

Ss COLUMBA & JOHN FISHER HUYTON & KNOWSLEY VILLAGE

20th Sunday Ordinary Time
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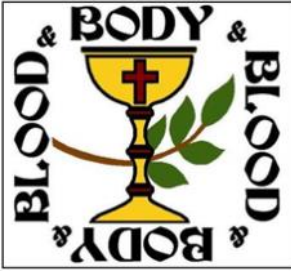
Summer Downtime

I was chatting with Fr Anthony about our long bright summer evenings as we were out for a drive and it was still light at 9pm. This is so different for Fr. Anthony as there are not the same kind of seasons in Ghana where the sun sets everyday all year round at 6pm and it is soon dark. We may like our long sunshine and light but of course we then have our shorter days and longer darkness in the winter times.

During the summertime I am often asked if things get quieter and do I get time the time for a holiday. The honest answer is that it does get quieter both in the parish and in the education offices at the Archdiocese. We don't tend to plan any parish activities or events as we know people are often away on holidays and of course our parish schools are closed too enjoying a well earned rest. This also applies in the education offices which go quieter as the schools are closed although elements such as building repairs and planning remain ongoing. For me personally I always view the Lourdes pilgrimage as the start of the summer and then usually take a short holiday with friends afterwards. The rest of the summer can then be used as a time for catching up on administration and planning for the next year both in the parish and education offices.

Looking ahead I think its going to soon get very busy again. We have some big tasks with our schools and colleges and here in the parish we will soon be thinking about this year and planning for events and services and thinking about new ways of working across our deanery with developing new family groups of parishes.

Just like the changing seasons its good to have the quieter times to help us prepare for when times get busier and more hectic. Both are good!



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.

I am proposing that from September Eucharistic

ministrators 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.

Exam Results

We remember in pray all those young people receiving their exam results around this time - A levels were this week and GCSEs are next week. Congratulation to those who receive the results they hoped for and for others who have not gained what they hoped please know there is so often solutions to be found with the help of teachers and families, resits and alternatives can be found.

Thanks to Fr Anthony

Thank you to Fr Anthony who looked after the parish while I was away in Lourdes, on holiday and leading a retreat. He not only looked after the parish but also took care of my dog, Ollie - fortunately they are great friends and Fr Anthony spoils him rotten!

Fr Anthony is now off working in other parishes in Leyland, Chorley then Speke but he will be back just for a few days in September before he returns to Ghana. I am sure we will be seeing him again sometime next year.

Children's Liturgy

Last week our children made beautiful 'Jesus' boats in their liturgy time. Our next children's liturgies are Sundays 10th September, 8th October, 12th November and 10th December.



Masses & Services This Week

Weekend 19nd/20th August

Saturday 5.30pm Mass at St JF (Margaret and Tomas Kirkwood)

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

Tuesday 22nd August

9.15am Mass at St C (Deanery Clergy)

Wednesday 23th August

9.15am Mass at St JF (Parry Family)

Thursday 24th August

9.15am Mass at St C (Special Intention)

Friday 25th August

11.45am Requiem Mass for Bertha Kay McAdam at St JF

Next Weekend 26th/27th August

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

Sunday 11.00am Mass at St C (Gerard Myles)

Confession - available before and after Mass or by appointment

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



Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage

As you know I was in Lourdes with our centenary Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. I was accompanying our youth pilgrims who work to support the pilgrimage by working with the assisted pilgrims and helping with prayers and services. As ever it was a privilege to be in Lourdes and to be with our young people. At so many times they were a huge credit to the Archdiocese. The way they serve, pray and also play is inspiring, energising and tiring - very early starts and they enjoy late nights too!

It is said a picture tells a thousand words so I have put just a few photos on the back page to show some aspects of their pilgrimage time.



Our Young People in Lourdes



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

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