



Sunday **4th May 2025**
9.30am Mass

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

Monday **5th May** Easter Weekday

Tuesday **6th May** Easter Weekday
11.00am Café

Wednesday **7th May** Easter Weekday
12.30pm Hands of Hope

Thursday **8th May** Easter Weekday
10.00am Coffee Morning

Friday **9th May** Easter Weekday

Saturday **10th May** Vigil 4th Easter Sunday
11.00am Adoration
12.00noon Mass

1.00pm **A Day for Marriage**

Sunday **11th May** **Fourth Easter Sunday**
9.30am Holy Mass

1.00pm **May Day** **all are welcome**
5.00pm **Mass**

Livestream Link: on YouTube:
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<<https://schoenstatt.org.uk/>>

The Church Will Endure Forever At the time when St John wrote his gospel, the first persecutions had already broken out. The Roman Emperors had already begun their policy of executing Christians for treason, because Christians refused to worship the Roman gods. One of John's themes, therefore, in all of his New Testament writings, is the power of the Church to grow and to endure even through difficult times, even through violent persecutions. This comes out in the Gospel passage we just heard, in the image of a fishing net full of fish - an analogy for the Church that appears more than once in the Gospels. The Apostles are feeling stir-crazy in these days after the Resurrection, before receiving the Holy Spirit. They decide to go fishing. Then the Lord appears to them and engineers a miraculous catch of fish, just as he had done three years earlier. When Peter brings the catch to shore, St John makes a point of mentioning a curious detail: the net was "full of one hundred and fifty-three large fish. Even though there were so many, the net was not torn." Peter brought the overstuffed net onto the shore safely, almost miraculously - so many large fish should have torn that net, but they didn't. The net is the Church. It is filled with believers whom Christ gathers out of the ocean of time and history through the ministry of Peter and his successors, the popes. And Peter is the one who hauls this supernatural community onto the shores of eternity at the end of time, where they will all feast with the Lord. In spite of sufferings, scandals and sins, in spite of obstacles, challenges and persecutions, Christ's Church will continue to grow and expand under the ministry of Peter, and it will stay intact until it is brought safely home to heaven - Peter's net will not tear.



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, Maureen Grey, Sheila Barker, Helen McInerney, 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 Rita Cooper, Elizabeth Summerville, Irene Caswell, Daniel O'Neill, Dennis Shevlan, Thomas Shades, Eveline Allen, Bob Plover, Paul Neary. **Special Intentions** Birthday Remembrance for Paul Neary. For Lily Alker, Kath Johnson and Irene Snelle on their Birthday Peter Fenton, Angela Edmondson, Maureen Mannion, 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, for the Neary and Plover Family, Anne Mazza.

GOOD NEWS *Give, and you will receive* We're in the middle of the Easter season. Jesus wants to fill our boat with the joy of his presence. As we serve him in others, we begin to experience that joy more and more.



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.



MARRIAGE MATTERS *Things change, miracles happen* Today's Scripture speaks into the heart of our marriage relationship. When Jesus comes into Peter's life and work, just as He comes into ours, things change, 'miracles' happen: He invites, serves and asks profound questions: "do you love me?". He challenges: "feed... look after...". Peter found forgiveness and a commissioning; so can we when responding to His call: "follow me"..



Spring Cabaret Night a great success and we Made £2,032.65 Thanks to Jim and Co for all the work and a very enjoyable evening.

Offertory Donations

Would you like the convenience of making your weekly donations in an **offertory envelope**?. 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.

Prayer for Pope Francis



Lord Jesus, you have called Pope Francis to yourself. Thank you for the gift of his papacy. When he was with us, he tirelessly showed the Church your constant mercy toward sinners. Grant him now your mercy and let him rest eternally with you in your Kingdom. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for the Election of a New Pope

O God, Eternal Shepherd,
 Who govern Your flock with unfailing care,
 Grant in Your boundless fatherly love
 a pastor for Your Church
 who will please You by His holiness
 and to us show watchful care.
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 God, for ever and ever. Amen

Schoenstatt Fathers on 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.