

# St John Fisher's Church Epiphany 2025



**St John Fisher Parish Community  
Shrine of Our Lady of Schoenstatt  
Sunday 5th January Epiphany**



<b>Sunday</b> 9.30am	<b>5th January 2025</b> Mass	Epiphany
<b>Monday</b>	<b>6th January</b>	Monday after Epiphany
<b>Tuesday</b> 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	<b>7th January</b> Mass Adoration Café Priest's Group in the Cottage	after Epiphany
<b>Wednesday</b> 9.00am 9.30am 12.30pm	<b>8th January</b> Mass Adoration Hands of Hope	after Epiphany
<b>Thursday</b> 10.00am 6.30pm 7.30pm	<b>9th January</b> Coffee Morning Adoration Mass	after Epiphany
Friday 11.00am 12.00noon	10th January Adoration Mass	after Epiphany
Saturday 11.00am 12.00 noon	11th January Adoration Mass	Vigil Baptism of the Lord
Sunday 9.30am	12th January Mass	Baptism of the Lord

**Livestream Link: on YouTube:  
Facebook**

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

*The Schoenstatt Fathers wish you every Blessing in the New Year and every Grace of the Holy Year of the Church and Jubilee Year of the Shrine.  
Fr Andrew, Fr Reginald, Fr Herbert, Fr Duncan, Fr Bryan.*

**God Is Faithful** There is one thing that every human heart is absolutely starving for: someone to trust. Someone who not only will promise to never let you down, never judge you, never abandon you, but someone with enough goodness and enough power to keep that promise. Every one of us needs someone we can lean on no matter what, someone we can go to no matter what, someone who will be glad to see us no matter what - someone who is utterly, totally, unhesitatingly, faithful. That someone is God. The coming of the Wise Men to adore the baby Jesus is one of the Bible's most beautiful proofs of God's faithfulness. More than 500 years before Christ's birth, God had promised, through his prophet Isaiah, that he was going to lead "all the nations" to Jerusalem to share in the light of salvation. He even promised that they would bring gold and incense. In the Book of Psalms he had made the same promise in different words "the kings of Tarshish and the coasts will pay him tribute; the kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts". In spite of 500 years of wars, migrations, and historical turbulence that re-wrote the map of the civilised world three different times, God did what he said he was going to do. The Wise Men came from the non-Jewish world; they represent the nations. By coming to Christ, they enter into the light of salvation bringing gifts. This shows us that God is good, because he kept his promise. It also shows us that God is all-powerful, the ups and downs of history are under his control. And this is our God, the same one we come to worship today, who will give himself to us today in the Eucharist. All of God's goodness and power are ours, because we belong to Christ, and Christ is the incarnation of God's faithfulness.



**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 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 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** Betty Mills, John Roylingson, Lida Pastore, Brian Neary, Bob Plover, Edmund Holland, Eileen Greenough, Jane Huxley, Rita Tunstall,. **On the Anniversary** of Rita Cooper, Pat Crolla, Alison Birch, Ged Hughes, Bernard Fairclough, Paul Neary. **Birthday Remembrance** Brian Stocks, Thomas Shades. **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. **Christmas Masses** Patricia Van Minnen, Avril de Mink, Alison Birch, Mary Grogan, Ann Saunders, Brendan Grogan and Patricia, Grogan Family, Douglas Johnson, Austin & Eileen Shaughnesey, Nanny & Granddad, James Thorne, James & Elizabeth Dillon, Ann Barns, Margaret Dillon, Betty & Rita Mills, Eveline & Norman Smith, Nora & Vincent Robinson, O'Connell and MacDonald families, Anne Mazza, Lily Alker, Caswell and O'Neill families, Paul Cooper, Hilda Plover, Leo & Doreen Mazza, Marie & Peter Fenton, Michael Neary, Emily Neary, John Neary, Paul Neary, Michael NearyJr, Mary Connaughton, Sheila McDermot

**GOOD NEWS** *A Beautiful Philosophy of Life*

As Christians, we have a call to be like our Master, who at Christmas is humble and poor and childlike. All of these qualities are found in the Magi, and thus become for us today guides to follow and imitate as we journey through the night of life on earth.

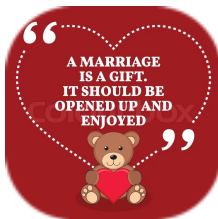


**Silver Jubilee of the Shrine**

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.

**MARRIAGE MATTERS** *Gifts to each other*

Epiphany means manifestation or revealing. The Wise Men brought Jesus gifts: gold, revealing his kingship, frankincense his Priesthood and myrrh his dying. On our wedding day, and every day since, we have 'gifted' ourselves to each other, and to others, unwrapping daily the 'gold' of our love, the incense of our prayers, and the myrrh of our dying to self.



**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. Bernie Lomax will speak this weekend at Masses about the Farnworth and Kearsley Foodbank.

O God  
 Who by a star  
 guided the wise men to the worship of your Son  
 we pray you to lead to yourself  
 the wise and great of every land  
 that unto you every knee may bow,  
 and every thought be brought into captivity  
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

