

Ss COLUMBA & JOHN FISHER HUYTON & KNOWSLEY VILLAGE

Palm Sunday - Year B
24th March 2024

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Huyton Family of Parishes

As you know Archbishop Malcom asked us to form Families of Parishes to help take forward the Pastoral Plan for the Archdiocese. These are groups of parishes that will start to work more closely together, support each other and also to start to consider plans for the future.

Our Family of Parishes in Huyton was confirmed in March and includes:

St Agnes and St Aidan's
St Aloysius
St Dominic's
St Columba and St John Fisher
St Albert's



Due to specific pastoral issues in a number of our parishes we have already begun meeting to consider our future needs and plans. We will need to carefully consider the provision of Masses and services, pastoral activities, our buildings and other resources, our schools, clergy (priests and deacons) and pastoral workers, and most importantly come together to agree a shared vision for the church in the future in Huyton, Stockbridge Village and Knowsley Village.

There has already been a meeting with the parish priests, and recently, a planning group has been formed consisting of the clergy and representatives from each of the parishes. This group will help oversee and plan consultations in all our parishes, and then form future plans and proposals which can be presented to the parishes, and to the Archbishop and his advisors for approval. The representatives on the group for our parish are Jan Box, George Cowie and Fr. Michael

We will be in contact in the near future with news on how everyone can be involved and contribute to the plans and consultations. Please pray for all our parishes as we look to the future together.

Holy Week Services

Please note there will be no Stations of the Cross on Wednesday this week as we move our focus to Good Friday. There will be no morning celebrations of Mass or Eucharistic Services on Wednesday or Thursday.

Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass is at the Cathedral at 7.30pm Wednesday 27th March. The Chrism Mass is a key time in the life of the Archdiocese when each Holy Week the priests gather with the Archbishop, and renew their priestly vows and the Sacramental Oils of Baptism, Chrism and the Sick are also consecrated. Our coach will depart from St John Fisher at 6.00pm and St Columba at 6.15pm. Places still available - see Fr Michael

Easter Triduum

The Easter Triduum of these Masses and service in Holy Week are actually all one long service. If you are able it would be good to attend the Mass of the Lords Supper on Thursday, the Passion of the Lord on Good Friday and the Easter Vigil on Easter Saturday

Thursday 28th March - Maundy Thursday

7pm Mass of the Lords Supper at St John Fisher

Friday 29th March - Good Friday

3pm The Passion of the Lord in BOTH churches

Saturday 30th March - Holy Saturday

8.30pm Easter Vigil at St Columba

Sunday 31st March - Easter Sunday

9am Easter Morning Mass at St John Fisher

11am Easter Morning Mass at St Columba



Masses & Services This Week

Weekend 23rd/24th March

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

Sunday 11.00am Mass at St C (Craig Lyons)

Tuesday 26th March

9.15am Mass at St C (Joan and Gerry Mahoney)

1.15pm Funeral Service for Elizabeth Corrigan at St C



Wednesday 20th March

1pm Requiem Mass for Sheila Casey at St JF

Thursday 21st March

2.30pm Funeral Service for Eileen Earle at St C

7pm Mass of the Lords Supper at St JF (Peace)

Friday 29th March - Good Friday

3pm The Passion of the Lord in BOTH churches

Saturday 30th March - Holy Saturday

8.30pm Easter Vigil at St C (People of the Parish)

Sunday 31st March - Easter Sunday

9am Easter Morning Mass at St JF (Children and Young People)

11.00am Easter Morning Mass at St C (Our Family of Parishes)

Confession - usually available before or after Mass, or by appointment

Collections: Weeks 5th Feb - 3rd Mar TOTAL £1502.15



Palm Sunday Children and Family Crafts

We will be holding craft activities and prayers for children and families on Sunday 24th March at 3pm at St Columba's. There will be children's, activities and crafts and a short time of prayer to help us enter into the joy of Easter. All children welcome accompanied by an adult

Farewell to the Syro-Malabar Community

As you will be aware we have been hosting Fr Saji and his community of Syro-Malabar Catholics at St John Fisher Church to celebrate Mass each Sunday afternoon. They have now decided to move on as there is a larger church available to them nearer to where most of the community lives.

Fr Saji writes 'You have shown great consideration and love towards me and the community by understanding our situation at our difficult times, and whole heartedly you opened your church for us. The only reason, as I wrote you already, we are moving is due to the lack of space in the church during big events & the long travelling distance for most of our members. Once again I would like to thank you and your parishioners for your warm welcome and the accommodation until last week. I assure you of our prayers towards the wellbeing of the parish'. I have similarly offered our prayers and good wishes for the Syro-Malabar group in the future.

Quiz Night

Looking ahead we will be holding our ever popular quiz night at St Columba's

Friday 12th April at 7pm is the date for the diary. Come along and join in the fun



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, Elizabeth Jones, Marie Shepherd, Eileen Hayden, Ruth Kemp

Parish Safeguarding Representative

Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is

Jan Box 0151 548 5268

Please make contact if you have any concerns relating to the safeguarding of children or vulnerable adults in our parish.