

St John Fisher's Church 27th October 2024

Sunday	27th October	Thirtieth Sunday
9.30am	Mass	
12.30pm	Baptism Frank James Underwood	
12.00 noon	Adoration	
Monday	28th October	Ss Simon & Jude
Tuesday	29th October	Weekday
9.00am	Mass	
9.30am	Adoration	
12.00am	Café	
7.00pm	Wedding Practice	
Wednesday	30th October	Weekday
9.00am	Mass	
9.30am	Adoration	
1.00pm	Hands of Hope	
Thursday	31st October	Weekday
6.30pm	Adoration	
7.30pm	Mass	
Friday	1st November	All Saints Holy Day of Obligation
11.00am	Adoration	
12.00 noon	Mass	
2.00pm	Wedding Jack Dempsey & Natasha Peters	
7.00pm	Mass	
Saturday	2nd November	Vigil 30th Sunday All Souls
11.00am	Adoration	
12.00noon.	Mass	
Sunday	3rd November	Thirty First Sunday
9.30am	Mass	
12.00 noon	Adoration	

Livestream Link:

on YouTube:

<Schoenstatt YouthUK>

Facebook

<Schoenstatt Family England>

November is the Month of the Holy Souls RIP

Final Edition

St John Fisher Parish Community
Shrine of Our Lady of Schoenstatt
27th October 2024 thirtieth Sunday



God Wants to Be our Ally

Christ's question to the blind man seems out of place. "What do you want me to do for you," he inquires. Isn't it obvious? Isn't it clear that the blind man wants the Lord to cure him of his blindness? Of course it is. And yet, Jesus lets Bartimaeus ask for what he wants. Jesus respects this man's freedom, and he invites him to make an explicit act of faith; it is not a mere formality, but an expression of love. To understand this, we have to picture the scene. It's a hot, dry, dusty day, and the streets are thronged with noisy, impatient crowds. Blind Bartimaeus must have been breathless with excitement and exertion. He must have been disoriented even more than usual after being led about quickly by the disciples who brought him through the restless crowd to Jesus. The blind man couldn't see the warmth, gentleness, and sincerity of Christ's eyes, so the Lord chose to communicate those things with his voice. The question he asked, and the way he asked it, stripped away any nervousness, fear, and hesitation that the blind man may have been experiencing. Somehow, after hearing the question, Bartimaeus knew for certain that Jesus cared, that Jesus wanted to listen, to help. The brief exchange draws these two hearts together: the beggar is freed from any possible inhibitions and given a chance to bare his deepest longings to the Lord. And the Lord welcomes them, takes them into his own soul, and grants them. This beautiful, powerful, life-transforming exchange is a prototype of all Christian prayer, which God wants to be eminently personal and sincere. He is our God, and yet he wants to be our ally, our friend, our confidant. The real question is, will we let him?



Shoobox Gift

Samaritans-Purse invites you to prepare a gift in a shoobox for a child. Please see the details on the Notice Board and ask Kathryn McGladdery and Kath Shevlan for details. **Return your Shoobox to St John Fisher by Sunday 10/11/2024** or hand it in to **The Entertainer Bolton Market** until **18/11/2024**. (Closed on Sundays) Please keep to the deadlines.

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 Avril de Mink, Hildegard Cornelius, Barbara Conners, Zack Gorton, Emma Donoghue, Jane Huxley, Angela & Harold Thomas, Alec Watson, Muriel & Brian Osborne, Kath Hawkins, Geraldine Waterman, Bernie Crossley, A. Rosaleen, Debbie Shades James Neary, Lily Alker, Celia Eccleston, Edmund Birch, 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, Sally Gibson, Jane Shades, Pauline Millington, Eileen Kehoe, Ruth Dawson, Pauline Kent, Maureen Manion, Lynda Robinson, Paul Grogan, Leo Mazza, Doreen Mazza, Hilda Plover, Bob 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** Tommy Cunningham, Margaret Allan, Michael Clancy, Simon Higham, Graham Bent, Isobel Catherine Nield, Peter Hewit, Michael Cradden, baby Jude Michael Shevlin. **On the Anniversary** of Sandra Cooper (40th Aniv. 29.10.2024), Ronnie Whitelaw, Jim & Vera O'Connell, James Birch, Ray Mazza, Paul Neary, James Nicholas Snr, 30th Anniversary of Thomas, Emma Sheldon. For Janet Cassidy, Marie Fenton, Angela Fenton, Nikki Fenton and for Dominic Mazza, Marie Jones, Theresa Karey. **Special Intentions** of the Shevlin family, for Chloe Fenton, Rita Derbyshire, Joe Barlow, Hilda Plover, Marie Fenton, Anne & Konrad, Harris family, Anna Abraham, Arun & Swany.

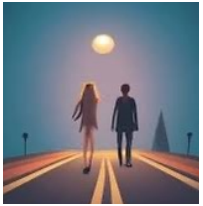
GOOD NEWS *Praying to Boost Our Faith*

Jesus wants to have something to do with each one of us. He really is capable of bringing his warmth and light into the dark, cold places of our souls, just as he easily brought light to the eyes of Bartimaeus. All we need is faith.



MARRIAGE MATTERS *Ask and you will receive*

The prophet tells us today that if we ask, the Lord will always comfort, lead and guide us, so that we will not stumble. Jesus' response to Bartimaeus – "What do you want me to do for you?" points the way. In marriage we become mirrors of God's saving help, supporting each other and being sure guides for our children.



Synod in Salford Diocese

we are now able to share the 'Big Listen' Report. This report shares the responses and themes identified from the diocesan wide listening exercise. You can access the full report via the diocesan website and the QR code. The four themes emerged *Nurturing Faith in Tomorrow's World, Building Connections, Enabling Access, and Fostering Christ-like Care.* Also four summary leaflets will be made available in monthly stages on a theme by theme basis, starting 29th September at 2.00pm with. You will be able to access these via the same links: please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/synod/>



In our Parish we have four meetings for the Synod. Next meeting

- Meeting Three** 17.11.2024
- Meeting Four** 08.12.2024

Synod Prayer

Father we thank you for the gift of the Church, through which you show us that you are always with us and are always at work in our lives. Help us to respond to the challenges of our times in new ways to bring your love to all our sisters and brothers. We make this prayer through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen

Emergency Middle East Appeal from Cafod to help those caught up in the war in the Holy Land and Lebanon **Retiring Collection Sunday 3rd Nov**

November 2024 Month of the Holy Souls In November we remember all the deceased members of our families and of our Parish. The Church remembers the Holy Souls. *Please fill in your November List and place it in an envelope and put it in the collection or on the Altar.* You may put a donation for the Masses for the Holy Souls if you wish. Holy Mass will be offered each day for all our departed loved ones.