

Ss COLUMBA & JOHN FISHER HUYTON & KNOWSLEY VILLAGE

Trinity Sunday - Year C
Sunday 15th June 2025

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Our Catholic Schools

As most of you know I spend about half of my time outside of the parish in roles supporting our Catholic schools. Schools are a huge part of the Churches mission; not just here in Liverpool, but all over the country, and indeed the world. Across England and Wales, 846,526 children and young people attend 2,155 Catholic, primary, secondary and sixth form colleges.

Nationally pupils at Catholic schools receive up to 5% better results in English and Maths compared to general state schools, and 52% of pupils are from the poorest backgrounds. 86% of pupils are from a faith background.

Here in the Archdiocese of Liverpool we have:

183 Primary schools

34 Secondary schools

2 Sixth form colleges

6 joint Faith schools

We have 3 Catholic multi academy trusts and we also work with Hope University.

Our schools remain popular and many of them retain high numbers of children from a faith or church background. We have 15 schools in the Archdiocese assessed as being Outstanding by Ofsted, and most of the rest are good, but a handful require some extra support as they are currently requiring improvement. We of course have our two parish primary schools here and we see first hand our wonderful children.

Thank you for your support in my work for Catholic Education.



Presentation on Iona

After 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.

Family of Parishes – Pulpit Sharing

As you know the priests of our parishes are moving around the family of parishes over various weekends to celebrate the weekend Masses with you, and this continues this weekend. Today we welcome Fr David Gamble to our parish. Fr. David is the parish priest of St Albert's. Please do make him welcome while he is with us this weekend. By the end of the year each priest will have celebrated Mass in every church in our Family of Parishes.



Climate Change National Lobby of Parliament

This is a significant event to be held in London on Wednesday 9th July, thousands of people will be joining a mass lobby co-organised by our friends from The Climate Coalition.

A mass lobby is an event where lots of people meet with their MPs on the same day to have powerful conversations about issues we care about. Supporters of more than 100 organisations from across the UK will come to Westminster that day to ask our MPs to take action on climate, debt and nature.

Fr Michael has attended previous lobbies and they are positive in bringing the voices of people of faith to decision makers and it will be good to be part of the prophetic call of hope in this Jubilee year.

The day is a long one with very early travel to London and a very late return. There is also the expense of paying the travel costs. The actual lobby involves much walking and waiting too.

However if anyone is interested Fr Michael will be attending the lobby again this year and anyone is welcome to join him. If you are interested in finding out more please email cjf@racaol.org.uk asap as there is a need for registration and booking of transport and so on.

This will need to be completed in the next two weeks so time is of the essence.

Masses & Services This Week

Weekend 14th/15th June

Saturday 5.30pm Mass at St JF (Teresa Hay)

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

Tuesday 17th June

9.15am Eucharistic Service at St C

Wednesday 18th June

9.15am Mass at St JF (Steven Pascale)

Thursday 19th June

9.15am Mass at St C (Joe Hardacre)



Next Weekend 21st/22nd June

Saturday 5.30pm Mass at St JF (Those who lost lives in World War II)

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

Confession - available before and after Mass or by appointment

Collections:

Weeks 11th May - 8th June TOTAL £1,627.81

Priests Training Fund £142.99

World Communications £84.18

Eucharistic Ministers and Care Homes

We have two care homes in our parish and we regularly receive requests for a priest or a minister to attend the homes to give residents Holy Communion.

It would be good if we could set up a regular rota for when visits could be made. If any of our Eucharistic Ministers would be willing to help out with a rota on an even a monthly or fortnightly basis would you please let Fr Michael know.



Children's Liturgy of the Word

The next date for Children's Liturgy at the 11am Mass is

Sunday 13th July



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 can plan for catering purposes



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.