

St John Fisher and the Shrine of Our Lady

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Sunday 9.30am	26th October Mass	30th Sunday World Mission Day
Monday 10.00am	27th October Synod Gathering for the Religious Communities	Weekday
Tuesday 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am	28th October Mass Adoration Café	Ss Simon & Jude
Wednesday 9.00am 9.30am	29th October Mass Adoration	Weekday
Thursday 6.30pm 7.30pm	30th October Adoration Mass	Weekday
Friday 10.00am 12.00 noon	31st October Requiem for Lily Alker No Adoration before Mass Mass	Weekday
Saturday 12.00 noon	1st November Mass	Vigil All Saints
Sunday 9.30am 10.30am 1.00pm 5.00pm	2nd November Mass CLC group in the Cottage Zimbabwe Choir in the Tea Room Meeting of the Jubilee Volunteers	All Saints

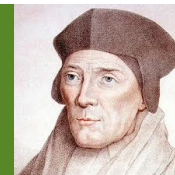
On Remembrance Sunday 9th November Mass at St John Fisher at 9.00am, 30 minutes early because of the Remembrance Service at 10.15am

Livestream Link: on YouTube:
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<Schoenstatt YouthUK>
<Schoenstatt Family England>
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Shrine of Our Lady of Schoenstatt
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Those Who Recognise Their Need for God Will Get God Why was the tax collector's prayer better than the Pharisee's prayer? Because the tax collector actually made a connection with God, but the Pharisee only made a connection with himself. Tax collectors were despised by the Jewish community in Palestine. They were Jews who collaborated with the occupying Roman forces by collecting taxes from fellow Jews. They often collected more than the law required, pocketing the extra. The Pharisees were just the opposite. They were the most respected members of the Jewish community, the elite, the undisputed religious leaders of the nation. And yet, Jesus praises the tax collector's prayer and criticises the Pharisee's prayer. Through the centuries, in fact, the tax collector's simple prayer, "O God, be merciful to me, a sinner," has been taken up as a complete summary of Christian spirituality. There are even cases of monks who made this prayer the only words that they spoke, and reached heights of sanctity by means of it. This prayer makes a connection with God because it recognises two things. First, it acknowledges God's greatest quality in relation to fallen mankind, his mercy. The word "mercy" comes from the Latin "misericors: miser (wretched, miserable) + cor (heart)". Literally, it means to take someone else's wretchedness into one's heart. That's what God does with us. Second, the tax collector's prayer recognises his need for that mercy. He accuses himself of being a sinner, someone who has selfishly abused God's gifts and used instead of loved his neighbour. The Pharisee's prayer shows no knowledge either of God's mercy or of his need for God; rather, it is an exercise in narcissism, in self-admiration. God wants to connect with us, but he can only do so if we let him, and we can't let him if we don't think we need him.



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 George Hurst, Maureen Manion, Sheila McKay, John Denehy, Michael Curliss, Margaret Maumy, Philomena Purcell, Clare Jones, Sheila Moran, Alan Walsh, Shelly Abraham, Sheila Buchingham, Delilah O'Neil, Jenny Thompson, Peter Bendy, Margaret Ward, Anthony Hadcroft, Johnny

Harris, Paul McGuire, Lynn Hutton, Janet Fielden, Anne Mazza, Marie Fenton, Patrick Cooper, Amber Jones, Muriel and Brian Osborne, Monica Whitelaw, Maureen Booth, Maureen Grey, Sheila Barker, Lily Harris, Edmund Birch, Helen Alker, Hildegard Cornelius, Marie Fenton, Debbie Shades, Sally Gibson, Jane Shades, Thomas Shades, Benny Shades, Dominic Mazza, Maureen Lyles, Diane Middleton, Angela Fenton, James Neary, Alice Hindley, Pat Pearson, Sheila McKay, Anne Holland, Annamma Anrayam, Kate Martin, Konrad Ostmeier, Elaine McNally, Joan Eastwood, Paul Ormerod, Eileen Kehoe, 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** For Lily Alker, Avril de Mink, John Smalley, John Bernard Jordan, Peter Hughes. **On the Anniversary** of Fred Crolla, Frances Worsley, Tommy Cunningham, Ray Mazza, Kevin Eccleston, Winifred Jordan, Harris Caswell, Sheila Madden, Mani Varkey, Michael Neary, Bob Plover, Paul Neary. **Special Intentions** Anna Hughes, Margaret Chick, Philip Derbyshire, Shevlin family, Marie Fenton, Harris family, Anna Abraham, Arun & Swany, Joanne Monahan, Nigin Santosh, Adam Makil, Luke Makil Birthday. **Birthday Remembrance** of Emma Sheldon, Winnie Wild, Jim O'Connell. Michael Neary Jr on his Birthday. Lyn Hutton retirement. Successful operation for Anne Marie and for Celia Eccleston, Special Intention Anne Mazza.

GOOD NEWS *Never Doubt God's Mercy* God loves saving big sinners. And this is one more reason why we can trust him without limits. No sin is too big for Christ's mercy. We should never doubt God's mercy.

MARRIAGE MATTERS *Piercing the clouds with our humble prayers* 'The humble man's prayers pierce the clouds.' That is why Jesus said the prayers of the repentant tax collector won God's favour, and why the judgmental attitudes of the Pharisees didn't. There is a bit of the Pharisee in all of us; humility is knowing the truth about ourselves. Proud people deceive themselves; let us grow in humility together.

Shoebox Appeal

For Christmas send your Shoebox Gifts around the world. Please pack your shoebox include £5.00 for postage costs and hand it in the St John Fisher's by Sunday 9th November 2025



CARD READER for Offertory Collection We have introduced a **CARD READER** in the porch of the Church. With this you can make your offertory donation using your Credit or Debit Card.



The Holy Year and Silver Jubilee of the Shrine Thank you to every one who helped prepare and lead this wonderful celebration. We will have a meeting of all those workers, volunteers and leaders who helped prepare and lead this very blessed Jubilee weekend Let us pray that we remain Pilgrims of Hope and Builders of peace. **You are invited to a meeting at the Shrine on Sunday 2nd November 2025 starting at 5.00pm and concluding with a shared meal.**



Our Christmas Fair is on Sunday 30th November 2025.

Harold writes: As Christmas is approaching, we have to plan ahead for our Christmas Fayre. **With this in mind we are asking for donations of raffle prizes for our Grand Christmas Raffle**, a notice is on the noticeboard with suggestions of items that we normally include. If you could see your way to donating something it would be greatly appreciated. **Also we need donations of bottles for the bottle stall. Susan needs donations for the Tombola Stall and empty "Pringle" tubes.** Thank You



October invites us to rediscover the Rosary: a prayer of peace, hope, and love

O God whose only begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection, has won for us the rewards of eternal salvation; grant, we pray, that we who meditate on these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Adult RCIA Course

Fr Herbert begins meetings for those wishing to be baptised and receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday 4th November at 6.00pm in St John Fisher's.

November Month of the Holy Souls Please find copies of the November List at the back of Church. Let us remember our departed loved ones and the Holy Souls in Purgatory during the month of November.

Funeral for Lily Alker on Friday 31st October at 10.00am at St John Fisher Church No Adoration before 12.00 noon Mass