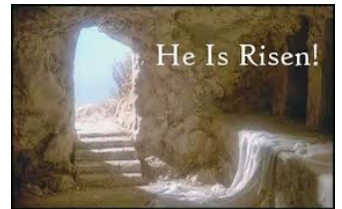


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St John Fisher Parish Community
Shrine of Our Lady of Schoenstatt
20th April 2025 Easter Sunday



The Resurrection Is What Makes Us Different On the first day of the week, the third day of his Passion, Jesus Christ rose from the dead. Today is his day. Many great historical figures have led exemplary lives, taught wise doctrines, and even died for the truth. But only one has risen again. Among the vast array of humanity's greatest heroes, only about Jesus Christ can we say: "He rose again on the third day, in fulfilment of the scriptures." Only in Christ's resurrection do goodness and power finally unite. The good guy wins! Only in Christ's resurrection does love prove that it is stronger than death. In Christ and in his resurrection, a new, a wildly new, hope dawns for all mankind, the hope that if we stay united to him through faith and grace, we will rise with him, rise from our very tombs, and live with him forever in the never-ending adventure of heaven. No one else offers such a hope, because no one else has risen from the dead to be able to offer it, only the Lord. The Resurrection is the definitive watershed in the history of religions; it makes Christianity absolutely unique. In the Resurrection, reality becomes more wonderful than myth. Only the reality of the Resurrection can explain the reality of the history of the Church: A few weak, non-influential, and uneducated fishermen from Galilee, frightened out of their wits when Jesus was arrested and executed, suddenly become world travellers, phenomenally successful preachers, and valiant martyrs. And the Church they spread continues to spread after they die, holding fast to the exact same doctrine they preached, century after century, in nation after nation. Only the abiding presence of the Lord can explain this, and only the resurrection explains the abiding presence of the Lord. This is what makes us, as Christians, different.



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, Avril de Mink, Maureen Booth, Sheila Barker, Norman Nutter, Paul Grogan, Teresa Johnson, Lily Harris, Edmund Birch, Helen Alker, Kelly Needham, Joe Barlow, Hildegard Cornelius, Barbara Conners, Daniel, Marie Fenton, Debbie Shades, Sally Gibson, Jane Shades, Thomas Shades, Benny Shades, Dominic Mazza, Helen Murray, Anthony

McGinley, Nancy McCann, Maureen Lyles, Billy Hutton, Diane Middleton, Angela Fenton, James Neary, Lily Alker, Alice Hindley, Pat Pearson, Peter Hughes, Sheila McKay, Anne Holland, Annamma, Kate Martin, Konrad Ostmeier, Elaine McNally, Joan Eastwood, Paul Ormerod, Irene Wood, Pauline Millington, Eileen Kehoe, Maureen Manion, Lynda Robinson, Leo Mazza, Doreen Mazza, Hilda Plover, Maureen Rogers, 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. **For those, who died recently** William Woods, Geoff Parker, Michael McAteer Hadcroft, Val Tyrrell, Roger Ebbrell, Ellie Neary, Brian Neary, James Neary, Bill Cradden, Fr Theo Abt. **On the Anniversary** of Dennis Shevlan, Thomas Shades, Eveline Allen, Toni Browne, Bob Plover, Paul Neary. **Special Intentions** Birthday Remembrance for Paul Neary. For Peter Fenton, Angela Edmondson, Maureen Mannion, Marian Dolan and Daniel Kujanga on their Birthday, Marie Fenton for good health, for the MacDonald family, Margaret Chick, Philip Derbyshire, Shevlin family, for Noreen Hulme, Timothy Smith, Chloe Fenton, Rita Derbyshire, Anne & Konrad, Harris family, Anna Abraham, Arun & Swany.. In Thanksgiving for Kath Shevlan's first Great Grandson, Jasper. Winifred Jordan (Mothers' Day), Easter Mass Rita Mills, Pauline Haigh.

GOOD NEWS *Pray for an Experience of the Risen Christ*

The Risen Lord can be the brightest light in our lives, if only we open our eyes in faith. Christ is not only Risen. He is alive, right now. Forever.



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 with a team member.



MARRIAGE MATTERS Giving each other new life Today's theme is new life. It reminds us of our promise to be a source of life to each other every day in tenderness, understanding, encouragement and praise, yet also by forgiving our spouse particularly when he/she is vulnerable and full of self-doubt. Today is a good day to thank God for all the life we have received.

THANKS



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 with smartTV.

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.

An Easter Prayer

"Dear Jesus, today, my heart is full of gratitude. Thank you for your love, for your sacrifice, and for the hope you give through your resurrection. Because of you, I am free, forgiven, and never alone. Help me to carry the joy of Easter with me, not just today, but every day. Fill my heart with your peace, my mind with your truth, and my life with your love. Let me be a reflection of your grace to those around me. I love you, Lord.

Thank you for saving me. Amen."



Congratulations Fr Reginald on completion of his Doctorate in Psychology (PhD) at University of Greater Manchester (Bolton). Fr Reginald returns to Nigeria on April 30th. We will have a farewell greeting after Sunday Mass 27th April.

Congratulations also to Fr Andrew Pastore on completion of his Master Degree in Psychology (Counselling and Accompaniment). Fr Andrew has been appointed Assistant Director of the St Luke's Institute, Manchester.

Schoenstatt Fathers annual retreat from Sunday 4th May until Friday 9th May. There will be no Weekday Mass or Services at the Shrine during that week. Paul Cooper will be in residence

Easter Sunday

9.30am

20th April 2025

Mass

Monday

21st April

Tuesday

9.00am

11.00am

22nd April

Mass

Café

Wednesday

9.00am

23rd April

Mass in the Shrine

No Hands of Hope this week

Thursday

6.30pm

7.30pm

24th April

Adoration

Mass

Friday

11.00am

12.00noon

25th April

Adoration

Mass

Saturday

11.00am

12.00noon

26th April

Adoration

Mass

Vigil

Second Easter Sunday

of Divine Mercy

Mercy Sunday

9.30am

27th April

Holy Mass

Second Easter Sunday

of Divine Mercy

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