

St John Fisher's Church

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

<b>Sunday</b> 9.30am 12.00 noon	<b>2nd March</b> Mass Adoration	8th Sunday of the Year Confirmation of nine Candidates
<b>Monday</b> <b>Tuesday</b> 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 7.00pm	<b>3rd March</b> <b>4th March</b> Mass Adoration Café Fundraising Committee	Weekday Weekday
<b>Ash Wednesday</b> 9.00am 9.30am 7.00pm	<b>5th March</b> Mass with distribution of ashes Adoration Mass with distribution of ashes	Fast and Abstinence
<b>Thursday</b> 6.30pm 7.30pm	<b>6th March</b> Adoration Mass	Lent Weekday
<b>Friday</b> 11.00am 12.00noon 12.30pm 3.00pm	<b>7th March</b> Adoration in the Shrine Mass in the Shrine Lazy Lunch Stations of the Cross	Lent Weekday
<b>Saturday</b> 11.00am 12.00 noon 2.00pm	<b>8th March</b> Adoration Mass Marriage Preparation	Vigil First Lent Sunday
<b>Sunday</b> 9.30am 11.15am 12.00noon 2.00pm	<b>9th March</b> Mass First Holy Communion Class Adoration Team Meeting Holy Year Pilgrimage	First Sunday of Lent

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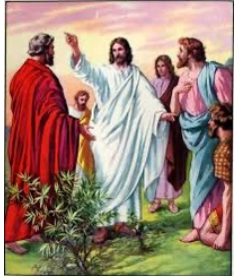
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St John Fisher Parish Community  
Shrine of Our Lady of Schoenstatt  
2nd March, Seventh Sunday



**The Secret Lives of Hypocrites** Every major religion seems to have hypocritical or pharisee types. These are those who like to parade around as morally perfect people, correcting and judging everyone else around them. Because Jesus is speaking his words to us today, it would be good to do an examination of conscience on this topic. Might I be someone who has a penchant for finding flaws in others? Might I be “looking for splinters”? Might I need a dose of humble pie? There are four secrets about religious hypocrites that they don’t want you to know: First, often people secretly detest something in themselves. They protest loudly when they see this same thing in others. This is a defence mechanism that psychologists call “projection”, where individuals attribute their own undesirable traits to others. By focusing on others’ flaws, they avoid acknowledging and confronting their own. Second, often people feel a need for control because of their deep-seated insecurities. These people often feel the urge to correct others and control others’ behaviours because, without control, they fear their lives would spiral into chaos. They may also believe that their way is the “right” way and feel compelled to enforce it. Third, some people need validation for their self-esteem. Correcting others can provide a sense of superiority and validation. It can be a way for individuals with fragile egos to boost their self-esteem by demonstrating their knowledge or competence. Fourth, some people want to hide their own moral failures. There have been instances where religious leaders and those who publicly promote and preach strict moral codes are found to be engaging in behaviours that contradict their teachings. Sadly, the worst thing about being hypocritical is that you are “play-acting” before God. This is what the word means in Greek: an actor. Etymologically it means “an interpreter from underneath” because of the theatre mask that actors wore to project their voices in outdoor theatres. God wants us to be ourselves before him. We can’t hide from him!



**First Holy Communion** First Holy Communion classes begin on **Sunday 9th March at 11.15am**. The registration forms are available please complete a registration for each child and give it to Anne Howard or Fr Herbert as soon as possible. The dates of the meetings will be finalised at this first meeting on the 9th March



**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. 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, Anne Ostmeier or Edmund Birch. **We are looking for volunteers to join our Pilgrims Team. Next Team Meeting for Pilgrim Team is Sunday 9th March at 2.00pm.**



**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, Edmund Birch, 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** Gordon Hamilton, baby Kade Jack Wild, James Neary, Bill Cradden. **On the Anniversary** of Anne Valler (18th March) John Curliss Snr, 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 Mary Nicholas, for the MacDonald family, Margaret Chick, Shevlin family, for Chloe Fenton, Rita Derbyshire, Hilda Plover, Anne & Konrad, Harris family, Anna Abraham, Arun & Swany. In thanksgiving for baby Arthur. Sean & Magda Booth on getting married.

### Diocesan Synod

Sunday 2nd March 2025 at St Patricks Church, Livesey Street, Collyhurst, Manchester. M4 5HF Time: 15:00 to 17:00 Parking: Available in Caritas House car park at the end of Nobby Stiles Drive and various car parks within easy walking around the Church

**GOOD NEWS** *Praise the Good in Others* If we truly want to recognise, do, and praise the good that we and others do we need Our Lord's help and the wisdom to not judge a book by its cover.



### Confirmation

On Sunday 2nd March during the 9.30am Mass we have nine Candidates who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please pray for them.



**MARRIAGE MATTERS** *Praise and thanksgiving* Actions speak louder than words! As married couples we rely on each other for help and support but sometimes we are not listening or paying attention. The Gospel today reminds us that to accuse each other is hypocritical, whereas when we encourage one another, we help each other to build up ...'that store of goodness in her/his heart'. *Please pray for those young couples taking part in the Marriage Preparation Course starting Saturday 8th March.*



### Work in St John Fisher's Church

The Tearoom has been repainted and looking great with a new pin board for Children's Liturgy. The fire escape doors have been replaced. The overhead projector is not working and we are looking at an upgrade.

Wednesday 5th March is Ash Wednesday a day of Fast and Abstinence. Please collect our Lenten Programme 2025

