

# Ss COLUMBA & JOHN FISHER HUYTON & KNOWSLEY VILLAGE

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## Led by the Young

I wrote a few weeks ago about my work in the Archdiocesan Education Department. This past week we hosted a national Catholic Education here in Liverpool. Each day our morning prayers were led by children from different schools across the Archdiocese and another primary school choir led the music at our conference Mass in the Cathedral. The all did this marvellously and they were great ambassadors for their schools and the Archdiocese. We were very proud of them. Last week after ir first Children's Liturgy those present were also proud of the children here in our own parish. I know many people felt joyful and happy to see our children in church and enjoying themselves. Our First Holy Communion children too a few weeks ago were also so wonderful as they came to received the sacraments. You could see the reverence in their face and they had all worked hard preparing and learning their prayers and hymns to join in.

As I have written about on the back page I have also been preparing with our youth pilgrims for the Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage. Again many times that week we will be directly led by our young people in our prayers, music and worship as well as witnessing their marvellous faith in action. I am sure it is good to be led by our children and youth. Its worthwhile to remember the words of Jesus asking us to be more like children and reminding us that theirs is the kingdom. Their faith and witness will take all of us a long way in our journeys of faith.



## Parish Feast Days Celebrations

Having celebrated the feast day of St Columba last week we can now look forward to celebrating the feast of St John Fisher next weekend. There will be a gathering with food and treats after the 5.30pm Mass next week in hour of St John Fisher.



## Childrens Liturgy

We held our first Childrens Liturgy of the Word las week at the 11am at St Columba's. It was a wonderful sight to see the children go out and return with their banner and I am reliably informed that they enjoyed the service and time of prayer and activities

The next Children's Liturgy dates will be

Sunday 9th July

Sunday 13th August

Sunday 10th September

Sunday 8th October

Sunday 12th November

Sunday 10th December



## Day for Life

Next Sunday is the Day for Life. The day is celebrated each year and is dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and every condition. This year the theme of the day is 'Listen to Her' and focus is on post-abortion trauma and the impact of abortion primarily on women, but also men and others. The voices of women who have had an abortion are often silent in the Church and in society. This years theme hopes to break this silence and offer further opportunities for healing and reconciliation.

On the Day for Life we usually receive a reflection from a bishop on a life related subjects. This year for the first time the reflection has been offered by a woman who has had an abortion. It is important to hear real stories for these complex issues. This can allow for a journey from pain and suffering to one of hope and freedom.

More information including the reflection can be found at the following link

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life/>

There will be a second collection next weekend to support the church's work in this area.

# Masses & Services This Week

## Weekend 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> June

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

Sunday 11.00am Mass at St C (Pope Francis)

## Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June

9.15am Mass at St C (Rebecca F)

## Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June

10.15am Requiem Mass for Joan McCann

## Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

9.15am Mass at St C (In Thanksgiving)

## Next Weekend 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> June

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

Sunday 11.00am Mass at St C (For Vocations)

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

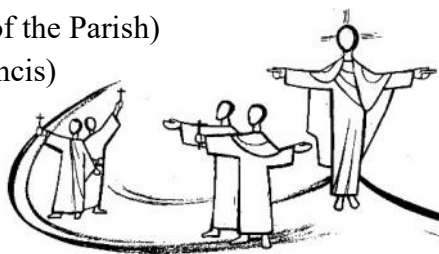
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**Collections:** Weeks 1st May - 28th May TOTAL £1326.19

Second collection today for the Day for Life

## Communion for the Sick and Housebound

We have a number of Eucharistic ministers who take Holy Communion to our sick and housebound parishioners. If you know of anyone who might want to receive Holy Communion at home please first make contact with them to ask, and then if they wish pass on contact details to Fr Michael so we can arrange for a minister to attend with Holy Communion. If you feel that you may be interested in becoming a Eucharistic minister please also make this known to Fr Michael.



Eleventh Sunday in



## Prayers for Pope Francis

As you may have seen on the news Pope Francis was admitted to hospital on Wednesday for abdominal surgery. It is reported that his surgery went well but he will remain in hospital for a few days to ensure his full recovery. The Pope is expected to travel to Portugal in August. Please pray for his full recovery and ongoing health.

## Countdown to Lourdes

Last weekend after our feast day celebration on Sunday I went directly to a meeting with the youth pilgrims who are travelling to Lourdes for our coach meeting. The young people began to prepare the liturgies they will lead both for our assisted pilgrims and for their own spiritual programme. An important decision was also to decide on the theme for their fancy dress party night which we have every year. The whole coach, young people, staff and chaplain, all dress up that night before we go to a bar in Lourdes. We always try to relate the theme to the theme of the pilgrimage - 'to build a chapel here' - so the ideas were about builders and tradespeople, famous buildings and landmarks but we also remembered that this year is the centenary year of our Archdiocesan pilgrimage. One of the young people suggested that 100 years ago it was the 1920s and so that decided our theme - the Roaring 20s! I was pleased as I think it will be easier to find an outfit for that rather than famous buildings!



### **Please pray for the sick of our parish:**

Les 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, Kay McAdam

**And our recently deceased:** Joan McCann

## **Parish Safeguarding Representatives**

Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are

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Please contact them if you have any concerns relating to the safeguarding of children or vulnerable adults in our parish.