

Ss COLUMBA & JOHN FISHER HUYTON & KNOWSLEY VILLAGE

29th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year C
Sunday 19th October 2025

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CAFOD and Climate Change

The COP30 United Nations climate talks will take place in Brazil next month and it will be a critical milestone. Ten years after the Paris Agreement, countries will submit their new and more ambitious national plans to reduce emissions and show progress towards their commitments. I was privileged to be part of a group of CAFOD supporters who went to Paris for COP21 to campaign for climate justice. Tension was high but ultimately the Paris agreement gave some hope. But today we must continue to speak out as climate change impacts so much on our poorest sisters and brothers in the world.

Realistically though, how much progress can be made when 93% of the most climate vulnerable countries are drowning in debt owed to the richest nations and financial institutions of the world?

Pope Leo in his first letter to us says

‘We cannot fail to consider the effects on people’s lives of environmental deterioration, current models of development and the throwaway culture. For the deterioration of the environment and of society affects the most vulnerable people on the planet. All the members of the People of God have a duty to make their voices heard, albeit in different ways, in order to point out and denounce such structural issues, even at the cost of appearing foolish or naïve. Unjust structures need to be recognised and eradicated by the force of good’.
Dilexi Te, 96-97

A practical way you can add your voice to the call for justice can be found at CAFOD’s climate campaign at <https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/178976/action/1>

This can be another way to mark our journey this year as Pilgrims of Hope.



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 taking place on Wednesday 26th November. We will be leaving the churches around 9.45am and be 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 Note that at the moment we do NOT have enough people signed up to make this viable. If you wish to come please sign up this weekend or we will look at cancelling the trip.**



Parish Quiz (and Bingo!)

The return of our ever popular quiz night and I suspect there may be an odd round of Bingo! or other games! Prizes to be won and the glory of winning the quiz awaits. Light refreshments will be provided but if you wish you can bring your own drinks along. Friday 24th October, 7pm at St Columba's



Newsletter via Email

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Masses & Services This Week

Weekend 18th/19th October

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

Sunday 11.00am Mass at St C (Margaret Cartwright)

Tuesday 21st October

9.15am Eucharistic Service at St C

Wednesday 22nd October

9.15am Mass at St JF (Margaret Donnelly)

Thursday 23rd October

9.15am Mass at St C (Marie Speight)



Next Weekend 25th/26th October

Saturday 5.30pm Mass at St JF (Celia Kilgallon and Maureen Valle)

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

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 these last weeks. The collection totalled £333.37 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.

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

Last weekend we listened to the 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

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

Sat 20th December - Mulled Wine and Mince Pies after Mass at St JF



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.