

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

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Season of Creation

This season has been initiated by Pope Francis to establish a time of prayer in thanksgiving for the gifts of creation and harvest time and also action for the protection of nature and to tackle climate change. If offer this prayer from CAFOD which you may wish to use.

Praised Be

A prayer inspired by the papal encyclical '*Laudato Si*'

Living God,
have mercy on us,
for the times we forget
that we belong to each other.
You call us to be still,
to hear the whisper of our Sister Wind,
to feel the radiance of our Brother Sun,
and to be nourished by our Mother Earth.
Renew us in your healing love.
Inspire us to water the earth,
and nurture one another,
so all may flourish.
Together, as one family,
may we always sing your praise.
Through Christ our Lord,
Amen.

King Charles Remarks Given to Faith Leaders

Our new King met with Cardinal Vincent Nichols and other faith leaders very early in his reign. Cardinal Vincent asked if the following message from our new King be shared widely in the Catholic Community

‘My Lord Archbishop, Dean, Ladies and Gentlemen. I am very grateful to have had this opportunity to meet you all, so soon after my Accession, in what are inevitably the saddest of circumstances for me and my Family. I have been touched by your kind words of condolence more than I can possibly say. They mean a great deal to me.

I also wanted, before all of you today, to confirm my determination to carry out my responsibilities as Sovereign of all communities around this country and the Commonwealth and in a way which reflects the world in which we now live. I am a committed Anglican Christian, and at my Coronation I will take an oath relating to the settlement of the Church of England. At my Accession, I have already solemnly given— as has every Sovereign over the last 300 years – an Oath which pledges to maintain and preserve the Protestant faith in Scotland.

I have always thought of Britain as a ‘community of communities.’ That has led me to understand that the Sovereign has an additional duty – less formally recognized but to be no less diligently discharged. It is the duty to protect the diversity of our country, including by protecting the space for Faith itself and its practise through the religions, cultures, traditions and beliefs to which our hearts and minds direct us as individuals. This diversity is not just enshrined in the laws of our country, it is enjoined by my own faith. As a member of the Church of England, my Christian beliefs have love at their very heart. By my most profound convictions, therefore – as well as by my position as Sovereign – I hold myself bound to respect those who follow other spiritual paths, as well as those who seek to live their lives in accordance with secular ideals.

The beliefs that flourish in, and contribute to, our richly diverse society differ. They, and our society, can only thrive through a clear collective commitment to those vital principles of freedom of conscience, generosity of spirit and care for others which are, to me, the essence of our nationhood. I am determined, as King, to preserve and promote those principles across all communities, and for all beliefs, with all my heart.

This conviction was the foundation of everything my beloved mother did for our country, over her years as our Queen. It has been the foundation of my own work as Prince of Wales. It will continue to be the foundation of all my work as King.’

Masses & Services This Week

Weekend 24th/25th September

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

Sunday 11.00 am Mass at St C (Orrit Family)

Tuesday 27th September

9.15am Mass at St C (Ellen, John and Conlon Family)

Wednesday 28th September

9.15am Mass at (Thanksgiving to St Joseph)

Thursday 29th September

9.15am Mass at St C (Chris Pearson and Family)

Next Weekend 1st/2nd October

Saturday 5.30 pm Mass at St JF (Maureen Valle)

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

Confession - available before and after Mass or by appointment

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

CAFOD Emergency DEC Appeal for Pakistan

Thank you for your contributions to our collection. We were able to send £263.45 to CAFOD this week. CAFOD responded by thanking us for our prayers and donations.

They have reported that their local partners already have been able to deliver immediate food and medical relief to flood affected communities in Sindh Province in Pakistan and will continue to do so. Our next appeal for CAFOD will be in October on Family Fast Day. More information will follow.

Deanery Synodal Council

Under our new Pastoral Plan every deanery in the Archdiocese are forming a Deanery Synodal Council, and this will be made up primarily of one lay person from each parish and a number of clergy from the deanery. We need to send a representative. If you are interested in finding out more please speak to Fr Michael asap.

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

The prayer cards provided by the Bishops conference nationally are still available at the back of the churches if you still wish to take any



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.