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St John Fisher and the Shrine of Our Lady



St John Fisher Parish Community
 Shrine of Our Lady of Schoenstatt
 16th November 2025 thirty third Sunday



Sunday 9.00am 12.00 noon	16th November Mass Adoration	33rd Sunday Survive Miva Special Collection
Monday	17th November	St Hilda
Tuesday 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 6.00pm	18th November Mass Adoration Café RCIA group	Dedication of St Peter & St Paul
Wednesday 9.00am 9.30am 12.30pm	19th November Mass Adoration Hands of Hope	Weekday
Thursday 6.30pm 7.30pm	20th November Adoration Mass	Weekday
Friday 11.00am 12.00 noon 7.00pm	21st November Adoration in the Shrine Mass in the Shrine 60ties Night	Presentation of BIVirgin Mary
Saturday 11.00am 12.00 noon 1.00pm 2.00pm	22nd November Adoration Mass Holy Hour in the Shrine Covenant Mass	Vigil 33rd Sunday
Sunday 9.00am 12.00 noon 1.15pm	23rd November Mass Adoration Jocelyn Birthday (Tea Room)	33rd Sunday

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Persevering in Holiness Pope Benedict XVI once wrote that the ways of the Lord are not comfortable. But, he continued, we are not created for comfort. We are created for greatness. In other words, we are created to be holy. Holiness means to live in friendship with God. It means that our wills are united with his, in good times and in bad, and that gives us the eternal joy of being loved, and loving in return. And God asks us to persevere in that friendship, with the help of his grace. The liturgical year draws to an end. Advent is just around the corner. And today's readings highlight our call to be holy. The first reading reminds us that our lives don't last forever. This world doesn't last forever. How are we living? Would we be ready to meet Jesus face to face today? The psalm continues this theme: the Lord is coming. When we live in friendship with Him, this announcement is joyful. It's a call to shake off any drowsiness that might have invaded our hearts and to think about the greatness to which we're called. Then in the Gospel, Jesus warns us that our lives won't be easy. We're not created for comfort, we're created for greatness. And He encourages us to persevere in our journey with him. He says: "By your perseverance, you will secure your lives." There can be no holiness without perseverance. Because storms batter all of us. Sometimes they can be external. We could lose our jobs, we could fail epically in a relationship, someone we love could get cancer. Sometimes these storms will be internal. We could be tormented by anxiety or self-doubt. Maybe there's an intense loneliness. Maybe we suffer from depression. Obviously, God wants to seek help for that. But He also wants us to recognise that these weaknesses aren't an obstacle to our holiness, as long as we keep trying to walk with him. God is walking with us, and he asks us not to run from him. We're called to holiness. And God, through today's readings, reminds us that our part is to keep trying to love. A saint, after all, is simply a sinner who keeps on trying.



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. We pray in November for all the