

# St John Fisher's Church Baptism 2025



## St John Fisher Parish Community Shrine of Our Lady of Schoenstatt Sunday 12th January Baptism of the Lord



<b>Sunday</b> 9.30am	<b>12th January 2025</b> Mass	Baptism of the Lord
<b>Monday</b>	<b>13th January</b>	First Week of Ordinary Time
<b>Tuesday</b> 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 7.00pm	<b>14th January</b> Mass Adoration Café Fundraising Meeting	Weekday
<b>Wednesday</b> 9.00am 9.30am 12.30pm 7.00pm	<b>15th January</b> Mass Adoration Hands of Hope Shrine Jubilee Co-ordinating Group (Patty Ganley)	Weekday
<b>Thursday</b> 6.30pm 7.30pm	<b>16th January</b> Adoration Mass	Weekday
<b>Friday</b> 11.00am 12.00noon	<b>17th January</b> Adoration Mass	St Anthony
<b>Saturday</b> 11.00am 12.00 noon 2.00pm 3.30pm	<b>18th January</b> Adoration Mass Covenant Mass Into My Vineyard Meeting	Vigil 2nd Sunday
<b>Sunday</b> 9.30am	<b>19th January</b> Mass	2nd Sunday

**Livestream Link: on YouTube:**  
**Facebook**  
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**<Schoenstatt Family England>**

**Jesus Doesn't Keep His Distance** St Luke tells us that John was baptising “all the people” as a way to help them prepare their hearts to welcome the Saviour. Their hearts needed preparing, because they were full of selfishness, doubt, arrogance, greed, and all the other spiritual diseases infecting human nature ever since original sin. Christ's heart, however, was pure. So he didn't need to prepare himself for the Saviour's coming; he didn't need to be baptised. And yet, he got in line with the rest of the sinners and submitted to the ritual. Why would he do such a thing? The answer is hidden in today's First Reading, from the prophet Isaiah: “...a bruised reed he [the Messiah] shall not break,” the prophet tells us, “and a smouldering wick he shall not quench.” A bruised reed is a useless reed; a smouldering wick is a useless wick, at least, from a purely natural perspective. And from a purely natural perspective, we fallen human beings are also useless. But God's perspective is supernatural. He sees our misery, our inner ugliness, our selfishness, our sinfulness, our rebellion, our spiritual leprosy, and instead of being repelled by it, he comes right into our midst. He actually takes our part, putting himself as close to us as possible, sharing even in our sufferings. He so eagerly desired to reunite us with the Father, that he became our brother; that's the meaning of his baptism. That's how deeply he longs for our friendship. He knows it's hard for us to trust him and follow him, so he decided to come and walk by our side along the rough and dangerous paths of life, to be our strength in times of struggle, to assure us that he will never forsake us. That's why he took our place in the waters of baptism, and also on the wood of the cross.



**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 Billy Hutton, Gordon Hamilton, Robert (car accident), Bridget & John Dalton, Hilda Musthill, Diane Middleton, Avril de Mink, Hildegard Cornelius, Barbara Connors, 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 Brocker, 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** Betty Mills, John Roylingson, Jimmy Byrne, Terence Concannon, Brian Neary, Bob Plover, Edmund Holland, Anne White. **On the Anniversary** of Thomas Shades, Noel Neary, Barney Shannon, Catherine Cunningham, Kathleen & Alf Lomax, Veronica & Harry Woodward, Mary Cole, Joseph Blower, Rita Cooper, Pat Crolla, 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.

**GOOD NEWS** *Keeping the Crucifix in Mind*

If we want to stay tuned to God and be ready to recognise and welcome his action in our lives, there is no better way than to keep the crucifix always in sight.



**MARRIAGE MATTERS** *Being what we promised to be*

Today's feast tells us who Jesus really is; it calls us to be what we promised at our wedding, a sign to the world of God's love for all of us. At the core of this commitment is the undertaking to trust our spouse with who we really are, feelings, thoughts, ideas; all that makes us who we are today.



**The Well Farnworth Food Bank** We received a thank you card from the Well for the regular contributions made by our Parish. Over the year we have donated 420kg of stock (2% of their total donations). Further to that over the Christmas period we have already donated

£280.00 of shopping from Asda. Parish Contact for Farnworth and Kearsley Foodbank is Bernie Lomax.

**The Holy Year and 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 Indulgence. 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 Herbert, Fr Bryan, Patty Ganley or Edmund Birch.

**Exploring the Jubilee Logo**



- 1 The Cross is the ultimate symbol of hope, reminding us of Christ's light in the darkest of times; his victory over death itself.
- 2 These figures represent all humanity from the four corners of the world. Each one holds onto another in solidarity, with the first holding on to the cross.
- 3 The waves of the stormy sea represent the many difficulties we encounter on the pilgrimage of life, difficulties that often demand a greater sense of hope.
- 4 The Cross takes the shape of a sail at the top, transforming to an anchor at the bottom - a great symbol of hope that keeps us centred through the storms of life.