

Ss COLUMBA & JOHN FISHER HUYTON & KNOWSLEY VILLAGE

6th Sunday of Easter - Year C
Sunday 25th May 2025

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New Leadership in Our Church



After the Installation Mass on Tuesday we formally welcomed Archbishop John as our new Archbishop. (Archbishop Malcolm as you may know will be remaining in the Archdiocese in his well deserved retirement with all our best wishes for this). So now we have a new Archbishop and a new Pope. I hope I will start getting their names right in the Eucharistic Prayers as we pray for them at all our Masses now. They really do need our prayers as they start their respective ministries of guidance and leadership of the Church.

This week Archbishop John met staff in the Archdiocesan offices and held initial meeting with all the episcopal vicars (priests who have a specific responsibility) including those who care for the clergy, the sick and retired clergy, finance and property, synod implementation, pastoral planning, religious groups, and with me for education and schools. It really brings home to how much responsibility rests on our Archbishop, let alone Pope Leo dealing with the Church across the world and global issues.

As we look forward to the future in a synodal Church we pray that all of us recognise our gifts and calling to serve the church. We need prayerful and courageous leaders but we all need to see our co-responsibilities for the future church together. Let us pray for Pope Leo, Archbishop John and all of us in the Archdiocese of Liverpool.



Children's Liturgy of the Word

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

Sunday 8th June (Pentecost)

Sunday 13th July



Family of Parishes News



The Family of Parishes Executive Group continues to meet and since Easter spent a whole day visiting the churches and other property across the Family of Parishes. Also all the priests from the Family of Parishes spent an overnight away in Chester to share and also think about plans for the future. All felt that our discussions were positive and our time was beneficial and well spent. There will be more news from the Family of Parishes in the near future

Presentation on Iona

After his recent retreat to Iona and a trip to Dublin, Fr Michael will share photographs and reflections about Iona, the legacy of St Columba, the Book of Kells and what you can experience on Iona today. This will be on Wednesday 2nd July at 7pm at St Columba's. Light refreshments will be served.



Looking Ahead to Lourdes

Last week Fr Michael met up with the young people preparing to travel to Lourdes as part of our Archdiocesan Pilgrimage. Five coaches of young people take part in the pilgrimage and the young people give of their time and energy to support the assisted pilgrims in various ways, and they take part in the official pilgrimage prayers of Lourdes alongside their own programme of social and spiritual events.

As always the young people will be willing to take petitions to Lourdes and details about this will be shared in the coming weeks.



Masses & Services This Week

Weekend 31st May/1st June

Saturday 5.30pm Mass at St JF (Robert and Margaret Cullen)

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

Tuesday 3rd June

9.15am Mass at St C (Michael Twigg)

Wednesday 4th June

9.15am Mass at St JF (Thanksgiving to Our Lady)

Thursday 5th June

9.15am Mass at St C (Eileen Dunleavy)

Friday 6th June

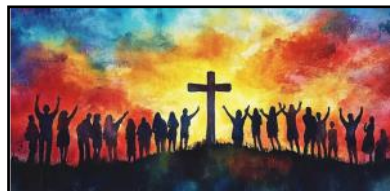
2.30pm Funeral Service for William Rice at St JF

Next Weekend 7th/8th June

Saturday 5.30pm Mass at St JF (Marie and Tom Halloran)

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

Confession - available before and after Mass or by appointment



Collections:

Weeks 6th Apr - 4th May TOTAL £1,274.83

There will be a second collection this weekend for World Communications Sunday

Visit of Fatima Statue and Relics

The Centenary Pilgrim Virgin Statue of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the relics of Ss Jacinta and Francisco are coming to the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King on Monday 2nd June. On the day, there will be Holy Mass at 10am, followed by Holy Rosary, act of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. At 1pm, there will be Fatima talk & film, followed by enrolment & investiture of the Brown Scapular and Holy Hour. The event will conclude with benediction at 4pm

Parish Feast Days Celebrations

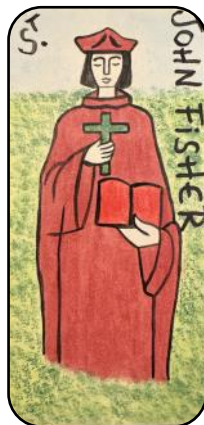
Our parish feast days are once again approaching and we will gather again to celebrate together.

We are changing the format of our celebration this year to try something a little different.

We will mark the feast days on Friday evenings starting with an evening prayer to our patron saints at 7pm then moving on to a social celebration afterwards.

We will mark the feast of St Columba on Friday 13th June at St Coumba and

St John Fisher on Friday 27th June, 7pm at St John Fisher.



Both evenings will start with a short evening prayer for each of our Saints and then we will have a social celebration. At St Columba there will be the usual sandwiches and cake and maybe this year as we are gathering in the evening a bottle of wine or two may be opened! At St John Fisher we have our traditional strawberries and cream, with cheese and nibbles and a bottle or two of fizz.



Given that the celebrations are at different times to Mass they can be open to people who attend Mass at either of our two parish churches so feel free to come along to either or both if you are able. If you are intending to come please let us know as then we plan for catering purposes etc



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, Anne Horsley, John Dempsey.

Parish Safeguarding Representative

Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is

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