

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

2nd Sunday of Lent - Year C  
Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025

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### **CAFOD in Lent**

This week we are having a second collection for CAFOD following on from the Family Fast Day on Friday. This year with the recent huge cuts in aid from both the USA and the UK governments CAFOD will need our support more than ever to maintain their vital work.

Supporting the work of CAFOD can fit into our Lenten preparations and activities in so many ways. In reality, we do live in a world of plenty and all peoples' basic needs could be met if we all lived more simply and fairly. The change that is needed includes structures of trade, finance, business, world organisations, and political will. This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal will help people like Lokho. Lokho lives in northern Kenya where they faced more than 40 months of drought. Because of the drought her animals died, leaving her with nothing to feed her family.

But the strength of her community became her hope. Despite losing so much, they came together, sharing what little they had to survive.

"My good neighbours have the habit, the tendency, of helping one another. Tender hearts that encourage the value of sharing to survive." –

Lokho. Determined to make a lasting change, Lokho and her neighbours began planting vegetables, seeking new ways to feed their families. But the harsh climate posed challenges. Young crops withered under the scorching sun or were eaten by birds and monkeys.

Their hope led them to reach out to our local partner. Together, they devised a solution to protect the crops – and their

future. Lokho and her community were able to create a shade net that would help protect their crops from the harsh climate and animals. With your support, people like Lokho will have a safety net and prepare for whatever comes.



## Parish Quiz and Bingo! (Date Changed!)

The return of our ever popular quiz night and this time with added Bingo! Festive quiz and prizes to be won. Light refreshments will be provided but if you wish you can bring your own drinks along. Friday 4th April, 7pm at St Columba's



## Children's Liturgy of the Word and Children's Activities

The dates for Children's Liturgy at the 11am Mass are

6th April

11th May



We will have our Lent and Easter Family craft afternoon on Sunday 13th April (Palm Sunday) with craft activities and prayers 3pm - 5pm at St Columba's

## Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass is at the Cathedral at 7.30pm Wednesday 16th 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. We will organise a coach for those who wish to attend. Please sign up on the sheets at the back of church if you wish to come on the coach. (The coach will depart around 6pm)



## Lenten Hope for Sebeya

Having shared about the Holy Trinity Parish in Sebeya in last week's newsletter and their project to rebuild their church after the war, I have spoken with a number of parishioners. We are proposing that we use the proceeds raised by our recent Cheese and Wine event and the forthcoming Quiz Night to support this initiative. We will also donate an amount from the collections over the Easter weekend. If anyone wishes to make a personal contribution simply place it in an envelope marked Sebeya or Ethiopia, and place it in our general collection during Lent.

# Masses & Services This Week

## Weekend 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> March

Saturday 5.30pm Mass at St JF (Celia Kilgallon)

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

## Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March

9.15am Eucharistic Service at St C

## Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March

9.15am Eucharistic Service at St JF

## Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March

9.15am Eucharistic Service at St C

## Next Weekend 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> March

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

Sunday 11.00am Mass at St C (Pat Hagan)

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

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**Collections:** Weeks 5th Jan - 2nd Feb    TOTAL £1,750.80

## Relics of St Columba

Looking ahead to Easter in our parish we will be planning the usual Holy Week celebrations. But in addition to our usual celebrations, this year we have been asked to host the relics of the Scottish Saints - St Columba, St Andrew and St Margaret over the Easter weekend. This is part of a national tour of the relics to parishes and diocese across the country organised by the Knights of St Columba.

This means we will have the privilege of having the relics of St. Columba, one of our parish patrons, with us for our Easter Services. The relics will arrive on the morning of Good Friday and leave on Easter Monday. There will be an opportunity for veneration before and after our masses and services.

It is likely that we will have a short service on the Monday as the relics leave and more details will be shared in due course,



## **Lent Services and Actions**

### **Stations of the Cross**

Wednesdays in both churches starting  
from Wednesday 12th March  
1pm at St C and 7pm at St JF



### **Lent Study Group on Themes of Hope**

The group will meet for 3 weeks during Lent on Thursdays at 7pm  
at St JF. We will have a time of readings, prayer, reflection and  
discussion.

Dates 13th March, 27th March, 3rd April

## **Holy Week Services**

### **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April - Maundy Thursday**

7pm Mass of the Lords Supper at St John Fisher

### **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April- Good Friday**

3pm The Passion of the Lord in BOTH churches

### **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April - Holy Saturday**

8.30pm Easter Vigil at St Columba

### **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March - Easter Sunday**

9am Easter Morning Mass at St John Fisher

11am Easter Morning Mass at St Columba



### **Please pray for the sick of our parish:**

Les Orritt, Joan Haigh, Norma Pritchard, M. Rivi, Loretta  
McDonnell, Thomas Hopkins, Amy Murphy, Joseph  
Cameron, Sharon Whitting, Rowan Sanderson, Karen Duffy,  
James Murphy, Elizabeth Jones, Marie Shepherd,  
Anne Horsley, John Dempsey.

## **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.