

Ss COLUMBA & JOHN FISHER HUYTON & KNOWSLEY VILLAGE

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year C
Sunday 24th August 2025

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CAFOD in Gaza

With all the challenges of finding peace in Gaza, in Ukraine and elsewhere it is good to hear sometimes how our help is still reaching people in need. CAFOD by its local partner Caritas Jerusalem has been present on the ground throughout the crisis. The local staff work under unimaginable conditions but maintain their incredible and important work bringing food, medical aid and other help. Supported by our prayers they also continue to be a concrete form of help and solidarity. It is good to know what they have been able to do in recent months.

- In July, you helped get funds to 1,400 families so they could buy the things they most urgently need to survive and live with dignity.
- In August, our Church partner Caritas Jerusalem secured a new supply of medications for treating serious chronic illnesses like hypertension. These vital supplies will help keep their life-saving work going.
- Last month, one of Caritas Jerusalem's medical points was damaged and had to be evacuated. This month our partners were able to return and resume their vital work providing life-saving treatment people taking refuge in the area.
- Your support helped our partner, the Culture and Free Thought Association, scale up their emergency food programme, providing 2,000 people with rice.

Let us keep the people of Gaza and the humanitarian workers there in our prayers.



Parish Coach Trip to Llandudno

Everybody enjoyed our trip to Llandudno last week and we were blessed with wonderful sunny weather. Given the success we may consider some future trips.



Lourdes Petitions and Candles

All the petitions and candle requests were completed in Lourdes by our youth pilgrims

On our last evening the young people visited the Grotto and lit candles and prayed for all who had requested prayers and intentions. We lit a special candle for our own parish community too.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

During August we take a break with our children's liturgy and we will restart in September.

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

September 14th

October 12th

November 9th

December 7th



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

Parish Visitation

We will be having a parish visitation by Bishop Tom Williams in October. 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 his weekend visit. He will celebrate the Mass over the weekend 11th/12th October and will be available after Masses too. More details will be given nearer the time.



Masses & Services This Week

Weekend 23rd/24th August

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

Sunday 11.00am Mass at St C (James and Kathleen Murray)

Tuesday 26th August

9.15am Mass at St C (Gillian Kirwin)

Wednesday 27th August

9.15am Mass at St JF (Special Intention)

Thursday 28th August

10.30am Requiem Mass for Mary Edgar at St C



Next Weekend 30th/31st August

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 7th July - 10th Aug TOTAL £1,756.24

Parish Committee

The next parish committee will be on Thursday 4th September, meeting at 7pm at St John Fisher. We will use this time to plan for possible events and activities in the parish including plans for Advent and Christmas and possible parish socials. We will also consider planning for our parish visitation in October. The parish committee will also have some time this term to consider our parish finances. We often also use our time together to share updates from the deanery, and parish of family 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.



Events in the Archdiocese



Pilgrim Walk at St Mary's Public Oratory, Aughton - Saturday 20 September 11am

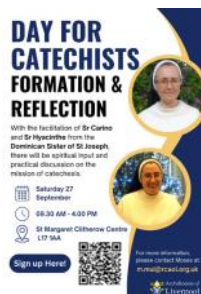
There will be a pilgrim walk at St Mary's Public Oratory in Aughton on Saturday 20 September at 11am. The walk will follow a 3.5 mile circular route from the church and back again, including 3 prayer stops. Mass will be celebrated upon the return of the walking pilgrims at 1:30pm. All are welcome. Please sign up by

scanning the QR code on the poster or contact c.higgins@rcaol.org.uk so we know rough numbers.

Day For Catechists: Formation & Reflection – Saturday 27 September

Are you a catechist looking for spiritual refreshment? No matter what kind of ministry you are serving, there is a good opportunity for you to refresh your vocation of being a catechist.

On Saturday 27 September, the Day for Catechists will be organised from 10.00 – 16.00 at St Margaret Clitherow Centre, Croxteth Drive, Liverpool L17 1AA. With the facilitation of Sr Carino and Sr Hyacinthe from the Dominican Sister of St Joseph, there will be spiritual input and practical discussion on the mission of catechesis. If you're interested, sign up using the QR code on the advert or contact m.mui@rcaol.org.uk



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, Anne Horsley, John Dempsey, June Courtney, Gillian Kerwin.

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.