

Ss COLUMBA & JOHN FISHER HUYTON & KNOWSLEY VILLAGE

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War in Israel and Gaza

This week Pope Francis once again called for peace in Israel and Gaza. In his General Audience in Rome he particularly made an appeal for the release of Israeli hostages held by Hamas and the entry of humanitarian aid to be allowed in Gaza. He also made a specific call for peace in Ukraine too lest we forget the many other places where war and violence impact especially on the poorest and vulnerable people. The Christian communities in Israel and Palestine often get caught in the struggle of Israeli and Jewish viewpoints on one hand and Palestinian and Muslim views on the other. Cardinal Pizzaballa the Catholic Patriarch of Jerusalem last wrote to his whole diocese

“My conscience and moral duty require me to state clearly that what happened on October 7th in southern Israel is in no way permissible and we cannot but condemn it. There is no reason for such an atrocity. Yes, we have a duty to state this and to denounce it. The use of violence is not compatible with the Gospel, and it does not lead to peace. The life of every human person has equal dignity before God, who created us all in His image.

The same conscience, however, with a great burden on my heart, leads me to state with equal clarity today that this new cycle of violence has brought to Gaza over five thousand deaths, including many women and children, tens of thousands of wounded, neighbourhoods razed to the ground, lack of medicine, lack of water and of basic necessities for over two million people. These are tragedies that cannot be understood and which we have a duty to denounce and condemn unreservedly. The continuous heavy bombardment that has been pounding Gaza for days will only cause more death and destruction and will only increase hatred and resentment. It will not solve any problem, but rather create new ones. It is time to stop this war, this senseless violence.”

He asked the Christians of the Holy Land to turn to the model of Jesus in the Gospels and be courageous witnesses for peace.. We continue to support them in our own prayers.

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 10.00am 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 28th/29th October

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

Sunday 11.00am Mass at St C (Margaret Cartwright)

Tuesday 31st October

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

Wednesday 1st November - Feast of All Saints - Holy Day of Obligation

9.15am Mass at St JF (Mass in Thanksgiving
for Prayers Answered)

Thursday 2nd November - Feast of All Souls

10.00am Mass at St C (Deceased of the Parish)

Next Weekend 4th/5th November

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

Sunday 11.00am Mass at St C (Rosaleen and Peter Mountaine)

Confession - available before and after Mass or by appointment



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

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.



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. The actual film is yet to be decided upon but you can be sure there will be drinks, ice cream and popcorn so its worth coming whatever the film will be.



Childrens Liturgy and Activities



There will be an extra Children's Liturgy this Sunday at the 11am Mass.

The next dates for Childrens Liturgy are
Sunday 12th November
Sunday 10th 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.