

Ss COLUMBA & JOHN FISHER HUYTON & KNOWSLEY VILLAGE

15th Sunday Ordinary Time
16th July 2023

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Pilgrimage and Retreat

On Thursday I will get on board a coach with 35 young pilgrims (aged between 15-22 years) to head off to Lourdes. The 28 hour long coach journey is not necessarily my most favourite part of the pilgrimage but we try to make the time pass by more quickly with entertainment, quizzes, films, and even hymn practice! Of course it is all worth it when we get there. We will have Masses together at the Grotto, in the various churches in the Sanctuary and join in the Blessed Sacrament and Torchlight Processions. The youth pilgrims are present to be at the service of the sick and older assisted pilgrims, pushing wheelchairs and enabling them to take part in all the pilgrimages services and activities. It is really a privilege to accompany them and support them in their pilgrimage journey.

After Lourdes I have a short holiday and come back to the UK just in time to lead a retreat for the Catholic Peoples Week. This is a week long retreat for families. Around 20 families will come together for a retreat and holiday time together. Our theme this week is 'Lord, that I May See'. In the mornings the adults gather for discussions and reflections on our theme, the young older young people have their own programme and the smaller children are looked after by young volunteers. We all have Mass together and the free time for trips and activities in the afternoon. The evenings we all spend together for prays or entertainment together. Again it promises to be a time of renewal.

So time away from the parish and education but it is good to be part of pilgrimage and retreat experiences that can only be enriching and special. I look forward to sharing with you about them on my return.

Masses & Services This Week

Weekend 15th/16th July

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

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

Tuesday 18th July

9.15am Mass at St C (Staff in Our Parish Schools)

Wednesday 19th July

9.15am Mass at St JF (Lourdes Pilgrimage)

Thursday 20th July

9.15am Eucharistic Service at St C

Next Weekend 22nd/23rd July

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

Sunday 11.00am Mass at St C (Vic Conlan)

Confession - available before and after Mass or by appointment

Masses & Services Next Week

Weekend 22nd/23rd July

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

Sunday 11.00am Mass at St C (Vic Conlan)

Tuesday 25th July

9.15am Mass at St C (Sick Pilgrims in Lourdes)

Wednesday 26th July

9.15am Mass at St JF (In Thanksgiving to Sacred Heart, Our Lady and St Joseph)

Thursday 27th July

9.15am Mass at St C (Canon Brendan Alger)

Next Weekend 29nd/30th July

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

Sunday 11.00am Mass at St C (Chris and Pearson Family)

Masses & Services from Sunday 30th July

Weekend 29nd/30th July

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

Sunday 11.00am Mass at St C (Chris and Pearson Family)

Tuesday 1st August

9.15am Mass at St C (Joan McCarthy)

Wednesday 2nd August

9.15am Mass at St JF (Chris Williams)

Thursday 3rd August

9.15am Mass at St C (Special Intention)

Next Weekend 5th/6th August

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

Sunday 11.00am Mass at St C (Ellen John and Conlon Family)

Confession - available before and after Mass or by appointment

Collections: Weeks 1st June - 25th June TOTAL £1725.00
Day for Life Collection £125.51

Three Week Newsletter Edition

You will of course notice that this newsletter covers the next three weeks in Parish, Fr Michael is away with the Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, a short holiday and then leading a families retreat for the Catholic Peoples Week organisation. The parish will be looked after by Fr Anthony during this time.

Drivers Request

As above Fr Anthony will be looking after the parish from next Friday for three weeks. Fr Anthony has no access to a car (a long and sad story about car insurance!)

Could I ask if you are a driver with a car and you would be willing to offer an occasional lift to Fr Anthony between the two churches, or to the shops maybe, let me know asap. If you could pass on your telephone number Fr Anthony will make contact as needed. Thank you.

Countdown to Lourdes.

I have received a good number of petitions and requests to light candles. The deadline for any last minute requests is Wednesday morning Mass next week., There are Lourdes prayer cards at the back of the churches if you would like to join with this special centenary pilgrimage in prayer and in spirit.

There are also a number of webcams and live web broadcasts from Lourdes so if you visit them during the pilgrimage week Friday 21st - Thursday 27th you may be able to join the pilgrimage masses and services from Lourdes - you most certainly will be able to spot the bright yellow t shirts of the youth pilgrims!

The general Lourdes website is at <https://www.lourdes-france.org/en/>

You can also link to the live webcams and broadcasts from there.



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.