

Ss COLUMBA & JOHN FISHER HUYTON & KNOWSLEY VILLAGE

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time - Sunday of the Word of God
22nd January 2023

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Synod - an ongoing process.

It seems some time since we have spoken about our Synod 2020 and the Pastoral Plan for the Archdiocese that emerged from the synod findings and discernment. In the past year various work has continued on the plan which is considering the following areas

- Becoming a Church that accompanies people through life
- Becoming a Church that honours the vocation of all the baptised
- Becoming a Church where synodality is embedded
- Becoming a Church that renews its organisational structures and administers its property to serve its mission
- Becoming a Church where young people and young adults flourish
- Becoming a Church that cares for its priests



This is not just a one off event but an ongoing process that continual leads us to reflect on the church across the Archdiocese, but also at deanery and parish levels. Much work has gone on and some of the areas above are changed and grown and others are still developing. The work on supporting and caring for priests has developed a significant plan and we can hope to share more about this in the near future. Planning the work on young people in the church is taking a little longer

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but there is ongoing work in this area. Some deaneries have begun to work on plan and parishes too. About a year ago we held a parish meeting to look at how we could respond and we considered a number of areas and in particular the care for children and young families. In the next few weeks we hope to continue to share the outcomes and developments we have managed this past year and again look to the future guided by the Synod and Pastoral Plan.



Quiz Night

Put your thinking caps on as we plan to hold a social Quiz Night on Friday 24th February in the parish room at St Columba's. Keep the date free and further details will be shared nearer the time.

Looking to Lent

Although we have just started Ordinary time in our church calendar Lent is not too far away starting on Ash Wednesday 22nd February. We plan to a range a Lent activities including Stations of the Cross, Lenten reflection/study evenings, and an event for children. Like last year we also plan to offer coach transport to the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral on Wednesday 5th April. This is just advance notice and further information will be shared in the next few weeks.



Masses & Services This Week

Weekend 21st/22nd January

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

Sunday 11.00am Mass at St C (Colette McGlashan)

Monday 23rd January

12.00pm Funeral Service for Josie Bulger

Tuesday 24th January

9.15am Mass at St C (Monica Prior)

11.30am Requiem Mass for David Connolly

Wednesday 25th January

9.15am Mass at St JF (Special Intention)

Thursday 26th January

9.15am Eucharistic Service at St C

Next Weekend 28th/29th January

Saturday 5.30pm Mass at St JF (Anita Moorcroft)

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

Confession - available before and after Mass or by appointment

Collections: Weeks 1st Dec - 31st Dec TOTAL £1925.58
including Christmas offerings.



Pax Christi Collection

Thank you for your support for Pax Christi in last weeks second collection. The collection will stay open this week before we send off the funds to Pax Christi

Re Gifting for Nugent

At Christmas we sometimes receive a gift that was given with love but it is something we will never use or just don't want, or we get two of the same thing. It may be a toiletry set that we don't use, two separate gifts of a pair of slippers or just a gift that we know we will never use. A great way of continuing the spirit of the Christmas gifts is to pass them on to Nugent where they will be sold in the charity shop or used directly in their services. I think it's a great way of honouring the original gift giver and continues the joy of Christmas.

Also at this time we have received new gifts and sometimes are sorting out space in our cupboards and shelves and now have donations of clothes, books, bric-a-brac etc. So once again please bring in your unwanted gifts and good quality spare items and we will donate them to Nugent. Just hand them in at the back of either church and we will arrange for a general central collection by Nugent.

Food Bank Collections

Don't forget as well as the donations for Nugent we have our ongoing collection for the Foodbank and you can donate food but also toiletries such soap, shampoo, toothpaste and tooth brushes.



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, 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.