

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

29<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)  
16<sup>th</sup> October 2022

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### **A Week is a Long Time in Politics**

This past few days it might be more correct to say a day is a long time! So much has gone on and uncertainties still prevail in the political and economic life of our country but we must continue to hope and pray for a genuine solution that works for the common good to be found and that can only be one which ensures that the most vulnerable and the poorest people in our communities are protected. Obviously I, and all of us, have our own particular take on what we think should happen but I am also saddened at the state of our politics at present. This weekend marks the first anniversary of the death of Sir David Amess, the MP who were stabbed and killed in his constituency office last year. Sir David was a dedicated parliamentarian and a practising Roman Catholic

We need good political leaders. To be an MP. Councillor or hold other public office is such an important and privileged position and we should expect, hope and encourage people of talent, varied expertise, and most importantly people who have a genuine desire to stand for a life of service to take up these roles. We need people dedicated to public service and the standards this demands.

I know I hear comments that 'they are all the same' or other disparaging remarks about our MPs but there are many who do take their role seriously and work hard - perhaps that doesn't make the news, unlike any flaws or failings! We don't all have to agree in politics - in fact maybe it is good that we don't! - but we do need good politicians for good politics, politicians who hold the common good as central and who uphold and respect their roles and their duties within this context. We should pray for those in public office and especially our MPs in these challenging times.

## **Cheese and Wine Evening**

Join us for cheese and wine, on Friday 28th October 2022 at 7.00 pm in the meeting room at St John Fisher. Catch up with old friends and new.

It would be good to have an idea of numbers to help with catering so if you've already made your mind up you are coming please let Dave or Fr Mike know if you can make it. If you're not partial to cheese and wine there will be alternatives available. Donations on the door welcome. See you there!



## **Iona Holiday Pilgrimage Trip 2023**

There will be another parish organised to Scotland in 2023. The dates are Thursday 14th 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.



## **November Memorial Service for the Dead**

November is the traditional time when we pray for the dead and often we will hold a special memorial Mass especially for those who have died in the past year. The Mass will be at 7pm on Wednesday 9th November at St Columba's and

we will have a memorial tree which will hold the names of loved ones lost this past year. More details will be shared nearer the time.

# Masses & Services This Week

## Weekend 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> October

Saturday 5.30 pm Mass at St JF (Thomas Kirkwood)

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

## Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October

9.15am Eucharistic Service at St C

## Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October

9.15am Eucharistic Service at St JF

## Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October

9.15am Eucharistic Service at St C



## Next Weekend 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> October

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

Sunday 11.00 am Mass at St C (Tom & Norah O'Boyle)

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

**Collections:** Weeks 03/04 Sept - 24/25 Sept TOTAL £1435.55

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## Knowsley Catholic Children's Choir

This new children's choir is part of the Archdiocesan singing projects.

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.

## Welcome Service

Due to unforeseen circumstances it was not possible to hold our welcome service for the children who are starting Reception in St John Fisher School. We will proceed with services later after half term in both our parish schools.

## Parish Baptism Meetings

We have started our new programme of meeting with parents prior to celebrating the Baptism of their children. The first meeting went very well and it was positive opportunity to meet the parents, share with them aspects of the celebration and be able to get to know them as they prepare for this special event in their families life of faith.



## Catholic Pic

The latest edition is available at the back of the churches or online at <https://tinyurl.com/4f7psmjh>



### **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.