



Sunday 9.30am 12.00 noon	23rd February Mass Adoration	7th Sunday of the Year
Monday	24th February	Weekday
Tuesday 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am	25th February Mass Adoration Café	Weekday
Wednesday 9.00am 9.30am 12.30pm	26th February Mass Adoration Hands of Hope	Weekday
Thursday 6.30pm 7.30pm	27th February Adoration Mass	Weekday
Friday 11.00am 12.00noon	28th February Adoration Mass	Weekday
Saturday 11.00am 12.00 noon	1st March Adoration Mass	Vigil 8th Sunday St David
Sunday 9.30am 12.00noon	2nd March Mass Adoration	8th Sunday Nine Candidates for Confirmation

Wednesday 5th March is Ash Wednesday a day of Fast and Abstinence

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The Touchstone of a True Christian

Through baptism, we became members of the body of Christ, brothers and sisters of the Lord, and children of God. In our journey through life we either stay faithful to that vocation and identity, or abandon it (sometimes we go back and forth). In the Gospel passage, Christ gives us the sign that tells us whether we are living up to our vocation, the touchstone of the true Christian. It isn't vast theological knowledge, or personal charm, or professional success. Nor is it ecstasies in prayer or extreme penances. Rather, the identifying mark of a Christian is treating others, all others, the way God does, the way God treats us. God is kind and merciful "even to the ungrateful and the wicked." If we are his children, his followers, we will be too. We will be quick to forgive, to make excuses for others, to avoid judging and condemning them. We will think well of others, speak well of them, and treat them like the children of God that they truly are. But Jesus doesn't just tell us what we're supposed to do in life, he also tells us why. We are created in God's image, and God is love; his very divine nature is all about self-giving. So the more we develop our capacity for love, for authentic, self-forgetful love, the more we will mature into what God created us to be. And just as a mature, healthy apple tree bears abundant fruit, so a mature, healthy human soul overflows with the spiritual fruits of profound joy, peace, and enthusiasm. This is what Jesus means when he says, "give, and gifts will be given to you". If we are true Christians, treating all others as we would like them to treat us, as God has treated us, we will be truly happy.



First Holy Communion

Our classes for First Holy Communion will be starting on Sunday 9th March. 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 Next year 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.



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 Edmund Birch, 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, Roy McCormic, Brenda Hannah, Nora Hickey, Hilda Musthill, Harold Heathcote, Neil Lyles, Sheila Ward, Betty Mills, John Rawlinson, Jimmy Byrne, Terence Concannon, Anne White. **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, Capt D W Pastore MO, Bob Plover, Paul Neary. **Special Intentions** MacDonald family, Margaret Chick, Joanne Raynor, Marie Jones, Theresa Karey, 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

Next weekend we will be holding our Diocesan Voting Day (1st March), where clergy and lay synod members will come together to vote on recommendations that will form the Diocesan Pastoral Plan. Please pray for all those involved in the Synod Process. The following day we give thanks for the Synod and pray for guidance and this is open to all who wish to attend. **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 *Never Doubt God's Forgiveness* We are God's children; we have his grace flowing through our hearts. We have access to the strength to forgive, to start over. Ask the Lord to give you that grace, that strength.



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 *An unconditional way of life*

Today's Scripture sets out a blueprint for life: love enemies, bless those who curse you, turn the other cheek, give without expecting anything in return, don't judge or condemn. When marrying and promising 'to have and to hold', 'for better for worse', we said yes to this way of life: an unconditional acceptance of one another without counting the cost!



Farnworth and Kearsley Foodbank and Bolton Sunday Street Kitchen

Thank you from the Foodbank. In February we have donated the equivalent of providing 175 meals. Also our team from the Bolton Sunday Street Kitchen are serving more than 40 people every Sunday.

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 a replacement.