

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

28<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time  
15<sup>th</sup> October 2023

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**Prayer for peace in Israel and Gaza**

Let us pray for the many people whose lives have been torn apart by conflict in Gaza and Israel.

We remember especially those who have died, those who are grieving, the injured and those now without food, shelter or medical supplies.

We pray also for those who have the power to bring peace. May they be touched by a spirit of compassion and kindness.

Lord hear us.

**Help avert humanitarian catastrophe**

CAFOD is asking us to email Foreign Secretary James Cleverley urging the UK government to play its part in upholding international law in the Holy Land and avert a massive humanitarian catastrophe. Thousands of people have been killed across Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory as the region witnesses the deadliest days in recent history. CAFOD unequivocally condemns this shocking killing and kidnapping of civilians. But more violence is never the answer.

The scale of the Israeli government's violent retaliation is causing more civilian deaths and injuries. The decision to withhold food, water and fuel from reaching the two million inhabitants of Gaza - half of whom are children - will inevitably lead to a humanitarian catastrophe.

Will you email the Foreign Secretary James Cleverley to urge the UK government to play its part in upholding international law, ensuring humanitarian aid can reach people in need, and works with other world leaders to secure a lasting peace for the region?

Follow the link to email the Foreign Secretary today: <https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/136932/action/1?locale=en-GB>

## **Families of Parishes**

The Archdiocese of Liverpool is setting the stage for a transformative shift in the way the Church operates, introducing the concept of "Families of Parishes." This initiative is at the heart of the archdiocese's Pastoral Plan, promising a more connected and dynamic approach to faith and community.

The archdiocese invites all parishioners to explore this visionary plan through a series of upcoming roadshows.

The Pastoral Plan, unveiled earlier this year, outlines a path forward for the archdiocese that emphasises pastoral collaboration. It envisions the creation of "Families of Parishes" as the next step in strengthening our faith community.

To provide a comprehensive understanding of this concept, the archdiocese has scheduled three informative roadshows, open to everyone interested in the future of the church. The roadshows will take place at the following locations and times:

- Saturday 4 November: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM at St. Margaret Clitherow Centre, Sefton Park Liverpool.
- Tuesday 7 November: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM at St. Anne's Pastoral Centre in Ormskirk.
- Wednesday 8 November: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM at St. Julie's Eccleston, St. Helens.

The vision that emerged from the 2021 Synod of the Archdiocese of Liverpool places Christ at the centre, emphasising His mission shared with all the baptised. This mission unites individuals to each other and to Christ during the Mass, creating a sense of community and purpose.

If you have questions or seek further clarification about this emerging strategy, please do attend one of the upcoming open meetings. Together, we embark on a journey toward a more connected, vibrant, and sustainable faith community, guided by the principles of Families of Parishes.

# Masses & Services This Week

## Weekend 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> October

Saturday 5.30pm Mass at St JF (Thomas Kirkwood)

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

## Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October

9.15am Mass at St C (Cowie Family)

## Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October

9.15am Mass at St JF (Eileen and Marie Cullen)

## Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October

9.15am Eucharistic Service at St C

## Next Weekend 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> October

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

Sunday 11.00am Mass at St C (Ceddy Fletcher)

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

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**Collections:** Weeks 1st Sept - 1st Oct TOTAL £1463.18



## CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal

Thank you for your generous donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal.

Together, we are supporting local experts like Dr Nasha in Pakistan to get help to families and communities when they need it most. We will keep the collection open for next week before sending our donations to CAFOD and it's not too late to give online at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk)

## Quiz Night

Back by popular demand put your thinking caps on once again for our social Quiz Night on Friday 27th October in the parish room at St Columba's. We will start at 7pm. Light refreshments and snacks will



be provided but if you want anything stronger eg beer or wine you can bring your own - it might strengthen your thinking power to answer the questions! As ever the word of the quiz master will be final - and as it is Fr Michael he will be very strict but fair!

## Book of Remembrance

You will have seen the Remembrance books in both churches recording the names of of family and friends from the parish who have died. If you wish to have names added to the book please fill in one of the forms available in both churches. The books are updated on a regular basis. As we look ahead to November a traditional time we pray for the dead you any wish to consider adding deceased members from our parish community into the book.



### **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.