

Ss COLUMBA & JOHN FISHER HUYTON & KNOWSLEY VILLAGE

1st Sunday of Lent - Year A
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CAFOD Family Fast Day

This Friday is the the Lent CAFIOD Family Fast Day. As in every Friday in Lent we are asked to give up some food or a meal as part of our own Lenten pilgrimage but on this day we are asked to send any money we might save to CAFOD in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world who will simply not eat today or not have access to clean water and other basic necessities of life.

I am privileged to have seen CAFODs work in action especially in Ethiopia. Today's gospel tells us of Jesus's temptation in the desert. A remarkable time for me in a different desert was in the dry rock and dust of the desert in the Afar region of Ethiopia. It is a really remote, dry and barren place. Here CAFOD partners are working to ensure solar powered water wells that provide life giving water to these remote rural communities. It was amazing to see how transformative this was in giving the families access to clean water saving them long, arduous and sometime dangerous journeys into the rocky hills to find water.

We will be having a second collection for CAFOD next weekend to help with their emergency work in Syria and Turkey as well as longer term development work all around the world. A small sacrifice from us with our fast day funds will really make a difference this Lent.

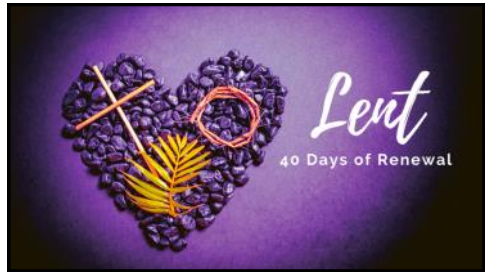


Our Journey through Lent

Stations of the Cross will be on Wednesdays starting this week.

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 **2nd/9th/16th March**

Our three Lent Study sessions start this Thursday evening 7pm at St John Fisher. You do not have to come to all of these as and you are welcome to come anytime. Each week we will have a time of prayer, then using images, music and readings we will have time for personal reflection and then sharing together. The themes are week one, Dust and Wind, week two, Fountain and Well, and week three, Tomb and Flame



Palm Sunday 2nd April Children's Activities

Craft activities and prayers for children and families

4pm at St Columba

Holy Week

Wednesday 5th April

Chrism Mass at the Cathedral at 7.30pm

Thursday 6th April - Maundy Thursday

Mass of the Lords Supper 7pm at St John Fisher

Friday 7th April - Good Friday

The Passion of the Lord 3pm in BOTH churches

Saturday 8th - Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil

8.30pm at St Columba

Sunday 9th April - Easter Sunday

Easter Morning Mass

9am at St John Fisher

11am at St Columba



Masses & Services This Week

Weekend 25th/26th February

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

Sunday 11.00am Mass at St C (James Murphy)

Tuesday 28th February

9.15am Eucharistic Service at St C

Wednesday 1st March

9.15am Mass at St JF (Margaret Cullen)

Thursday 2nd March

9.15am Mass at St C (Rosaline and Peter Mountaine)



Next Weekend 4th/5th March

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

Sunday 11.00am Mass at St C (John Pearson)

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

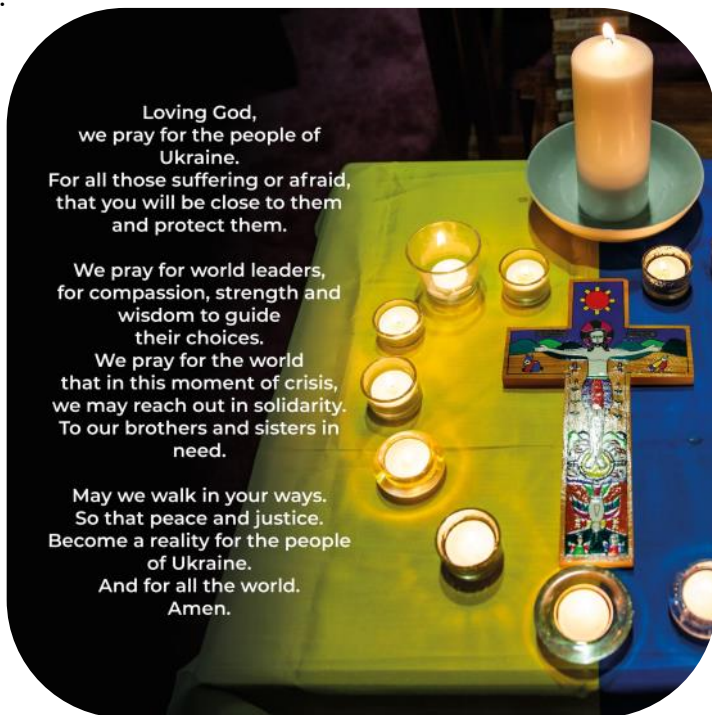
Parish Committee

The parish committee met last week. We reviewed our plans for Lent and Easter and the various activities and services planned. We also looked at how we are starting to recover as a community after the long lockdowns of the past few years. We reflected that we have restarted many parish activities such as social events, the parish feast day celebrations, and food bank collections. We also noted that we had started new work with children and families.

At our next meeting we are going to look at our parish finances. So you can see we consider many aspects of our parish life. Membership of the committee is open to anyone who wishes to join. Please speak to Fr Michael or any of the members if you are interested in joining.

Prayer for Peace in Ukraine

This prayer is from CAFOD to mark the one year anniversary of the conflict.



Loving God,
we pray for the people of
Ukraine.
For all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them
and protect them.

We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and
wisdom to guide
their choices.

We pray for the world
that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity.
To our brothers and sisters in
need.

May we walk in your ways.
So that peace and justice.
Become a reality for the people
of Ukraine.
And for all the world.
Amen.



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.