

Early
Edition

St John Fisher Parish Community
Shrine of Our Lady of Schoenstatt
6th April 2025 fifth Lent Sunday



God Gives Us Another Chance One of God's main policies in governing the universe is that he always gives us another chance. It may seem strange to speak of God as having policies. But if a policy is a consistent way of behaving in the face of specific circumstances, God's habit of giving us another chance definitely qualifies. This is what the prophet Isaiah tells us. Through him, God explains: "Remember not the events of the past... see, I am doing something new!" God is inviting his people to look to the future with hope. At the time Isaiah was writing, the people of Israel were living in exile, as second-class citizens in Babylon. They had been unfaithful to God, and as a result, Jerusalem had long ago been conquered and its inhabitants scattered and enslaved. Naturally speaking, there was little room for hope. But in the midst of that situation, God reminds them that he has done wonders for his people in the past, and promises to do so again. It's God's policy to give his people another chance, to bring them back from exile even though they don't really deserve it. Jesus follows the same policy with the adulterous woman. Notice that he doesn't ignore or excuse her sin, he acknowledges it and actually tells her to "go and sin no more." But at the same time, he doesn't condemn her. He gives her another chance. It's a good thing God follows this policy. Otherwise, which one of us could have any hope? Otherwise, God would have to destroy us all. After all, aren't we just like the Pharisees, quick to condemn others, but in truth, guilty of hidden sin ourselves? Giving us another chance is one of God's main policies. It's called mercy. It's called forgiveness. It's called real love in a sinful, fallen world.



Synod Results of Voting Day Please use the link to the Webpage for Salford Diocese and search under **Home » News » Diocesan Synod: The End of the Journey** <<https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/diocesan-synod-end-of-the-journey>> **and you can follow the final day of the Synod.**

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, Paul Grogan, Teresa Johnson, Lily Harris, Edmund Birch, Helen Alker, Kelly Needham, 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, Billy Hutton, Diane Middleton, Avril de Mink, Hildegard Cornelius, Barbara Conners, Angela Fenton, Sheila Barker, 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. Successful operation Melissa Jayne Ashford. **For those, who died recently** William Woods, Geoff Parker, Michael McAteer Hadcroft, Val Tyrrell, Roger Ebbrell, Ellie Neary, Brian Neary, James Neary, Bill Cradden. **On the Anniversary** of Brian Stocks jnr, Mary Grogan, Alice Massey, Anne Valler, Vincent Robinson, Arthur Caswell, Nora Robinson, Mary Kenny, Thomas Shades, 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, Hilda Plover, Anne & Konrad, Harris family, Anna Abraham, Arun & Swany.. In Thanksgiving. Winifred Jordan (Mothers' Day)

GOOD NEWS *Forgive*

When Christ says "Go and sin no more," what does that mean for our own lives? It's an invitation to a new way of life. Lent is a time the Church gives us to enter into that new way of life. Let's make the most of the remainder of Lent to do exactly that.



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.

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.



MARRIAGE MATTERS *Let joy fill our hearts* Today is the first day of the rest of our lives! It is vital that we don't carry past hurts with us, and are able to forgive and move on. We need to look at our faults and failings and seek forgiveness of each other first. This gives life and hope for our relationship. Let us strive for perfection – together.



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.

From the Beginning of Time

Jesus, you have known us from the beginning of time,
you have known us in the depths of our dreams and in the darkness of
our shame, you know us as your beloved.

Help us to own that core identity more and more in this season of
repentance and mercy.

Give us the rock-solid assurance of your unwavering faith in us
as we seek the same in you.

Amen.

St John Fisher's Church

Sunday 9.30am 12.00noon	6th April Mass Adoration	Fifth Sunday in Lent
Monday	7th April	Lent Weekday
Tuesday 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am	8th April Mass Adoration Café	Lent Weekday
Wednesday 9.00am 9.30am	9th April Mass Adoration	Lent Weekday
Thursday 6.30pm 7.30pm	10th April Adoration Mass	Lent Weekday
Friday 11.00am 12.00noon 3.00pm	11th April Adoration Mass Stations of the Cross	Lent Weekday
Saturday 11.00am 12.00 noon	12th April Adoration Mass	Vigil Palm Sunday
Sunday 9.30am	13th April Mass with distribution of palms 12.00noon Adoration	Palm Sunday

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