

St John Fisher and the Shrine of Our Lady Christmas Callendar

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

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

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4th January 2026 Second Christmas Sunday



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:**