

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

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)  
18<sup>th</sup> September 2022

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### **Two Funerals**

I am sure you know that little Olivia Pratt-Korbel had her funeral on Thursday at St Margaret Mary's Church just next to her school. I am told it was a fitting and moving service. Her mother Cheryl bravely gave the eulogy in tribute to her daughter. The mourners were all asked to wear a splash of pink. Next door in the school her former classmates had time to reflect and pray and all the children joined in this and other activities to remember Olivia.

On Monday we will experience the State Funeral of the Queen. This will be full of pomp and ceremony and will be attended by world leaders and televised so all can see and join in.

We continue to celebrate funerals here in the parish too. The grief and pain caused by the loss of a child in traumatic circumstances, or the loss felt by the Royal Family who will bury their mother who was such a global figure, is hard to imagine. I am not sure how we could ever attempt to measure grief but I am sure it would always be unwise to compare our different experiences of grief. What we know is that we will experience grief and maybe every time it is different. This week we have prayed for a young girl, murdered and for a Queen, recognising their loss and celebrating their life. At these moments we can fall back and cling to or trust in our faith, Maybe holding onto the words of Scripture, 'Come you who my Father has blessed; inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world'.



## **The Relics of St Bernadette**

Our Archdiocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes is a significant part of the prayers of many people but of course not everyone can actually make the trip to Lourdes. This year the spirit of Lourdes and St Bernadette is coming to the UK. In September and October when the relics of St Bernadette will be coming on a tour including every diocese.

The relics are in the Cathedral from Saturday 17th - Tuesday 20th September. You can visit the Cathedral throughout this time to venerate the relics or for personal prayer. Below are some highlights of Masses and services during these days.

Saturday 17th September 2022

7.30pm Torchlight procession outside the Cathedral

Sunday 18th September 2022

3.00pm Mass with the Anointing of the Sick

Monday 19th September 2022

7.00pm Closing Mass in the Cathedral followed by Rosary and Night Prayer

Tuesday 20th September 2022

7.00am Service of Departure from the Cathedral

The relics of St Bernadette will be located in the main Cathedral space. To ensure the comfort and safety of pilgrims, visitors are asked to register their attendance in advance. To register your free place please see <https://stbernadette.org.uk/registration>

Please note that registration times to visit St Bernadette's Relics are a guide only. While every effort will be made to minimise waiting times, visitors may have to queue and are encouraged to include this possibility when planning a visit.

General information can be found out at the following website <https://stbernadette.org.uk>



# Masses & Services This Week

## **Weekend 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> September**

Saturday 5.30 pm Mass at St JF (Alfie and Andrew Moorcroft)

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

## **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September**

9.15am Mass at St C (For successful examination results)

## **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September**

9.15am Mass at St JF (Marie, Margaret & Betty Halloran)

## **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

9.15am Eucharistic Service at St C

## **Next Weekend 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> September**

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

Sunday 11.00 am Mass at St C (Orrit Family)

**Baptisms:** Please pray for the following children who have been baptised recently Maya McKenna and Ruby Ball.

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

**Collections:** Week 20/21 Aug £348.90    Week 27/28 Aug £351.00

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## **Garden and Grounds Volunteers**

Are you fit and well? Can you spare some time on Saturday 24th Sept from 9am? The grounds at the back of St Columba's Church have become overgrown and need tidying up, if you can help please speak to Colette for more details.

## **CAFOD Emergency DEC Appeal for Pakistan**

Thank you for your contributions to our collection last week. We will hold the sending off of the collection if you missed it last week and want to make a contribution today. We will send the money later this week as of course it is desperately needed as soon as possible in this emergency. You can also donate at [cafod.org.uk/give](http://cafod.org.uk/give)

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## **Parish News**

We have had recent meetings of the Parish Committee and a meeting to reflect on how we support families coming for Baptism in the parish. We are now introducing a welcome and preparation meeting for parents so we can get to know them and welcome them before they celebrate the Baptism of their child. We are also hoping to have further celebrations for children in our schools. Once again we are planning to hold a memorial Mass for the Dead in November and also a Mass for those touched by cancer in October. We have even started to think about our Advent and Christmas services. We will share information near the time for these services.

## **Prayer Cards for the Queen**

There are prayer cards at the back of the churches. You may use these to prayer for the Queen during her funeral on Monday.



### **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.