

## St John Fisher's Church

## Third Sunday in Lent

<b>Sunday</b> 9.30am 12.00noon 2.00pm 1.30pm	<b>23rd March</b> Mass Adoration First Holy Communion Class Kidney Disease Support Group	CAFOD Family Fast Please return envelopes
<b>Monday</b>	<b>24th March</b>	Lent Weekday
<b>Tuesday</b> 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am	<b>25th March</b> Mass Adoration Café	Annunciation
<b>Wednesday</b> 9.00am 9.30am 12.30pm	<b>26th March</b> Mass Adoration Hands of Hope	Lent Weekday
<b>Thursday</b> 6.30pm 7.30pm	<b>27th March</b> Adoration Mass	Lent Weekday
<b>Friday</b> 11.00am 12.00noon 3.00pm	<b>28th March</b> Adoration Mass Stations of the Cross	Lent Weekday
<b>Saturday</b> 11.00am 12.00 noon 1.00pm	<b>29th March</b> Adoration Mass Holy Year Pilgrimage St Bernadette's Whitefield	Vigil Fourth Lent Sunday

## Clocks go forward

<b>Sunday</b> 9.30am 12.00noon	<b>30th March</b> Mass Adoration	Fourth Sunday of Lent Mothers' Day
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**Livestream Link: on YouTube:  
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Webpage**

**<Schoenstatt YouthUK>  
<Schoenstatt Family England>  
<<https://schoenstatt.org.uk/>>**

Early  
Edition

St John Fisher Parish Community  
Shrine of Our Lady of Schoenstatt  
23rd March, Third Lent Sunday



### Christ Interprets Current Events

People haven't changed much since ancient times. Nowadays the most popular topics of conversation are dramatic news stories, it was the same in Christ's day. Everyone was talking about these major events: the collapse of the tower at Siloam, and the violent tactics Pilate used to control the Jews. And Christ gives his opinion on these earthly events. But he gives it with as much authority as he had when he spoke about heavenly things. He knows the meaning of everything that happens in history. He is the Lord of history. And so he gives the definitive interpretation of these two tragic events. For him, they are parables of what will eventually happen to every human being in this fallen world: suffering and death. They are not special manifestations of God's anger; they are typical occurrences in a world wounded by sin. They should not surprise us; they should keep us on our toes. When Christ decided to establish his Church, he delegated to the Church this same authority to continue announcing the meaning behind earthly events. Jesus was "the light of the world" when he walked the roads of Palestine, and the Church keeps carrying that torch in every age. Unfortunately, however, not everyone heeded his voice back then, and not everyone heeds his voice today. The world is always seeking justice, peace, and prosperity. Individuals are always seeking happiness. Without fertilising our minds and hearts with the truth about who we are and what we were created for, however, society will be barren of these most valuable fruits, like the fig tree that had no figs. Imagine, for example, how different the world community would be if everyone followed the Ten Commandments. Our Lord knows the way to fulfilment and fruitfulness. As his disciples and children of the Church, we can know it too, and should strive to make it known.



**First Holy Communion** First Holy Communion classes begin today, Sunday 9th March at 11.15am. The first meeting was on the 9th March Registration is now closed.



**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 Pope Francis, Teresa Johnson, Lily Harris, Edmund Birch, Helen Alker, Kelly Needham, baby Rory John, for Lynn, Joe Barlow, Daniel, Marie Fenton, Debbie Shades, Sally Gibson, Jane Shades, Thomas Shades, Benny Shades, Dominic Mazza, Helen Murray, Anthony McGinley, Nancy McCann, Maureen Lyles, Marian Dolan, Billy Hutton, Robert (car accident), Bridget & John Dalton, Diane Middleton, Avril de Mink, Hildegard Cornelius, Barbara Conners, Angela Fenton, Sheila Barker, 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, 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** Roger Ebbrell, Elliott James Potter, Gordon Hamilton, baby Kade Jack Wild, Brian Neary, James Neary, Bill Cradden. **On the Anniversary** of Alice Massey, Anne Valler, Vincent Robinson, Arthur Caswell, Nora Robinson, Mary Kenny, Vera O'Connell, Jim O'Connell, Mary Connaughton, Mary Gaskell, Thomas Shades, 'for my lovely mum', Bob Plover, Paul Neary. **Special Intentions** Birthday Remembrance for Susan Elizabeth Irvine and Pat Pastore, , for the MacDonald family, Margaret Chick, Shevlin family, for Noreen Hulme, Timothy Smith, Chloe Fenton, Rita Derbyshire, Hilda Plover, Anne & Konrad, Harris family, Anna Abraham, Arun & Swany. In thanksgiving for baby Arthur and for our grandson's new job. For Mothers' Day Emily Neary.

**GOOD NEWS** *Draw near the Burning Bush of the Eucharist* Jesus is the burning bush for us. When we see Jesus we see God. When we know Jesus we are touching God. We are touching the happiness we were created for. .



**MARRIAGE MATTERS** *What's in a name?* Yahweh means 'I am who I am'. Names bring to mind the person, and what they mean to you. Our God – Three Persons, created me, loves me, redeemed me, makes me holy, and is compassionate, merciful and forgiving. Just as MY Jack, MY Jill has shown me



the same love, we have tried to show it to our children.

**The Holy Year and Silver Jubilee of the Shrine** 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. 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, Anne Ostmeier or Edmund Birch.



**Work in St John Fisher's Church** The Tearoom has been repainted. The fire escape doors have been replaced. The overhead projector is not working and needs an upgrade. **Also our wifi system has to be upgraded.**

#### Offertory Donations

Would you like the convenience of making your weekly donations in an **offertory envelope**? Would you prefer to make your church donations by means of a **direct bank transfer**? **Are you a taxpayer**? If so, have you signed a gift aid declaration which means that we can reclaim the tax you will have paid on the amount you donate? This would mean that the value of the donations increases by 25% at no further expense to you. If you want envelopes, to set up a transfer or sign for gift aid please drop a note with your name and contact details into the offertory basket or you can speak to Tom Burke on 01204 578706. If you have any questions about the Gift Aid Scheme I am sure that he will answer them for you.

#### Prayer to St Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.  
Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

