

St John Fisher and the Shrine of Our Lady

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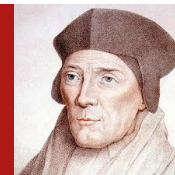
Sunday 9.30am. 12.00 noon	14th September Mass Adoration	24th Sunday Exultation of the Cross
Monday	15th September	Our Lady of Sorrows
Tuesday 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am	16th September Mass Adoration Café	Ss Cornelius & Cyprian
Wednesday 9.00am 9.30am	17th September Mass Adoration	St Robert, St Hildegard
Thursday 10.00am 6.30pm 7.30pm	18th September Requiem Peter Hughes Adoration Mass	Weekday
Friday 11.00am 12.00 noon 7.00pm	19th September Adoration Mass Fundraiser Elvis Night	Weekday
Saturday 11.00am 12.00 noon 2.00pm	20th September Adoration Mass Covenant Mass	Vigil 25th Sunday
Sunday 9.30am 12.00 noon 2.00pm	21st September Mass Adoration Holy Year Pilgrimage St John Paul II Parish Eccles	25th Sunday

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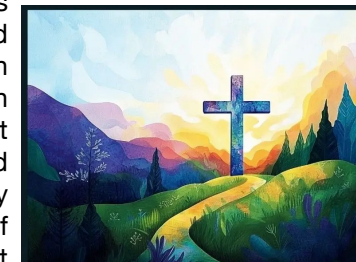
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St John Fisher Parish Community
Shrine of Our Lady of Schoenstatt
14 September 2025 Exaltation of the Cross



The Christian Never Has to Suffer Alone One of the most common arguments against God and religion is the argument of suffering. People say that if God really existed, and if he really were a good God, he wouldn't allow so much suffering in the world. And when we hear that argument, our initial reaction is to agree. "That's right," we think to ourselves, "after all, if I were God, I wouldn't allow so much suffering." Hundreds, probably thousands, of books have been written explaining how superficial and illogical that reasoning is. But today, Christ himself gives us an answer to the problem. He raises our eyes to his cross, to his crucifixion. Today's feast is called the Exaltation or Triumph of the Cross. And it reminds us that Jesus saved the fallen human race not by eliminating the suffering that our own sin unleashed in the world, but by taking that suffering upon himself. He who never sinned allowed himself to be punished with every conceivable kind of suffering, to the point of crucifixion. That moment of his apparent defeat was actually the moment of his eternal victory - the Triumph of the Cross. Why? Because suffering on earth is not the worst thing that can happen to us. We know that for certain, because Jesus himself suffered, and he was God. The worst thing that can happen is to be separated from friendship with God. That's what sin does. What Jesus did on the cross was to win back our friendship. By suffering with us even though he didn't deserve it, he showed us that he truly loves us - unconditionally, no matter what, even if we crucify him. By suffering with us, Jesus showed us that we never have to suffer alone, that suffering itself, through faith in him, can become the path to wisdom, peace, and intimate friendship with God.



Mass Intentions. We pray for peace in Eastern Europe, the Holy Land, Iran 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 Michael Curliss, Margaret Maumy, Clare Jones, Sheila Moran, Alan Walsh, Shelly Abraham, Sheila Buchingham, Delilah O'Neil, Jenny Thompson, Peter Bendy, Margaret Ward, Anthony Hadcroft, Graham Shaw, Johnny Harris, Paul McGuire, Lynn Hutton, Janet Fielden, Anne Mazza, Marie Fenton, Patrick Cooper, Amber Jones, Muriel and Brian Osborne, Alice McEvoy, Monica Whitelaw, Maureen Booth, Maureen Grey, Sheila Barker, Lily

