

Early
Edition

St John Fisher Parish Community
Shrine of Our Lady of Schoenstatt
27th April 2025 Second Easter Sunday



The Divine Mercy Revelation What happened in our Gospel passage today happened 1900 years later. On a Sunday evening, unannounced and passing right through the walls, Jesus appeared to a Polish nun named Faustina. This time it was 1931, in the dead of winter. St. Faustina was a young nun in Poland who was finishing a long day of work in the convent bakery. Late in the evening, as she was preparing for bed, the Jesus of Divine Mercy appeared to her for the first time. Faustina had seen visions of Jesus before, but this time was different. This particular evening Jesus was present with peace and serenity on his face but also clearly full of divine power and authority: Clothed in a white garment that flowed from his neck to his ankles. Had a light emanated from him. His Good Friday wounds were visible. His right hand was raised in blessing, while his left hand gently pulled aside the garment at his chest. Beneath his garment, his heart was revealed and from it, much like the blood and water that flowed from his pierced side, there emanated two rays of light, one red and one pale. Faustina did not know what to think at first, as she was seeing Divine Mercy for the first time. Jesus spoke to Faustina and made several requests of her. First, Jesus wanted a painting made of him, just as he appeared in that moment. Across the bottom of the painting were the words Jesus, I Trust in You! The finished painting be venerated throughout the whole world. His second request was that we should pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Jesus also asked that the first Sunday after Easter be observed as a day of mercy. The Church was to glorify the mercy of God on this day. Priests were to proclaim God's mercy from the pulpits across the world. The story of Faustina is of a woman who suffered much for God. She had to forsake her beloved family at a young age and live a life of poverty, chastity, and obedience. She boarded a train with almost nothing, going to a city she had never lived in and risked everything for Jesus. Faustina took on this personal sacrifice with love. So many people have benefited spiritually from her "yes" to God!



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 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** Pope Francis, Stephen Caulfield, Carole Smith, Keneth Davie, William Woods, Geoff Parker. **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 Winifred Jordan (Mothers' Day), Easter Mass Rita Mills, Pauline Haigh, John & Betty Denny, for the Neary and Plover Family, Anne Mazza.

GOOD NEWS *Experiencing God's Mercy* We have the grace to experience God's mercy, through the sacraments, through prayer, through being taught the Good News about Jesus Christ.



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 *Taking time out for our relationship* On Easter Sunday night the risen Jesus greets the Apostles saying 'Peace be with you'. How can we find peace in such a hectic world? We are called to make time for our relationship with God, and make a diary entry for our personal relationship. Listening and dialogue build intimacy and peace – with each other and with God.



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.

Pope Francis and the Elephant Man

Dr. Tod Worner

“His arms welcomed me, he hugged me tight. Tight. I tried to speak. I couldn’t.” It was in that moment, the shocked man admitted, that all of his sorrows left him. “The pope didn’t think about whether to hug me or not. He didn’t know if I was contagious or not. But he caressed me all the same. And I felt his love.”



We Pray for our Holy Father Francis RIP, Pope of Mercy and Hope

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.

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

Mercy Sunday 9.30am	27th April 2025 Mass	
Monday	28th April	St George
Tuesday 9.00am 11.00am	29th April Mass Café	St Catherine of Sienna
Wednesday 9.00am	30th April Mass	St Pius V
Thursday 6.30pm 7.30pm	1st May Adoration Mass	St Joseph the Worker
Friday 11.00am 12.00noon	2nd May Adoration Mass	St Athanasius
Saturday 11.00am 12.00noon 2.00pm	3rd May Adoration Mass Mass First Holy Communion	Vigil 3 rd Easter Sunday Ss Phillip & St James
Mercy Sunday 9.30am	4th May Holy Mass	Third Easter Sunday

No Masses at the Shrine the Week Mon 5th May until Friday 9th May

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