

Ss COLUMBA & JOHN FISHER HUYTON & KNOWSLEY VILLAGE

14th Sunday Ordinary Time
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Shape the Change

‘Shape the Change’ was the title of an important gathering in the Archdiocese this week. Representatives of from parishes joined with staff and others from a wide range of social action groups, charities and local authorities who work across the Archdiocese. The aim of the event was to network and find out what each were doing in relation to three key themes

Food banks, warm spaces and food insecurity

Care for Creation and climate justice

Refugees and Asylum and creating communities of welcome

It was good to join together and listen to the issues and find out what is going on to respond to these important issues and thinking about how we as the church as a diocese and locally in parishes can take action too.

Here in our parish we do much to support the work of Nugent, our local food bank and our recent CAFOD action too. One speaker at the event was from the Trussell Trust which is a charity that supports foodbanks. We were told the startling fact that one in seven people here in the UK have experienced hunger simply because they do not have enough resources or money. Sharing information like this can only stir in us to think more deeply on how we can respond to the issue of hunger and indeed the other areas of concern. The gathering was a first step and we hope to be able to share further developments and ideas from the event in the future

You can find out more about the work of the Trussell Trust and their campaigns at the following link www.trusselltrust.org



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.



CAFOD Thanks

We have already received thanks from our local CAFOD staff for taking part in the Fix the Food System action last weekend. Our co signed letter will be sent off with others to the president of the World back as an act of support and solidarity with small scale farmers all around the world.

Ordinations

This past few weeks there has been four ordinations to the Diaconate of men training for the priesthood. Deacons Hugh Donleavy Peter Ross, James Finnegan and Martin Fyles will spend some time serving as deacons and studying in seminaries until they are ordained in the coming months as priests for the Archdiocese. Please keep them all in your prayers.



Masses & Services This Week

Weekend 8th/9th July

Saturday 5.30pm Mass at St JF (Mary Ryan)

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

Tuesday 11th July

9.15am Mass at St C (Jim and Ada Ferber)

Wednesday 12th July

9.15am Mass at St JF (Special Intention)

Thursday 13th July

9.15am Mass at St C (Tayce Robie)

Friday 14th July

9.45am Funeral Service for Romelyn Rigor at St C



Next Weekend 15th/16th July

Saturday 5.30pm Mass at St JF (J. Kemp)

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

Confession - available before and after Mass or by appointment

Collections: Weeks 1st June - 25th June TOTAL £1725.00

Day for Life Collection £125.51

Childrens Liturgy

Today is a Children's Liturgy Sunday at the 11am Mass at St. Columba.. This is for children aged 3-8 years old but other children are welcome too but younger do have to be accompanied by a parent. The children will start Mass with their parents/families and then will be asked to come forward to take part and go into the meeting room to

say prayers, listen to a child friendly Gospel reading and then share in activities. They will come back into church at the offertory and then rejoin their families. Parents are welcome to go with children especially with those who may be nervous at first or need extra help.



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.