Harris, Edmund Birch, Helen Alker, Hildegard Cornelius, Barbara Conners, Marie Fenton, Debbie Shades, Sally Gibson, Jane Shades, Thomas Shades, Benny Shades, Dominic Mazza, Maureen Lyles, Diane Middleton, Angela Fenton, James Neary, Lily Alker, Alice Hindley, Pat Pearson, Sheila McKay, Anne Holland, Annamma Anrayam, Kate Martin, Konrad Ostmeier, Elaine McNally, Joan Eastwood, Paul Ormerod, Eileen Kehoe, Maureen Manion, Lynda Robinson, Leo Mazza, Doreen Mazza, Hilda Plover, Maureen Rogers, Sheila Bocker, Peter Fenton, John Ward, Jane Jordan, Rita Derbyshire, Eric Derbyshire, John Derbyshire, Peter Tracey, Linda Muir, Maria Edwards, Agnes McFadden, Eileen Johnson, Jane Boyle, Pat Jones, Lee Pomfret. **For those, who died recently** Avril de Mink, Joe Cunningham, Paul Grogan, Betty Shevlan, Peter Hughes, Desmond Hall Eileen Mary Robinson. **On the Anniversary** of Winifred Jordan, Harris Caswell, Sheila Madden, Dominic Concannon, Martin McDermott, Wyn Jordan, Dennis & Bridget Redmond, Mani Varkey, Beatrice Madden, Eileen Shaughnessy, Mary Nicholas, Marjorie Marshall, Margaret Ansbro, Graham Massey, Pat Pastore, Martin Clarke, Thomas Cooper, Joan Wood, P Dorothy Greenwood, Bob Plover, Paul Neary. **Special Intentions** Paul Cooper, Hamza Dasu, Helen & Kevin Byrne 40th Wedding Anniversary, Margaret Chick, Philip Derbyshire, Shevlin faMarie Fenton, mily, Harris family, Anna Abraham, Arun & Swany For John Kerrane (80th), Hilda Plover, Muriel Osborne, Edwina Moran on their Birthday. **Birthday Remembrance** Ray Mazza, James Neary, Michael Neary, Mary Connaughton.

GOOD NEWS *Victory through the Cross* Christ's cross, the crucifix, is the definitive revelation of the fact that we are loved totally by the one person, God, who knows us through and through, and that's what we most need to know.



MARRIAGE MATTERS *Driving together on the way to heaven* The readings contain a sense of hope. His forgiveness seems never ending and His mercy shows no limits. He never stops 'rescuing' us as the lost sheep of His flock, or 'finding' us, like the widow's mite, when we feel lost within our marriage. God's way of working is like a 'SATNAV', with the destination set as eternal life.



The Holy Year and Silver Jubilee of the Shrine In October 2025 On the first weekend in October we have the Silver Jubilee of the Blessing of the Shrine. If you have not registered yet and you would like to come please contact Tricia Barlow:

In order to register email: Tricia on <octoberjubilee25@gmail.com> or leave a message with Sandra on 07746122881 or post for the attention of Tricia to Schoenstatt Centre & Shrine St John Fisher, Kearsley, Bolton, BL4 8QQ with how many places you require.



FRIDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2025

Welcome & Vigil at Kearsley, commencing at 6:30pm – 7:30pm Candlelit procession – 8:30pm Cheese & Wine.

SATURDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2025

Mass of celebration at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Blackley, M9 8BG 1pm (this will be live streamed at Saint John Fishers Kearsley)

3:00pm a celebration at Kearsley. 4:30pm Rededication service at the Shrine. 5:30pm Presentations. 6:30pm Refreshments. 7:30pm Evening Party.

SUNDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2025

Thanksgiving Benediction & Rosary of Light followed by Afternoon Tea at Kearsley commencing at 2pm

The organising team **invites you to help by volunteering** for the different jobs on the weekend. Please add your name to the sign-up list at the back of Church if you would like to help in this celebration weekend.

We started the **Silver Jubilee Choir** for the celebration of 25 years of the blessing of the Shrine. If you would like to take part in the Choir for the October Weekend celebrations, especially the Silver Jubilee Mass and Rededication of the Shrine, please contact Steve Robinson, Patty Ganley.

CARD READER for Offertory Collection This week we will introduce a **CARD READER** in the porch of the Church. With this you can make your offertory donation using your Credit or Debit Card.



Funeral of Joe Cunningham on Friday 26th September at 1.30pm at St John Fisher Church.

Funeral of Avril de Mink on Monday 29th September at 10.00am at St John Fisher Church