

Ss COLUMBA & JOHN FISHER HUYTON & KNOWSLEY VILLAGE

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Autumn Nights and the Gift of the Seasons

Autumn is one of my favourite seasons, I love the colours of the leaves on the trees as they turn red, brown, yellow. The weather changing is also upon us. I quite like the darker nights and the colder weather - its brisk and bracing - apart from when its too cold and wet!

God gives us the gift of the seasons

with both their beauty and their importance in cycles of nature and harvest and food. The reality of the changes in our climate sadly are ever increasingly obvious. We see this in the tragic consequences in nature, the loss of habitats and the exploitation of the earth for profit and also in the human consequences of climate change, food scarcity and increased risk of weather changes and natural disasters.

This year the start of autumn and the coming winter is also a time of worry and concern. The cost of living and fuel rises are a real concern for many. We are continuing to support our food banks and other initiatives, thank you for your ongoing generosity with this. There will be those who may need to access the foodbank and other services to help with their personal situations. Please make contact with the foodbank directly or speak to Fr Michael or others in our



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community and we will be able to signpost you to where you can get help which may be available.

As we reflect on our changing seasons may we give thanks for the gift of the seasons and the beauty of creation. The Lord asks us to be wise stewards of creation and to care for the earth and ensure protection for the most vulnerable members of our human family. We pray for the latest COP Conference in Egypt later this month and the financial plans being considered by our government. We pray that the common good of creation and our whole human family be at the heart of the plans and discussions.

Memorial Mass for the Faithful Departed

The Mass will be on Wednesday 9th November at 7pm at St Columba's and there will be the opportunity to write the names of those you wish to remember during the service on our memorial tree. If you wish to prepare your tags prior to the service they are available at both churches. If you are not able to attend but would still like to place a tag on the memorial tree please write the names of your deceased loved ones on the names tags and we will place them for you during the Mass.



Remembrance Sunday

This falls on Sunday 13th November. We will offer prayers to remember those who gave their lives in war during the Sunday Mass at St Columba's and the parish will be represented at the service at the memorial in Knowsley Village.

Reception Children Welcome Services

We will hold a Welcome Service in our churches for the children who have started Reception class at both our parish schools. This will be a simple short service that will welcome the children and ask for God's blessing on them as they start their school life of learning of knowledge and faith. You are very welcome to attend if you are able. The service at St. Columba's is at 9.15am on Thursday 17th November (we will delay our daily Mass that day until after the service) The service at St John Fisher is at 9.15am on Friday 2nd November.

Masses & Services This Week

Weekend 5th/6th November

Saturday 5.30 pm Mass at St JF (People of the Parish)

Sunday 11.00 am Mass at St C (Mary Spellacy Pollock)

Tuesday 8th November

9.15am Mass at St C (Peter Mountaine)

Wednesday 9th November

9.15am Mass at St JF (Peace)

7.00pm Mass for the Deceased at St JF

Thursday 10th November

9.15am Mass at St C (Veronica McDonald)



Next Weekend 12th/13th November

Saturday 5.30 pm Mass at St JF (Carol Bowden)

Sunday 11.00 am Mass at St C (People of the Parish)

Confession - available before and after Mass or by appointment

Collections: Weeks 2nd Oct - 31st Oct TOTAL £1986.33

Youth Sunday - Knowsley Catholic Children's Choir and Celebration of our Parish Schools

This new children's choir is part of the Archdiocesan schools singing project. Its members are made up from children from a number of Catholic schools in Knowsley. The choir are coming to lead the music at Mass on Sunday 20th November at St Columba's. That Sunday is also Youth Sunday when we celebrate the role of young members of the church so it would seem positive and appropriate that the children's choir will be with us then. We will also be extending an invitation to the pupils, families and staff from both our schools to join us for this Mass to celebrate Youth Sunday.



November Pious Lists

Pious lists are available at the back of both churches. Please fill in your lists and place them on the boxes that will be at the front of each of our churches.

Second Collection for Missio, World Missions

There will be a second collection today to support World Missions. This is a delayed collection as we had a number of collections at the scheduled time. There are envelopes at the back of the churches if you wish to use them.

Our next second collection will be on Youth Sunday (20th November) to support our local archdiocesan youth service

Iona Holiday Pilgrimage Trip 2023

There will be another parish organised to Scotland in 2023. The dates are Thursday 24th August to Monday 28th August 2023 and will include a one day pilgrimage to the island of Iona and the sites associated with St Columba. Travelling by coach and staying at the Loch Awe Hotel the price includes bed breakfast and evening meal and is inclusive of all trips and excursions. The cost is £378.00 per person and a deposit of £30 is required to secure a place. Application forms are available from Jim Short tel 0151 480 9008.



Please pray for the sick of our parish:

Kathy Molloy, Les & Mary Orritt, Joan Haigh, Norma Pritchard, Loretta McDonnell, M. Rivi, Thomas Hopkins, Amy Murphy, Joseph Cameron, Sharon Whitting, Rowan Sanderson, Claire L Walker, Karen Duffy, James Murphy, Betty Stewart, Elizabeth Jones

Parish Safeguarding Representatives

Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are

Jan Box 0151 548 5268 and Colette Murphy 07796291485

Please contact them if you have any concerns relating to the safeguarding of children or vulnerable adults in our parish.