

St John Fisher Parish Community
Shrine of Our Lady of Schoenstatt

Sunday 8th March Third Sunday of Lent
 9.30am Mass
 12.00noon Adoration

Monday 9th March 2026 Lent Weekday
Tuesday 10th March 2026 Lent Weekday
 9.00am Mass
 9.30am Adoration
 11.00am Café

Wednesday 11th March 2026 Lent Weekday
 9.00am Mass
 9.30am Adoration
 12.30pm Hands of Hope

Thursday 12th March 2026 Lent Weekday
 10.00am Coffee Morning
 6.30pm Adoration
 7.30pm Mass

Friday 13th March 2026 Lent Weekday
 11.00am Adoration
 12.00noon Mass
 3.00pm **Stations of the Cross**

Saturday 14th March 2026
 11.00am Adoration
 12.00noon Mass
 1.00pm First Holy Communion Classes
 2.00pm Mariage Preparation
 Vigil Fourth Lenten Sunday
Cafod Second Collection

Sunday 15th March
 9.30am Mass
 12.00noon Adoration
Livestream Link: on YouTube:
Facebook
Webpage
Laetare Sunday of Lent
Mothers' Day
<Schoenstatt YouthUK>
<Schoenstatt Family England>
<<https://schoenstatt.org.uk/>>

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Christ's Love Takes the Initiative

We have to use our imaginations to picture this scene. Jesus was tired after his journey. He sat down by the well, thirsty, hungry, worn out. He was so thirsty that he skirted all social protocol and asked a Samaritan woman to give him a drink - Jewish men at that time just didn't do that kind of thing. But Jesus' thirst went much deeper. He was really thirsting to save her soul. But his tiredness doesn't hold back his love for a lost sheep that crosses his path. The Samaritan woman came to the well at noon, the hottest hour of the hot, middle-eastern day. The other women of the village would have come in the cooler hours of early morning and evening. This one was a social outcast, avoiding contact with her peers. Jesus notices this, seeing in her eyes the anxiety that comes from an unstable life, but he also sees a spark of sincerity - her rocky path through life had worn down any façade of self-righteousness or self-delusion. Her wounded and suffering heart provides an opportunity for grace, and our Lord, forgetting about his own suffering, seizes it, changing her life forever. Jesus became one of us on purpose. He knew that because of original sin, we could no longer raise ourselves up to

friendship with God, so he lowered himself down to our level instead. And this is exactly what he continues to do, every day, through the Church, the extension in time of his Incarnation. The Samaritan woman was so overcome with joy at encountering Christ, so eager to spread the news, that she left behind her empty water jar, the very reason she came to the well in the first place! Christ wants to make a real difference in our lives, to redeem us, to give us a fresh start.



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 Elsy, Nicola Johnson, Laura Garratt, Brenda McNamara,