

Ss COLUMBA & JOHN FISHER HUYTON & KNOWSLEY VILLAGE

29th Sunday Ordinary Time
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The Synods of our Times

A few years ago I suspect hardly any of us had heard about synods in the church but today we are more familiar. We had our own Archdiocesan Synod 2020 which produced our Pastoral Plan and then also these past few weeks there has been an official global synod of the church all about synods themselves, with the slightly confusing title Synod on Synodality. This has been a gathering of bishops and others from all around the world to consider the Church. They have been discussing many issues including how we welcome people, the role of women and many other subjects but throughout it all it has been reflecting on how we are church not just what we do or practice. Actually thinking about how we are the church, how we make decisions, how we ensure the voice of all is included is perhaps even more important than what we do. We will find out in due course the outcomes of this important gathering.

Our Archdiocesan synod process continues locally with the meetings of our new deanery synodal council and the first gathering of our Archdiocesan Synodal Council in November which will consider the progress of the pastoral plan and how we can move forward in new ways.

Please pray for all the synods/meetings, which are helping shape us into a church of communion, participation and mission.



For a synodal Church
communion | participation | mission

November Prayers for the Dead and Our Book of Remembrance

As we look ahead to November a traditional time we pray for the dead we will have various opportunities to remember and pray for lost love ones.

Wednesday 1st Nov - All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation)

Mass 9.15am at St JF (please note that this will be the only mass in the parish this day)

Thursday 2nd Nov - All Souls Day

Mass at 12noon at St C

Wednesday 15th - Mass of Remembrance

Mass at 7pm at St C with a chance remember all our lost loves ones and especially those who have passed away this last year



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.

Inauguration of the Co-Cathedral on the the Isle of Man

Following the announcement in September, Saint Mary of the Isle Church, Douglas, Isle of Man will be elevated to cathedral status on Friday 3rd November at 12 noon.

The island will welcome the Archbishop of Liverpool, Malcolm McMahon OP, the Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain, Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía, Canons of the Metropolitan Cathedral and bishops from across England and Wales.

Dignitaries from the Manx Government and from Douglas City Council will attend as well as ecumenical partners and parishioners from across the island.

During the ceremony the Apostolic Nuncio will read a decree from Pope Francis elevating the Church to the status of cathedral and will install Archbishop Malcolm in his chair, or cathedra, which the name cathedral comes from.

The service will be livestreamed at the following link <https://manxcatholic.org.uk>

Masses & Services This Week

Weekend 21st/22nd October

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

Sunday 11.00am Mass at St C (Ceddy Fletcher)

Tuesday 24th October

9.15am Mass at St C (Peace in the World)

2.00pm Funeral Service for Stephen Alcock at St C

Wednesday 25th October

9.15am Mass at St JF (Our Parish Schools)

Thursday 26th October

9.15am Mass at St C (Special Intention)



Next Weekend 21st/22nd October

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 Sept - 1st Oct TOTAL £1463.18



Missio - Second Collection

Today we celebrate World Mission Sunday when we pray for the work of the missions all around the world. We also have a second collection for Mission this week. The donations collected go, in their entirety, to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor.

Later this year in Advent we will host an appeal from Survive-MIVA the specialist charity that provides, car, vans and bicycles for use of missionaries.

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!

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.



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.