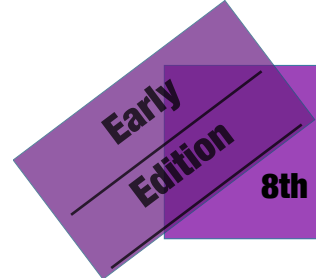


St John Fisher's Church 8th December 2024



St John Fisher Parish Community Shrine of Our Lady of Schoenstatt 8th December 2024 Second Advent Sunday



Sunday 9.30am 2.00pm	8th December Mass Parish Synod	Second Advent Sunday
Monday 9.00am	9th December Mass	Immaculate Conception
Tuesday 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am	10th December Mass Adoration Café	Advent Weekday
Wednesday 9.00am 9.30am 12.30pm	11th December Mass Adoration Hands of Hope	Advent Weekday
Thursday 10.00am 6.30pm 7.30pm	12th December Coffee Morning Adoration Mass	Advent Weekday
Friday 11.00am 12.00 noon 7.00pm	13th December Adoration Mass Choir Practice for Carols for Peace	St Lucy
Saturday 11.00am 12.00noon.	14th December Adoration Mass	Vigil 3rd Advent Sunday
Sunday 9.30am 11.30am 1.30pm	15th December Mass Confirmation Sophia & Oisín D'Arcy-Blood Baptism Adaeze Deborah Chibuzo Carols for Peace	Third Advent Sunday
Tuesday 7.00pm	17th December Service of Reconciliation	

**Livestream Link: on YouTube:
Facebook**

**<Schoenstatt YouthUK>
<Schoenstatt Family England>**

Preparing the Way for the Lord

Great personages announce their official visits ahead of time. This provides people with an opportunity to prepare for the visit, so as to be able to be ready for it. When the president of a country goes somewhere on an official visit, a whole team of security personnel, media workers, and diplomats goes in ahead of time, getting everything ready. The same thing happens when the Pope makes an official pastoral visit. When he came to World Youth Day in Sydney back in 2008, the dioceses in Australia spent more than two years in preparation. We do the same thing when we have an important guest coming over for dinner. We want the visit to go well; we don't want our guest to be neglected or saddened by a cold or sloppy welcome.



That's exactly what's happening in today's Gospel passage. John the Baptist is Christ's precursor, the one sent to announce his coming and get people ready to welcome him. John the Baptist plays a central role in our Advent liturgy, because this is the season during which the Church recalls Christ's first coming, readies itself to welcome him at his new, spiritual coming this Christmas, and looks forward to his definitive, second coming at the end of history. The word "Advent" actually originates from the Latin term for "coming towards." Jesus is "coming towards" us in a new way this Christmas, and the message of John the Baptist is meant to help us get ready. Luke emphasises the incomparable importance of Christ's coming by pointing out how the Old Testament had prophesied not only the arrival of Jesus, but even the appearance of the precursor, John. Choir.

Practice for Carols for Peace on Friday 13th December at 7.00pm. Welcome to new members of the Choir

Synod in Salford Diocese In our Parish

Next meeting

Meeting Four

08.12.2024



GOOD NEWS *Go!*

We each have a mission. Being a Catholic means experiencing the joy of being loved and chosen and forgiven by God. Jesus believes in us. He has made us partners in telling others the amazing news that our lives have a purpose. Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary. We're called to tell that to others.

Each soul enters with a mission. We all have a mission to perform.

Mass Intentions. In the month of November we pray for the Holy Souls. We pray for the people affected by the floods in Spain. 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 Hilda Musthill, Margaret Harris, Diane Middleton, Avril de Mink, Hildegard Cornelius, Barbara Conners, Angela Fenton, Alice McEvoy, Debbie Shades James Neary, Lily Alker, Celia Eccleston, Alice Hindley, Pat Pearson, Peter Hughes, Joe Dalton, Sheila McKay, Anne Holland, Annamma, 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, Maureen Rogers, Sheila Barker, 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. Successful operation Melissa Jayne Ashford. **For those, who died recently** Bob Plover, Jane Huxley, Rita Tunstall,. **On the Anniversary** of Winifred Curliss (50 Years), Angela Dease, Mary Grogan, Ann Saunders, Paul Neary. **Special Intentions** Margaret Chick, Joanne Raynor, Janet Cassidy, Marie Fenton, Nikki Fenton and for Dominic Mazza, Marie Jones, Theresa Karey, Shevlin family, for Chloe Fenton, Rita Derbyshire, Hilda Plover, Anne & Konrad, Harris family, Anna Abraham, Arun & Swany.

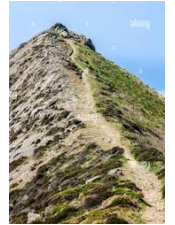
Confirmation Classes

Those wishing to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to the class on Saturday 7th December at 2.00pm in the tearoom of St John Fisher's.



MARRIAGE MATTERS *Smoothing out rough ways...to welcome You*

Paul speaks of our 'partnership in the Gospel' and prays that our love continues growing. He wants us to 'come to true discernment' about our choices. Luke's Gospel challenges us as married couples: are we enabling each other to 'prepare a way for the Lord'? Are there 'paths' that need 'straightening' or 'rough' attitudes/behaviours that need to be made smooth?



Silver Jubilee of the Shrine

Next year in October 2025 we have the Silver Jubilee of the Blessing of the Shrine. Our Shrine has been designated by Bishop Arnold as one of the places to gain graces of the Holy Year through receiving the Holy Year Indulge. Throughout the year pilgrims will make their way to the Shrine to be welcomed by our Parish and the Schoenstatt Family. In a special way the members of the Parish are invited to join with the Schoenstatt Family to celebrate this Silver Jubilee. A number of workgroups are starting to meet to plan a programme. If you would like to join one of the workgroups please talk to Fr Bryan or Edmund Birch.

Advent

Sunday 1st December is the **First Sunday of Advent** and we will have **the introduction of the new Lectionaries** as the book of readings from the Bible at Holy Mass. Thank you to the members of our Parish who so generously contributed towards the cost of the new Lectionaries. The New Rota for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers is available at the back of Church.

Christmas Fayre Total £2,098.41

Thank you for all the work put into our Christmas Fayre. Thanks to Susan Riley and the fundraising team for a very successful event

Raffle prize: Jo Malone Candle & Fragrance Pink ticket 128

Carols for Peace Sunday 15th December at 1.30pm

Come and join us with your family

Light the Advent candle, two:
Think of humble shepherds, who
filled with wonder at the sight
of the child of Christmas night.

Candle, candle, burning bright,
shining in the cold winter night;
candle, candle, burning bright, fill
our hearts with Christmas light.