

**Ss COLUMBA & JOHN FISHER  
HUYTON & KNOWSLEY VILLAGE**

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A  
12<sup>th</sup> February 2023

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### **Earthquake Reflections**

Like most people I have been moved by the images of the terrible suffering and deaths as the result of the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. We can all imagine how we would be feeling if it were our family and friends suffering like that. We also share in the rejoicing when (sadly too few) survivors are pulled from the rubble. Disasters like this seem to reinforce our human solidarity and connectedness. Charities and others are now responding and CAFOD are already working with local partners, especially in Syria, where they were already on the ground providing humanitarian assistance due to the conflict there. They have been supporting search and rescue work as well as providing immediate assistance of water, food, warm clothing and safe places to stay. For the Syrians, this is another devastating crisis as even before the earthquake 80% of the people in that region were living in poverty due to the conflict and millions had already been forced to leave their homes.

Our compassion for those suffering right now in these countries need to be matched by our welcome and care for those who end up here as refugees and asylum seekers. Poverty, war, injustice, threat of violence and death will always impact on vulnerable people. They all need our support, compassion and care wherever they are found. Our sense of being a global family is not dependent of geography or politics. Our human connectedness will hopefully move our hearts, open our eyes and hands to care and act, and our voices to speak with love .

## Our Journey through Lent

Lent starts with **Ash Wednesday Masses** with distribution of ashes  
**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

9.15am at St John Fisher

7pm at St Columba

**Stations of the Cross** will be on Wednesdays

1pm at St Columba

7pm at St John Fisher

**Lenten Reflection/Study Sessions**

These are being held at St John Fisher on Thursday evenings at 7pm

**2<sup>nd</sup>/9<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> March**



**Palm Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April Children's Activities**

Craft activities and prayers for children and families

4pm at St Columba



**Holy Week**

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April**

Chrim Mass at the Cathedral at 7.30pm



**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April - Maundy Thursday**

Mass of the Lords Supper 7pm at St John Fisher



**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April - Good Friday**

The Passion of the Lord 3pm in BOTH churches

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> - Holy Saturday**

Easter Vigil

8.30pm at St Columba



**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Sunday**

Easter Morning Mass

9am at St John Fisher

11am at St Columba

# Masses & Services This Week

## Weekend 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> February

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

Sunday 11.00am Mass at St C (Kathleen Molloy)

## Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February

10.15am Requiem Mass for Kathleen Molloy at St C

## Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February

9.15am Mass at St JF (Mary Wilde)

## Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February

9.15am Mass at St C (Mary Jones)



## Next Weekend 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> February

Saturday 5.30pm Mass at St JF (Margaret Kirkwood)

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

**Confession** - available before and after Mass or by appointment

**Collections:** Weeks 1st Jan - 28th Jan TOTAL £1448.84

Pax Christi Peace Sunday Collection 197.13

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## Quiz Night

Put your thinking caps on for our social Quiz Night on Friday 24th February in the parish room at St Columba's. We will start at 7pm. Light refreshments and snacks will be

provided but if you want anything stronger eg beer or wine you can bring your own - it might strengthen your thinking power to answer the questions! As ever the word of the quiz master will be final - and as it is Fr Michael he will be very strict but fair!

## Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass is held in the Cathedral as part of our Holy Week celebrations. All the priests gather with the Archbishop to renew their priestly vows and also the Holy Oils of Baptism, Chrism and the Sick are consecrated and blessed for use across the Archdiocese at Baptisms Confirmations, Ordinations and for the Anointing of the Sick. It is a very special Mass and a true gathering of the whole Archdiocese.

We have booked a coach for those who wished to attend. The Mass is on the evening of Wednesday 5th March and we will likely be leaving around 6pm. If you think you would like to go please sign up on the sheets at the back of the churches. We will ask for a donation towards the cost of the coach.

## Nugent Thanks

Thank you for your regifting donations Nugent which have now been collected. The charity shop were especially delighted as they had been running low on stock. We will also be holding a second collection for Nugent in a few weeks time.



### **Please pray for the sick of our parish:**

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

## **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.