

St John Fisher and the Shrine of Our Lady Christmas Callendar

Sunday	11th January 2026	Baptism of the Lord
9.30am	Mass	
11.30am	Baptism Effie & Henry Walker	
12.00noon	Adoration	
Monday	12th January 2026	
Tuesday	13th January 2026	
10.00am	Café	
11.00am	Priest's Meeting in the Cottage	
Wednesday	14th January 2026	
12.30pm	Hands of Hope	
Thursday	15th January 2026	
Friday	16th January 2026	
Saturday	17th January 2026	
11.00am	Adoration	
12.00noon	Mass	Vigil 2nd Sunday of the Year
Sunday	18th January 2026	2nd Sunday of the Year
9.30am	Mass	
12.00noon	Adoration	

No Masses from Monday 12th January until Friday 16th January 2026

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Shrine of Our Lady of Schoenstatt
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Jesus Saves from Close By The conversation we heard in the Gospel, between Jesus and John the Baptist, is a strange one. John was the last prophet. His job was to announce that the long-awaited Messiah, the Saviour, had finally arrived. His job was also to encourage people to repent, to turn their lives around, so that they would be ready to recognise and welcome that Saviour. John used the ceremony of baptism to help that process of repentance, to give people a tangible way to tell God that they were sorry for their sins and wanted to follow him more closely from then on. But Jesus had no sins. Jesus was the Saviour. Jesus had no need to repent, and therefore no need to be baptised. And yet, he shows up by the river and gets in line anyway. John sees him and objects, but Jesus insists on taking his place right beside the rest of the sinners. Why? Because Jesus wants to make sure that we know that he loves us. And so, when he saved us from sin, he did so from close by, from the inside out. He saved us from suffering by suffering himself. He conquered death by dying. He overcame sin by living among sinners. His baptism is a preview of everything that is to come. By getting baptised, Jesus expressed his desire to take our place, to take the punishment for our sins upon himself, so as to free us from them. Later, on the cross, he actually did take them on himself. This was why he came. This was his mission. And this is still his mission. He still wants to save us by coming close to us, to make sure that we know that he loves us.



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 Anne Mazza, Sheila McKay, Celia Eccleston, Delia Ariffe, Bobby Winslow, Mary Carrole, Angela Fenton, Lena Stocks, Anthony Ward, Kitty Ward, Michael McDonagh, Shirley Ward, George Hurst, Maureen Manion, Sheila McKay, John Denehy, Margaret Maumy, Philomena Purcell, Clare Jones, Sheila Moran, Alan Walsh, Shelly Abraham, Sheila Buckingham, Delilah O'Neil, Jenny Thompson, Paul McGuire, Lynn Hutton, Janet Fielden, Marie Fenton, Patrick Cooper, Muriel and Brian Osborne, Monica Whitelaw, Maureen Booth, Maureen Grey, Sheila Barker, Lily Harris, Edmund Birch, Hildegard Cornelius, Marie Fenton, Debbie Shades, Sally Gibson, Jane

Shades, Thomas Shades, Benny Shades, Diane Middleton, Angela Fenton, James Neary, Alice Hindley, Pat Pearson, Sheila McKay, Anne Holland, Kate Martin, Konrad Ostmeier, Elaine McNally, Joan Eastwood, Paul Ormerod, Eileen Kehoe, Lynda Robinson, Leo Mazza, Doreen Mazza, Hilda Plover, Maureen Rogers, Sheila Brocker, 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 William Francis Birch, Betty Waugh, Neil Davies, Lynda Stevens, Margaret Connor, George Tierney, Amber Leigh Jones, Rachael Sheppard, Alan Walsh, John Kerrane, **On the Anniversary** of Rita Cooper, Pat Crolla, Barney Shannon, Kathleen & Alf Lomax, Veronica & Harry Woodward, Rosemary Atkins, Nora Greene, Mark Hadley, John & Eileen Defley, John & Anne Doyle, Michael Neary, Bob Plover, Paul Neary. John Neary, **Special Intentions** **Maria Francine Morris on her Birthday**, Eden Mary, Dominic Mazza jnr, Kath Johnson, Paul Johnson (60th Birthday), Michael Clarke, Anne Mazza, Anna Hughes, Philip Derbyshire, Shevlin family, Marie Fenton, Harris family, Anamma Anrayam, Anna Abraham, Arun & Swany and family. For Dennis Stevens remembering his birthday.

GOOD NEWS *Letting Jesus In* Jesus wants to be part of our lives, to stay close to us, that's what his baptism reminds us of. When we let him do that, wonderful things happen, just like at baptism in the Jordan River.



MARRIAGE MATTERS *You are my chosen one* Today, Isaiah and Matthew talk of Jesus being 'the Chosen One' and 'the Beloved'. So often, we are aware of the times when our partner annoys us. We need to develop a sensitivity so that, when we are tempted to be critical, we remember that this is my 'chosen one' and look for ways to affirm our partner, our 'beloved'.

Thank you to all, who in whatever way, helped to prepare the Church and the Liturgy ready for our celebrations this Christmas. Thank you also to all those who serve in the different ministries not only at this time but throughout the year.

Into My Vineyard Meeting Following the celebration of the Silver Jubilee of the Shrine there will be a meeting on Saturday 10th January 2026 at 2.00pm in St John Fisher's, to discuss what programmes and events we would like to start or continue to invite people to come to the Shrine. We will consider how to continue the Parish and Group Pilgrimages



to the Shrine. We also want to invite you to take part in the Pilgrim Mother Apostolate. Please contact Anne Howard for this. Also we want to expand the network of Home Church with an invitation to erect a Home Shrine in your homes. *Give Our Lady a place of honour in your home and she will walk with you and your family.*

Special Collections coming up

Caritas Sunday will be held on Sunday 18th January. A Second Collection will be held in Support of Caritas on Saturday 17th January and Sunday 18th January. We have a Special Collection for Lepra, a Charity who fundraise for the cares of those suffering from Leprosy and related diseases in India. We will have a retiring collection Weekend 24th January / 25th January 2026. In February 2026 we will have a special collection, the White Flower Collection which support the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child (SPUC).

Annual Province Meeting of the Schoenstatt Fathers

The Fathers' Community are attending the Annual Province Meeting in Schoenstatt, Germany from **Monday 12th - Friday 16th January 2026**. **There will be no Masses or Adoration at the Shrine that week.** Paul Cooper will be at the Shrine during this time. After two years at St John Fisher's, Fr Herbert is on Home Leave until the beginning of February 2026

The Baptism of the Lord is notable because it marks the beginning of Jesus' ministry and confirms his identity as the Son of God. Christ's baptism remarkably shows all three Persons of the Trinity at the same time: the Son being baptised, the Holy Spirit descending, and the Father speaking from the heavens. In this event, the Father and the Holy Spirit confirm the deity of Christ, and Jesus submits to his Father's will.

