

St John Fisher's Church 21st April 2024

Final Edition

**St John Fisher Parish Community
Shrine of Our Lady of Schoenstatt
21st April 2024 Fourth Sunday of Easter**



Sunday 9.30am 12.00noon Monday	21st April Mass Adoration 22nd April	Fourth Easter Sunday Good Shepherd Easter Weekday
Tuesday 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am	23rd April Mass Adoration Café	St George Patron of England
Wednesday 9.00am 9.30am	24th April Mass Adoration	Easter Weekday
Thursday 6.30pm 7.30pm	25th April Adoration Mass	St Mark Evangelist
Friday 11.00am 12.00 noon	26th April Adoration Mass	Easter Weekday
Saturday 11.00am 12.00 noon 2.00pm	27th April Adoration Mass A Day for our Marriage	Vigil 5th Easter Sunday
Sunday 9.30am	28th April Mass	5th Easter Sunday

Annual Retreat of the Schoenstatt Fathers

The Schoenstatt Fathers will be on Annual Retreat from

Monday 29th April until Friday 3rd May.

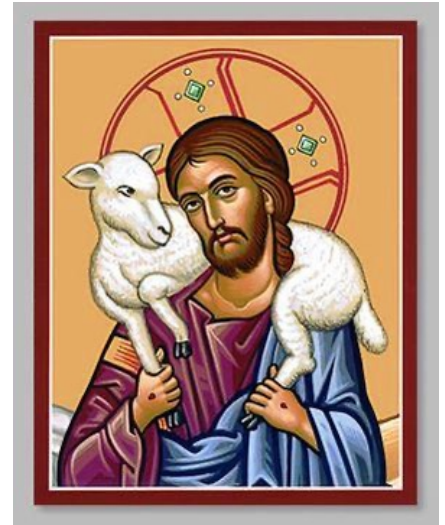
There will be no Weekday Masses or Adoration in that time.

Livestream Link: on YouTube:
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Jesus Is Our Model for Living Life to the Full

Jesus is the good shepherd for two reasons. First, because he laid down his life in order to save us, his sheep, from the devil. After original sin, the human race was under a curse. As the Catechism puts it, "By our first parents' sin, the devil has acquired certain domination over man, even though man remains free... "Ignorance of the fact that man has a wounded nature inclined to evil gives rise to serious errors in the areas of education, politics, social action, and morals." Jesus came to break that domination, to reclaim us for himself, and through his grace, to lead us gradually out of our inherited, sinful self-centredness to the everlasting happiness of self-forgetful love. He didn't have to do this; he chose to, because he cares, he is the good shepherd. Second, Jesus is the good shepherd because he is faithful to the mission he received from the Father. This mission of carrying out the Father's plan, of obeying the Father's will, consumes Jesus and constitutes in his mind the entire meaning of his life: "This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again... This command I have received from my Father." Jesus Christ was perfect man; he lived his human life perfectly, and that perfection consisted in focusing wholly on the Father's will, in being passionately faithful to his sonship. To discover and fulfil our own identity as children of God, and so experience life as he created us to live it, both now and in eternity, Jesus invites us to imitate him: "The sheep follow, because they know his voice" (John 10:4). The voice of Christ, our good shepherd, is his example of fulfilling his life-mission, no matter the cost. We follow him by doing the same.



From the Parish Finance Team

Firstly, can I take this opportunity on behalf of all those, who steward our finances and fundraising, to thank you for your financial support to the parish over the past twelve months. The general financial situation in the parish continues to be subject to the same pressures as affect everyone's life but I am pleased to report that we are coping well with the pressures. The Parish Finance Committee meets regularly to monitor our income and expenditure commitments to ensure that we live within our means whilst maintaining the quality of our services, surroundings and property. The Fundraising committee meets to look for ways to supplement our income. We are also grateful to all our volunteers who undertake so much work in the gardens and grounds of our parish campus. You may have possibly noticed that we have recently been able to undertake a number of significant maintenance tasks (the driveway, flat roof of the presbytery and safety of the trees around the site.) This is due, in no small measure to the faithful support through your offertory donations and also those involved in the gift aid scheme, which last year amounted to a claim of almost £6,000.00. Very many thanks. Fr Bryan

GOOD NEWS *Grow in Trust*

All of us here today trust Jesus, our good shepherd. But we can all learn to trust him more. And if we trust him more completely, then we will follow him more closely, and he will be able to fill our lives more fully with strength, joy, and grace.



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 Annamma, Irene Sargent, Kate Martin, baby John McDonagh, Konrad Ostmeier, Angela Edmundson, 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 Bocker, Peter Fenton, Marie Fenton, John Ward, Jane Jordan, Rita Derbyshire, Eric Derbyshire, John Derbyshire, Peter Tracey, Linda Muir, Sharon Simpson, Anne Holland, Bob Cole, Elizabeth De Chazal, Maria Edwards, Agnes McFadden, Eileen Johnson, Jane Boyle, Pat Jones, Lee Pomfret. **For those, who died recently Caroline Hall, John Grow,** James Harvey, George Devlin, Matt O'Sullivan, Harriet O'Neill, Joanne Lansley, Susan Welch Linda O'Brien. **On the Anniversary** of Toni Brown, Eveline Allen, Paul Neary, 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 Duncan, Fr Bryan and Irene Snell on their Birthday. In the intention of Madden Family and Friends, MacDonald family, Harris family, Arun and Swami. Birthday blessings for Brian Stocks, Denise Nicholas, Irene Snell, Kath Johnson, Lila Alker and Julie Almond. Remembering Paul Neary on his Birthday. For Jody Relph

MARRIAGE MATTERS *We lay down our lives, we go beyond* Couples can relate to the notion of 'shepherding' with regards to their children: "I know my own and my own know me". Even in crowds, our children will recognise our voices and we theirs. Also, just as Jesus spoke today of 'laying down His life', when marrying, we made a solemn vow to lay down our lives for one another.



The Good Shepherd

Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd, and You have sought us out, found us, brought us back home to You, we who have trusted You, wayward and lost sheep but now safe in Your arms. And because You are our shepherd, we rest secure. We have all that we need. Life may be hard, we may be busy, we may be anxious, we may wonder what will happen, but we know that because You are committed to us and care for us, we can be contented.

