

St John Fisher and the Shrine of Our Lady Christmas Callendar

Sunday 9.30am 12.00noon	4th January 2026 Mass Adoration	2nd Sunday of Christmas
Monday	5th January 2026	Christmas Weekday
Tuesday 9.00am 9.30am	6th January 2026 Mass Adoration	Epiphany of the Lord Holy Day of Obligation
Wednesday 9.00am 9.30am	7th January 2026 Mass Adoration	Christmas Weekday
Thursday 10.00am 6.30pm 7.30pm	8th January 2026 Coffee Morning Adoration Mass	Christmas Weekday
Friday 12.00noon	9th January 2026 Requiem Mass for Amber Leigh Jones	Christmas Weekday
Saturday 11.00am 12.00noon 2.00pm	10th January 2026 Adoration Mass Into my Vineyard	Vigil Baptism of the Lord
Sunday 9.30am 11.30am 12.00noon	11th January 2026 Mass Baptism Effie & Henry Walker Adoration	Baptism of the Lord

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

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The Word Became Flesh The Gospel opens with a sublime statement about the origins of Jesus: “In the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God.” It goes on to affirm that the Word became flesh for us. By becoming one of ourselves we might expect the Incarnate Word of God to share the same emotions as ourselves, and indeed he did. In the stories that follow, we read how Jesus showed his love to various people, to Martha, Mary and Lazarus, to his disciple John and to the rich young man who wanted to follow him. Equally, he shared our experience of distress. He could shed tears at times of loss and crisis, such as when his friend Lazarus died and before he publicly entered Jerusalem, knowing that the city would reject and execute him. The Gospels also tell how Jesus enjoyed social occasions and was a guest at so many dinners that his critics called him a glutton and a drunkard. He felt a strong empathy for people who suffered, and when they were hungry he provided the food that they needed. Like all of us, he needed companionship with others, so on several occasions he took Peter, James and John into his special confidence. When exhausted he could fall asleep, even in the stern of a boat being tossed by the wind and waves. He felt intense fear just before his passion, and openly admitted to his followers how troubled he felt in his soul. In his agony he prayed “Father let his cup pass me by.” When the Word became flesh, he joined us on so many levels. He dwelt among us, fully, passionately. He didn’t just come to live a quiet life. He “pitched his tent among us” and shared the full range of our human experience, in order to draw us near to God. Because he was a man of the people he spent most of his time among those who needed him most, and they were welcome in his company. This Word became flesh to make the Eternal Father known to all of us. He came to let us know the Father. Indeed, he is God’s personal message to us. How can we know the Father? Through Jesus who is “the way, the truth and the life.” He is our surest way to the Father. To know the invisible God, we must link up with Jesus, think of him often, and identify with him as children of 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:**