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## St John Fisher and the Shrine of Our Lady

Sunday 30th November First Advent Sunday Mass 9.30am 12..30pm Christmas Fair Monday 1st December Advent Weekday Tuesday 2nd December Advent Weekday 9.00am Mass 9.30am Adoration 11.00am Café RCIA group 6.00pm Wednesday 3rd December St Francis Xavier 9.00am Mass 9.30am Adoration 12.30pm Hands of Hope 4th December **Thursday** 6.30pm Adoration 7.30pm Mass Advent Weekday 5th December Friday 11.00am Adoration 12.00 noon Mass ACAB gathering 2.00pm 6th December Vigil 2nd Advent Saturday 11.00am Adoration 12.00 noon Mass Sunday 7th December Second Advent Sunday 9.30am Mass 12.00 noon Adoration Holy Year Pilgrimage St Patrick's Collyhurst 3.00pm



## St John Fisher Parish Community Shrine of Our Lady of Schoenstatt 30th November 2025 First Advent Sunday



This Advent Is Meant to Be Different This Advent is different from every other Advent that we have ever lived, ever. It is different because we are different. In the past year, we have changed. We have another year of life under our belts. Maybe it was a year full of successes, joys, and advances. Maybe it was a year full of failures and sins. Maybe it was a year of suffering and hardship.

Whatever happened during the past year, it has affected us. We have more experience, more knowledge, and, we hope, a little more wisdom and a deeper love for God and neighbour. As a result, when we turn our attention once again to Advent, to the three comings of Christ: his first, 2000 years ago; his last, sometime in the future, and his ongoing one, through his grace, his providence, and the sacraments, when we turn our attention to



these three comings of Christ, we will see something new, something different. Jesus Christ is God. He is infinite beauty, power, goodness and truth. We can never know him completely. He is an inexhaustible treasury of greatness. Because of our life experience during the past year, we are now ready to discover new facets of this treasure, new levels of meaning, wisdom, strength and joy. God's providence has been preparing us over this past year, so that we could now learn things about God and his plan of salvation that he couldn't show us before, because we weren't ready. All three of those comings of Christ have the same purpose: to reestablish and deepen our friendship with God. He is looking forward making that happen, to deepening our friendship with him, in these coming weeks of Advent.

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 faithful departed, For all our sick and housebound: Please pray for Bobby Winslow, Mary Carrole, Angela Fenton, George Hurst, Maureen Manion, Sheila McKay, John Denehy, Margaret Maumy, Philomena Purcell, Clare Jones, Sheila Moran, Alan Walsh, Shelly Abraham, Sheila Buchingham, Delilah O'Neil, Jenny Thompson, 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