

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter - Year B
28st April 2024

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**Day of Prayer for Victims of Abuse
(Tuesday 30th April)**

God of endless love,
ever caring, ever strong,
always present, always just:
You gave your only Son
to save us by the blood of his cross.

Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace,
join to your own suffering
the pain of all who have been hurt
in body, mind, and spirit
by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.

Hear the cries of our brothers and sisters
who have been gravely harmed,
and the cries of those who love them.
Soothe their restless hearts with hope,
steady their shaken spirits with faith.
Grant them justice for their cause,
enlightened by your truth.

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts,
heal your people's wounds
and transform brokenness into wholeness.
Grant us the courage and wisdom,
humility and grace, to act with justice.
Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labours.
Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace in justice.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



Exploring the Future with our Family of Parishes

This weekend we continue the opportunity to explore our hopes and fears for the future of our parishes. But also consider how we can look forward with confidence and work in collaboration with our neighbouring parish in Huyton, Stockbridge Village and Knowsley Village. During Mass you will be given the time to fill in your thoughts and reflections.

We also have the meetings facilitated by Fr Matthew Nunes and I would encourage you to attend. The meeting for our parish with St Alberts parish is 22nd May, 7-9 pm, at St Columba's Church.

If you are unable to attend the meeting with our parish, you are welcome to participate in any of the other meetings.

1st May, 7-9 pm, The Gate Community Centre, 600 Princess Drive, Huyton, L14 9QN

8th May, 7-9 pm, St. Aidan's Club, Adswood Road, Coppice Crescent, Huyton, L36 7XR.

Safeguarding and DBS Checks

To continue processing the DBS checks, Jan will be at St John Fisher at 4.30 pm before Mass on Saturday 27th April and after Mass at St Columba on Sunday 28th April. If there are any queries, Jan can be contacted on mob 07851 550158 as there are currently problems with the land-line number given out.

Mass for Those Affected by Cancer

Our special Mass is on Wednesday 15th May at 7pm at St Columba's. This Mass is for anyone who has been affected by cancer - those who are receiving treatment, those who have survived and for anyone who lost someone to cancer - or anyone who simply wishes to pray for those whose lives have been touched. There will be light refreshments served after the Mass.



Masses & Services This Week

Weekend 27th/28th April

Saturday 5.30pm Mass at St JF (James and Anne Donnelly)

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

Tuesday 30th April

9.15am Mass at St C (Mary Rawley)

2.00pm Funeral Service for Janet Head at St C

Wednesday 1st May

9.15am Eucharistic Service at St JF

Thursday 2nd May

9.15am Eucharistic Service at St C

Friday 3rd May

10.00am Funeral Service for Robert Davies at St C

Weekend 4th/5th May

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

Sunday 11.00am Mass at St C (Mathew Moore)

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

Collections: Weeks 3rd Mar - 7th Apr TOTAL £1867.33

Gift Aid

New envelopes are ready for collection for those who gift aid their parish donations. If your box is not there please speak to Jim and Mark at St Columba's or Fr Michael and Dave at St. John Fisher's and we will arrange for a box for you. As we come to the start of a new tax year can I ask if you can consider filling in a Gift Aid form if you regularly give to the parish and you pay tax. It is a simple form and your details will be kept confidential. Basically it means that we as the parish can claim from the government an extra 25p for every pound you donate at no extra cost to you. Forms are available at both churches or speak with the people above.

We also would encourage you to consider making your payments by standing order - it makes financial planning more simple and its also a more secure way of giving. Again forms are available at both churches



Forthcoming Elections - Election Focus on Climate Change



Questions for candidates/parties

1. We need to transition away from fossil fuels if we are to have any chance of halting the climate crisis. How would you work to ensure that the UK finally ends all new oil, coal and gas projects and phases out existing ones?
2. Some of the world's poorest communities are facing the greatest burden of the climate crisis. With millions of people already displaced as a result of extreme weather events, how would you support working with other countries to raise new taxes from the most polluting industries such as shipping, aviation and fossil fuels to support countries suffering the impacts of climate catastrophes.

More information

In 2009, wealthy countries promised to provide \$100bn of “new, additional, predictable, adequate, and accessible” international climate finance per year by 2020. This pledge has only just been met.

Even if all 193 countries who signed the 2015 Paris Agreement and committed to lower emissions were to meet their climate pledges, we're still predicted to hit 2.5°C by 2100. We need bolder action – and fast!



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, 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.