

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

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time  
3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023

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### **Safeguarding for Us All**

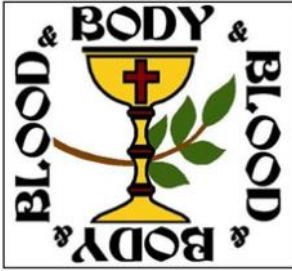
This week I attended the annual safeguarding training day for the clergy of the Archdiocese. This is such an important aspect of our life in the church today, not just simply as a response to the scandal of the abuse that took place but rather as an ongoing response to ensure that the church is a safe place for all - children, the vulnerable, church staff and volunteers and priests alike. Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility and is there to keep everybody safe and protected.



The day focussed on key areas of life in the church, safeguarding being embedded at all levels, transparency, care for victims, systems to manage concerns effectively, prevention of abuse, communications and more.

On a local level here in the parish there were some issues highlighted that we will have to reflect on and improve. Some systems that may need to be improved and strengthened and some specific changes in our practice in terms of visiting and I will share these in due course as more advice and guidance comes in.

However training like this also reminds us always of the importance of remembering to pray for victims of abuse. Victims who have experienced abuse within the church and also those who have experienced it in the home, work or any other settings. I have included a prayer on the back of the newsletter and invite you to pray for all victims and their healing.



## **Holy Communion Under Both Kinds**

I asked several months ago for any feedback in relation to receiving Holy Communion under both kinds of the Host and the Precious Blood. We have not been distributing the Precious Blood since the covid pandemic but it does seem now is a time to return to doing so.

From this weekend onwards Eucharistic

ministers will once again distribute the Precious Blood from the chalice. Can I remind you there is no obligation to receive from the chalice - this was the case before the pandemic too. I would also ask for you to be mindful if you have a heavy cold or other sickness and you feel you may be infectious you may wish to refrain from receiving from the chalice at that time - again this is no different than prior to the pandemic.

## **Lourdes Reunion Mass**

There will be a Lourdes Reunion Mass on Sunday 10th September at 5pm at St Mary's Lowe House in St Helens. The Mass is primarily planned for those who went Lourdes. But all are welcome including those who joined the pilgrimage in prayer and spirit at home.



## **Children's Liturgy**

Our next children's liturgies are Sundays 10th September, 8th October, 12th November and 10th December.

## **Parish Committee**

The next meeting of our Parish Committee will be on Tuesday 5th September 7pm at St John Fisher. All are welcome to attend. Please note the change of date for those at the last meeting.



# Masses & Services This Week

## Weekend 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> September

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

Sunday 11.00am Mass at St C (Margaret Cartwright)

## Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September

9.15am Mass at St C (Victims of Abuse)

## Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September

9.15am Mass at St JF (Our Schools)

11.00am Funeral for Christina Tully at St JF

## Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September

9.15am Eucharistic Service at St C



## Next Weekend 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> September

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

Sunday 11.00am Mass at St C (Phil Carroll)

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

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

## Parish Schools

We welcome back in the coming days pupils and staff at both our parish primary schools. We hope they have all had a wonderful rest and come back renewed and refreshed. We especially welcome the children and staff joining our schools for the first time. We look forward to another year of working together and supporting the learning and faith of our children and their families.



## Prayer for Healing Victims of Abuse



God of endless love, ever caring, ever strong,  
always present, always just:  
You gave your only Son  
to save us by the blood of his cross.  
Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace,  
join to your own suffering  
the pain of all who have been hurt  
in body, mind, and spirit  
by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.  
Hear the cries of our brothers and sisters  
who have been gravely harmed,  
and the cries of those who love them.  
Soothe their restless hearts with hope,  
steady their shaken spirits with faith.  
Grant them justice for their cause, enlightened by your truth.  
Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts,  
heal your people's wounds and transform brokenness  
into wholeness.  
Grant us the courage and wisdom,  
humility and grace, to act with justice.  
Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labours.  
Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace in justice.  
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



### **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,

### **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.