

Ss COLUMBA & JOHN FISHER HUYTON & KNOWSLEY VILLAGE

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year C
Sunday 28th September 2025

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CAFOD Family Fast Day

CAFOD's Family Fast Day is on Friday 3rd October. It's a day when we're asked to pray, eat simply and give generously. Our parish's support of CAFOD this Harvest is a way for us to offer new signs of hope this Jubilee year, by giving practical help to people affected by poverty, conflict and climate change in our volatile world. Collect a CAFOD envelope as you leave to Gift Aid your donation, we will have the collection next weekend.

This Fast Day, we hear from Waré in Ethiopia. Waré is a mother to five children, and she and her husband herd goats in southern Ethiopia. Severe drought there over the last four years has meant a lot of live-stock died, and water has become very hard to find. Waré said she has never seen a drought as severe as this.

"Because of drought, we always have little water," she says, "and because we have lost so much, many families are vulnerable."

Every day, Waré gets up at 5am and walks for a minimum of five hours to find water and return home. But if the nearest water sources have dried up, she has to keep looking – a much longer day, walking to find water. This is Waré's daily challenge. She even had to walk to find water when she was pregnant with her youngest child. With your gifts at Family Fast Day, CAFOD worked together with Waré and her community to build an underground water storage tank, able to support 300 families through a normal dry season and even in longer droughts.

Instead of walking ten hours there and back, or longer, now the tank will mean Waré has water just a 10 minute walk from her home.

Change like this takes time. It calls us to stand with people for the long term, just as Waré and her community stand alongside and support each other.



Masses & Services This Week

Weekend 27th/28th September

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

Sunday 11.00am Mass at St C (Chris Pearson)

Tuesday 30th September

9.15am Eucharistic Service at St C

Wednesday 1st October

9.15am Eucharistic Service at St JF

Thursday 2nd October

9.15am Eucharistic Service at St C

Next Weekend 4th/5th October

Saturday 5.30pm Mass at St JF (Jay Kemp)

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

Confession - available before and after Mass or by appointment



Cheese and wine Evening

Join us for cheese and wine, on Friday 3rd October at 7.00 pm in the meeting room at St John Fisher. There may even be pate and soft drinks for those who do not like cheese and wine! It would be good to have an idea of numbers to help with catering so if you've already made your mind up you are coming please let Dave or Fr Mike know. Donations on the door welcome. As it is CAFOD Family Fast Day any proceeds will be added to the collection.

Parish Visitation

We will be having a parish visitation by Bishop Tom Williams over the weekend 11th/12th 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 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.



Masses & Services

Week Beginning 5th October

Weekend 4th/5th October

Saturday 5.30pm Mass at St JF (Jay Kemp)

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

Monday 6th October

10am Requiem Mass for Mary Speight at St C

Tuesday 7th October

9.15am Mass at St C (Joan and Gerry Maloney)

Wednesday 8th October

9.15am Mass at St JF (Helen Arslanian)

11.00am Requiem Mass for Jackey Hendry at St C

Thursday 9th October

9.15am Mass at St C (Flo Bocking)

Next Weekend 11th/12th October

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

Sunday 11.00am Mass at St C (Joan Fletcher)

Confession - available before and after Mass or by appointment

Collections:

Weeks 11th Aug - 7th Sept TOTAL £1,401.23

Children's Liturgy of the Word

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

October 12th

November 9th

December 7th



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





Dates for Your Diaries

Friday 3rd October - Cheese and Wine Evening at St JF

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

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

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



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.