

Ss COLUMBA & JOHN FISHER HUYTON & KNOWSLEY VILLAGE

28th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year C
Sunday 12th October 2025

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Dilexi Te - I Have loved You

Pope Leo has issued his first Apostolic Exhortation, or teaching document. It is entitled *Dilexi Te* or 'I have Loved You' which is taken from the words of Jesus in the Book of Revelation 3:9. The focus of the teaching is on God's love for the most marginalised and vulnerable people in our society.

The document speaks of Jesus' identification with the hungry and marginalised, with workers and the rejected in the gospels; and the biblical promise of liberation from oppression. It describes the multi-faceted nature of poverty in the modern world. Social exclusion, personal fragility, lack of voice and rights are forms of poverty as well as lacking material resources. Pope Leo urges us to avoid old criteria to hide behind the idea that things are always getting better, and to ignore the new subtle forms of poverty, which may be all the more dangerous. We must reckon with increasing inequality, globalisation of indifference and the injustices that burden women.

We are reminded that Christ himself became poor, and that therefore we can see Christ in all those who are poor in our world today. We must therefore be particularly attentive to those who are most marginalised in our society and listen to the wisdom that only they can offer. Pope Leo draws on the example and witness of many saints who have been true witnesses to Christian living in their treatment of those experiencing poverty or sickness, the imprisoned, uneducated and migrants. He asks us all as a church to commit to the preferential option for the poor. Key elements to this are almsgiving and charity, and solidarity and speaking out in defence of the voiceless. This exhortation is a reminder to us all that love and care for our neighbour and those who are poor and marginalised is a fundamental part of our faith.

Parish Visitation

We welcome Bishop Tom Williams this weekend for our parish visitation. This is a formal process that takes place from time to time in every parish in the Archdiocese.



Bishop Tom has already visited our parish primary schools last term in preparation for this weekend visit. He will celebrate the Mass and will be available after the Masses too. There will be refreshments after each of the Masses if anyone would like to stay and chat with him.



St Columba's Bonus Ball

There are a few vacant numbers in the weekly bonus ball lottery. If you would like to get more information please see Jim before the Sunday Mass. The cost is £2 per week to be paid in advance.

Parish Coach Trip to Chester and the Christmas Markets

This is Wednesday 26th November we will be leaving the churches around 9.45am/10am and leaving Chester at 5pm. This will allow for plenty of time for lunch, the Christmas Market, Chester shopping and sights. Cost will be £17. Sign up at the back of the churches with £10 deposit to secure a place.



Please Not that at the moment we do NOT have enough people signed up to make this viable. If you wish to come please sign up by next weekend or we will look at cancelling the trip.

Parish Committee

The next parish committee will be on Thursday 16th October, meeting at 7pm at St Columba. The parish committee will focus on our parish finances this meeting but we will finalise plans for Advent and Christmas and plan for the new year. We often also use our time together to share updates from the deanery, and family of parishes groups and generally consider the needs of our parish. We really do welcome people who may like to take part. If you would be interested in joining the parish committee please speak to Fr Michael, all are welcome.



Masses & Services This Week

Weekend 11th/12th October

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

Sunday 11.00am Mass at St C (Joan Fletcher)

Tuesday 14th October

9.15am Eucharistic Service at St C

Wednesday 15th October

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Thursday 16th October

9.15am Mass at St C (Jeanette Fahy)



Next Weekend 18th/19th October

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

Sunday 11.00am Mass at St C (Margaret Cartwright)

Confession - available before and after Mass or by appointment

Collections:

Weeks 6th Sept - 5th Oct TOTAL £1,508.86

CAFOD Family Fast Day Collection

Thank you for your support for the CAFOD collection last week. The importance of almsgiving and charity has been highlighted this week by Pope Leo so thank you for your ongoing support and generosity to CAFOD, for Nugent, and all our second and charity collections. If you still have fast day envelopes please pass them in.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

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

November 9th

December 7th



We are also to hold a family faith and craft event during Advent on Sunday 14th December. More details to follow.



Prisoners Sunday

Today is prisoners Sunday when we are asked to pray for prisoners and prisons. During our Masses this weekend we have a message from Ken McCabe who is the Chaplain at HMP Liverpool

(Walton prison). For anyone interested in learning more about becoming welcomers for prison leavers, clergy and parishioners in the deanery are invited to a meeting at St John Fisher Church, on Monday October 20th at 7.30pm.

Dates for Your Diaries

Thursday 16th October - Parish Committee Meeting at St C

Friday 24th October Quiz Night at St C

Wednesday 12th November - Mass for the Dead at St C

Wednesday 26th November - Coach Trip to Chester and Christmas Markets

Friday 28th November - Film Night at St JF

Wednesday 3rd December - Advent Service of Light and Darkness at St JF

Sunday 14th December - Christmas Family Craft Day



Please pray for the sick of our parish:

Joan Haigh, Norma Pritchard, M. Rivi, Loretta McDonnell, Thomas Hopkins, Amy Murphy, Joseph Cameron, Rowan Sanderson, Karen Duffy, James Murphy, Elizabeth Jones, John Dempsey, June Courtney, Gillian Kerwin, Margaret Donelly.

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.