

Ss COLUMBA & JOHN FISHER HUYTON & KNOWSLEY VILLAGE

13th Sunday Ordinary Time
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CAFOD - Fix the Food System Sign to Support Salina

We hear on the news about the impact of climate change and issues of the war in Ukraine on global food prices. The reality for many small scale farmers around the world is that they are dependent directly on their own farming to feed themselves, their family and communities. Often these farmers understand their land and crops and use wisdom and their close experience of the land to ensure good crop production. Climate change is already impacting badly on this but also big business and powerful economic organisations are seeking to control what seeds farmers can use and impose limits which are negatively impacting on farmers and making their lives much harder.

Salina, a small scale organic farmer from Bangladesh says "... To keep the seeds in our own hands is the main thing. Without seeds, being a farmer is not possible..."

CAFOD is campaigning to ensure the voices of these farmers are listened to and ask that we stand in solidarity with them Salina has written a letter to the President of the World Bank and this weekend we will be asking for you to co-sign her letter. You simply need to sign your name on the large letter at the back of the church. There are also prayer cards to take if you wish to pray in solidarity too. You can find out more by going to the following link.

<https://cafod.org.uk/campaign/fix-the-food-system>



A Message for Our Eucharistic Ministers

Firstly thank you for your service and ministry especially to those members of our community who are unable to come to Mass. Taking Holy Communion to the Housebound is a wonderful service but I also know that you will feel it to be a special privilege to serve in this way and at times a great joy.

We really should keep a central record of those who regularly visit the sick for our own recording but also for safeguarding purposes - keeping both the sick people and our ministers safe. There are forms available at both churches so can any minister taking Holy Communion fill in a form. The details of visits are just for regular and long term visits. If you take Holy Communion to a neighbour or family member for a very short time eg someone recovering from an operation for a short time then this does not need to be recorded. If you could fill in the forms and then return them to Fr Michael, thank you.



Parish Feast Days Thank You

Thanks to all who helped to make our various celebrations such good times - those who helped in setting up and clearing away and those who provided food and drink - and everyone for simply coming along and joining in. A common question was can we do more of this? This reflects on how appreciated the events were so let us all think how we can gather again for more celebrations! I hope to put some copies of the photos that were taken at both celebrations at the back of the church to share the good memories.

Childrens Liturgy

The next Children's Liturgy dates will be

Sunday 9th July

Sunday 13th August



Masses & Services This Week

Weekend 1st/2nd July

Saturday 5.30pm Mass at St JF (Teresa Hay)

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

Tuesday 4th July

9.15am Mass at St C (Kathleen Ford)

Wednesday 5th July

9.15am Eucharistic Service at St JF

Thursday 6th July

9.15am Eucharistic Service at St C



Next Weekend 8th/9th July

Saturday 5.30pm Mass at St JF (Mary Ryan)

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

Confession - available before and after Mass or by appointment

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

Parish Committee

The parish committee met last week. We looked at the finances of our parish. The good news is that we seem to be reasonably secure and covering our basic costs. We are going to look further into our finances and ensure we are able to be sure we can meet any future repairs and maintenance cost etc. There are a small team of people who help with our collections, counting and banking so thank you to them. If you would be interested in joining the parish committee please speak to Fr Michael and anyone is welcome.



Countdown to Lourdes - Petitions and Candles

Time seems to be flying by when I start to think that the Lourdes pilgrimage is now less than a month away.



If you would to send any petitions to Lourdes to be placed in the Grotto or have a candle lit for your intentions our young people would be delighted to do that for you. Please place your petitions in an envelop marked 'Lourdes Petition' and bring them into

Fr Michael and he will ensure they are taken to Lourdes. If you would like a candle to be light please place your donation in a separate envelop and mark it 'Lourdes Candle'. The youth pilgrims will light your candle and pray for you at the Grotto. The candle money will be split between paying for the candles and I will also use the extra part to pay for a treat for the young people - maybe an ice cream if the weather is hot or some pizzas one evening when they are



socialising in the cafes. This is just a small way to recognise their work and support for the pilgrimage. Please bring in your petitions in the next few weeks - there is always a rush for them in the last days before I go!



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, Mary Bentham

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.