

# St John Fisher's Church 1st September 2024

Sunday	1st September	Twenty second Sunday
9.30am 12.00 noon	Mass Adoration	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>2nd September</b>	Weekday
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>3rd September</b> (No 9.00am Mass)	St Gregory the great
<b>Wednesday</b> 9.00am 9.30am 1.00pm	<b>4th September</b> Mass Adoration Hands of hope	St Cuthbert
<b>Thursday</b> 6.30pm 7.30pm	<b>5th September</b> Adoration Mass	
<b>Friday</b> 11.00am 12.00 noon	<b>6th September</b> Adoration Mass	
<b>Saturday</b> 11.00am 12.00 noon 2.00pm.	<b>7th September</b> Adoration Mass Marriage Prep.	<b>Vigil 23rd Sunday</b>
<b>Sunday</b> 9.30am 11.30am	<b>8th September</b> Mass Baptism	<b>Twenty-third Sunday</b>

## Livestream Link:

on YouTube:

<Schoenstatt YouthUK>

Facebook

<Schoenstatt Family England>

**Final Edition**

**St John Fisher Parish Community  
Shrine of Our Lady of Schoenstatt  
1st September 2024 twenty second Sunday**



## Jesus Wants Hearts, not Hypocrites

God cares more about what happens on the inside of our lives than what happens on the outside: he wants our hearts. That's what he's trying to explain to the Pharisees, and to all his disciples, and to us. It is quite possible to appear perfectly Christian on the outside while being perfectly selfish on the inside. We can go to Mass regularly, avoid obviously lewd or sinful behaviour in public, say prayers so that others will notice, we can do all those things exteriorly while constantly entertaining evil thoughts and self-centred desires in our hearts. That kind of divided life, which is called hypocrisy, can't last. As the old saying goes, unless we live according to what we believe, we will soon start believing in accordance with what we live. Or, as Jesus puts it elsewhere in the Gospels (cf. Matthew 6:21): where our hearts are, there our treasure is. True followers of Jesus Christ can never be satisfied with merely exterior piety; we can never consider ourselves superior to others just because our sins are less visible. That's what the Pharisees did, and it blinded them to God's love; in fact, it tragically turned them into enemies of God. True religion has exterior manifestations, certainly, but they are meant to flow from and give expression to the experience of the heart. The heart is the place where we decide for or against our conscience, for or against God's will. Our friendship with Christ, and the purpose, strength, and vigour that flows out of that friendship, depend on our inner allegiance to him; looking like goody-two-shoes on the outside can never substitute for that. Jesus doesn't care what we look like to others; he cares about who we really are. And so, that's what we should care about too.



**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 Lily Alker, Celia Eccleston, Edmund Birch, Avril de Mink, Hildegard Cornelius, Barbara Conners, Aisha Yacoob, baby Kyle Ward, Hilda Mustill, Peter Hughes, Joe Dalton, Phil Parker, Sheila McKay, Anne Holland, John Dennehy, Patrick O'Neill, Jodie Corless, Annamma, Irene Sargent, Kate Martin, Konrad Ostmeier, Elaine McNally, Joan Eastwood, Paul Ormerod, Irene Wood, Alec Watson, Anna Abraham, Rose McGann, Nora McDonald, Sally Gibson, Jane Shades, Pauline Millington, Eileen Kehoe, Bob Plover, Ruth Dawson, Pauline Kent, Maureen Manion, Lynda Robinson, Paul Grogan, Leo Mazza, Doreen Mazza, Hilda Plover, Maureen Rogers, Sheila Barker, Alice Hindley, Pat Pearson, Sheila Bocker, Peter Fenton, Marie Fenton, John Ward, Jane Jordan, Rita Derbyshire, Eric Derbyshire, John Derbyshire, Peter Tracey, Linda Muir, Sharon Simpson, Maria Edwards, Agnes McFadden, Eileen Johnson, Jane Boyle, Pat Jones, Lee Pomfret. **For those, who died recently** Michael Craddens, Martin Hotchkiss, Fr Derek Woodhead, Graham Massey, Susan Irvine, Mary Pearson, Paul Lenihan, Bob Thomas, Seamus Hart, Ian McVicar, June Heneghan. **On the Anniversary** of Dennis Redmond, Beatrice Madden, Mary Nicholas, Marjorie Marshall, Thomas Cooper, Hilary Cooper, Paul Neary, Emma Sheldon, D P Pastore, Arthur Caswell, John Carabine. For Janet Cassidy, Marie Fenton, Angela Fenton, Nikki Fenton and for Dominic Mazza, Marie Jones, Theresa Karey. **Special Intentions** of a family, "for my beautiful mum". For Hilda Plover, Marie Fenton, Anne & Konrad, Harris family. Remembering Elizabeth Summerville on her Birthday. For John and Sue Clegg, Paul and Sandra (RIP) Cooper on their Golden Wedding. Remembering Marie&Jim Lyon on their Wedding Anniversary

**World Youth Day Rome 2025** Are you aged 16-35? Are you looking for an unforgettable opportunity to share your faith with other young Catholics? Pope Francis has announced a special World Youth Day in Rome next summer. The pilgrimage will take place between 28 July and 3 August. For more information and to register please email <youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk >

**GOOD NEWS** *The Virtue of Obedience*

Jesus has given us the gift of his friendship, and because of that, he always walks by our side, loves us without condemning us, and wants us to



live close to him and in his presence. And so, obedience to him, following God's will and the Church teaching, is nothing to be ashamed of.

**MARRIAGE MATTERS** *Choosing what is best for 'us'*  
Today, Jesus almost affirms His disciples' rule-breaking. He talks of people honouring Him with lip-service, with hearts far from Him. In marriage, it's the same when behaving 'husbandly' or 'wifely': saying/doing the right words/actions with hearts far from one another. Making listening to Jesus and each other a lifestyle choice enables us to choose what is best for 'us'.



**Marriage Preparation** The next Marriage Preparation course will be at St John Fisher's on Saturday 7th and Saturday 14th September 2024 starting at 2.00pm

## Prayer for Holy Communion

Dear Lord, as we approach this table, we come humbly before You, recognising the sacrifice of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Sanctify this bread and wine, and let them be for us the body and blood of Christ. May this communion strengthen our faith, deepen our love for You and for one another, and renew our spirits. Help us to remember the great cost of our salvation and to live in gratitude for Your grace. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

## Humour

