

Ss COLUMBA & JOHN FISHER HUYTON & KNOWSLEY VILLAGE

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Parish Meetings

Next weekend after both Masses you are invited to stay behind for just half an hour for a parish meeting. Tea and coffee will be available and it will be chance for us all to come together to think about the future. We will be looking at what we need to remain a flourishing parish and considering how we people may be able to offer service or time. We will also be thinking longer term about our parish and our deanery. Are there ways we could work together in the future. Fr Michael will share some more information coming from our Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan and looking towards the next Archdiocesan Synodal Council to be held later this month.

There is nothing to be worried about and no immediate change is envisaged but the Pastoral Plan does require all parishes to start to think about a future where they may be sharing a priest, deacon or other personnel, the condition of our building, forming new clusters of 'families of parishes' and much more.

This really is just an initial way of sharing but also asking for us all to reflect on how we can help build our parish by volunteering in all sorts of ways. If you are able to stay next week it would be good for us all to listen and then reflect. I hope to see many of you next weekend after the Masses



CAFOD Responding to the Crisis in Gaza

I received the following information this week and I thought you may be interested to know how CAFOD are helping out directly in Gaza..

Dear Father,

I hope all is well with you. We have all been shocked and saddened by the devastating conflict in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory. CAFOD's local partners in Gaza and southern Israel are now actively responding and providing urgent humanitarian aid to those in need.

We have sent £100,000 to our local partner, Catholic Relief Services (CRS) who are already supporting 10,000 families with cash vouchers. Families are using these to purchase essentials like food and water as well as mattresses and bedding from wholesale suppliers in Gaza.

We have committed £50,000 to our local partner, Culture and Free Thought Association, who are sheltering 300 people in their centres in Gaza and are supporting them with cash assistance, food, water and offering counselling to those dealing with losing their loved ones, their homes and their livelihoods.

We have released £10,000 to our local partner Sadaka Reut, working in southern Israel with local emergency support groups providing psychological support, basic humanitarian assistance and building emotional resilience.

Sadly, staff and volunteers in our partner organisations have already lost their lives and tragically news has reached us this morning that more local staff in Gaza have been killed. They tell us that your support and your prayers of solidarity for those putting their lives at risk to help during this crisis are needed now more than ever.

Please keep the situation in Gaza in your prayers. I know we have just recently had a collection for CAFOD to support all their work but if anyone wishes to support the specific work in Gaza they have launched a specific appeal. You can find out more at the following link www.cafod.org.uk



Masses & Services This Week

Weekend 11th/12th November

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

Sunday 11.00am Mass at St C (Christine Ramsey)

Tuesday 14th November

9.15am Mass at St C Elizabeth

Agnes Gratton

Wednesday 15th November

9.15am Mass at St JF (Peace in Middle East)

7.00pm Mass of Remembrance at St C

Thursday 16th November

9.15am Eucharistic Service at St C



Next Weekend 18th/19th November

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

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

Confession - available before and after Mass or by appointment

Collections: Weeks 1st Oct - 5th Nov TOTAL £1767.36

CAFOD - £339.60

World Missions - £209.83



November Prayers for the Dead

Wednesday 15th - Mass of Remembrance
Mass at 7pm at St Columba's with a chance to remember all our lost loves ones and especially those who have passed away this last year. If you are not able to attend the Mass but would like to

add a name to go on our remembrance tree please write the names on a tag that are available at the back of church and we will place them for you. If you are coming on the night then you can do that as you arrive.

Parish Film Night

Advance notice of the return of the popular parish film night. We will gather at 7pm Friday 24th November at St John Fisher Meeting Room. We will be watching Save the Cinema which based on a true story tells the story of a local community trying to save its theatre and cinema. drinks, ice cream and popcorn will be available.



Childrens Liturgy and Activities



Today there will be Children's Liturgy this Sunday at the 11am Mass.

The next date for Childrens Liturgy is Sunday 17th December

Also on Sunday 10th December we will be holding a Children and Family Crafts and Christingle Service at 3.30pm at St Columba's. We will gather for a range of children's activities including making a Christingle and other Christmas crafts. We will then celebrate a short Christingle service. All are welcome.



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.