

Ss COLUMBA & JOHN FISHER HUYTON & KNOWSLEY VILLAGE

21st Sunday Ordinary Time
27th August 2023

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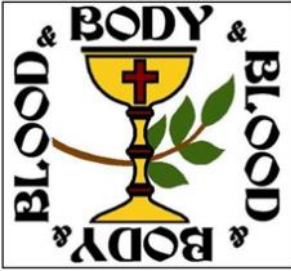
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Sporting Times

This summer has been a great summer of sports. I always look forward to watching the tennis at Wimbledon which for me is one of the things that mark the starting of summer. This year there has been a great summer of sport especially in women's sports. Everyone was gripped with the Lionesses football success at the World Cup, even to be the runners up was a great achievement. You may have missed the World Netball Cup earlier in South Africa where the British team were also the runners up. Victory in sport was achieved more recently by Katerina Johnson-Thompson winning the world heptathlon gold medal for a second time. Katerina is a local girl who went to St Julies High School in Liverpool. The race to the gold medal was exceptionally tight between Katerina and her rival Anna Hall of America. A special moment between the two women came as they embraced, exhausted at the end of the final race. Katerina expressed her utter admiration for how hard Anna Hall had competed and Anna's response was "It is super inspiring what you have done."

Sport has the power to bring us together but sadly is not immune to excessive rivalry and discrimination. But great sports shows a true message of humanity and the human spirit. It is great to see Katerina and our women's netball and football teams showing true examples of sporting success whether winning or narrowly losing. The example of sporting success can be inspiring to our young people and rightly can give us national pride. But in a world of division and injustice sport can help us see a vision of harmony and peace in the world and how we can bring people together in unity.



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 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 26th/27th August

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

Sunday 11.00am Mass at St C (Gerard Myles)

Tuesday 29th August

9.15am Mass at St C (Eileen Anderson)

10.45am Funeral Service for Patrick Best at St C

Wednesday 30th August

9.15am Eucharistic Service at St JF

Thursday 31st August

9.15am Mass at St C (In Thanksgiving)

Friday 1st September

11.45am Requiem Mass for George Cahill at St JF



Next Weekend 2nd/3rd September

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

Sunday 11.00am Mass at St C (Margaret Cartwright)

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

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.