lady of Schoenstatt
3rd March 2024 third Lent Sunday



Jesus Wants Us to Find True Satisfaction

We all want to be satisfied in life. That's what happiness is, really, the achievement of satisfaction, of spiritual contentment, of a sense of fulfilment that doesn't wear out. Everything we do is directed towards that end. It's like we have a homing device built into our hearts, and it keeps drawing us towards fulfilment and satisfaction. We keep seeking new activities, accomplishments, relationships, adventures, all because we feel this interior drive for fulfilment, meaning, and happiness. This is a good thing. God made us that way. He put the homing device in our hearts, because he wants us to find that satisfaction and fulfilment, that happiness. But there is a problem. Ever since sin entered into the world, we have had a tendency to look for this fulfilment in the wrong places. God designed the human heart to find its lasting fulfilment in a deep, personal, ongoing friendship with him, in what the Catechism calls "communion with God". This is why the first three commandments, as we read in today's First Reading, have to do with our relationship with God, that's the most important thing. But our fallen human nature tends to look for it in other places: career success, money, pleasure, power, popularity... But that is wrong. Those things are fine in themselves, and they have their place in the human story. But they cannot substitute God! Only God can satisfy our deepest longing. And that's why Jesus gets so worked up in today's Gospel passage. The Temple was set aside as a place where people could go to pray, to encounter God and develop their friendship with him. But all of these merchants and money changers had made it into a mall, a place of buying and selling things! The place that should have helped people find God had gradually become full of obstacles to finding God. Jesus passionately wants us to find God, because he wants us to find true satisfaction.



MarchGOOD NEWS *Finding God's Will*

Jesus wants our friendship, because the only place we can find the fulfilment and satisfaction we yearn for is in communion with God. To know, love, and follow Christ, then, also involves knowing, loving, and following Christ's Church.



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 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 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 Kevin Madden, Paul Neary, Irene Yates, Vincent Robinson, Kath Kelly, Mary Nicholas, Capt. DW 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 Santhosh Cherian, Arthur Caswell, 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

Welcome to Fr Herbert, the new member of the Schoenstatt Fathers joining us here at the Shrine, St John Fisher's

MARRIAGE MATTERS *God's love is our strength*

Let us remind each other constantly that our marriage is as unique and as special to God today as it was when we first married. We are blessed with a love that transforms ordinary everyday events into something quite different and special. Our faults and weaknesses become our strengths if we strive to love one another as God loves us..



THOUGHT FOR LENT

God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy - Pope Francis

First Holy Communion Classes. The programme starts today, 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.

