

## Ss COLUMBA & JOHN FISHER HUYTON & KNOWSLEY VILLAGE

Feast of St Peter and Paul - Year C  
Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2025

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### Pope Leo Peace Prayers

These last weeks we have continued to pray for peace in the Middle East. At these times of tension and increased international or even global threat we need to continue our prayers and hope that the voices of peace and restraint are listen to.

In this age of social media many political leaders seem to spend much of their time having tweets and comments online. Pope Leo has joining in! I think we have a Pope who recognises the importance and influence of social media but his 'tweets' are far more profound and completely lacking in self aggrandisement in comparison to some.



**Pope Leo XIV** ✓

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War is never inevitable. Weapons can and must fall silent, for they never solve problems but only intensify them. Those who sow peace will endure throughout history, not those who reap victims. Others are not enemies to hate but human beings with whom to speak.

Lets hope Pope Leo speaking truthfully and standing for peace may make a difference in our world



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War does not solve problems; on the contrary, it amplifies them and inflicts deep wounds on the history of peoples, which take generations to heal. No armed victory can compensate for the pain of mothers, the fear of children, or stolen futures. May diplomacy silence the weapons! May nations chart their futures with works of peace, not with violence and bloodstained conflicts!



## Presentation on Iona

After his 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.

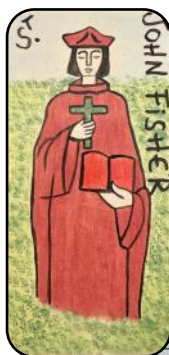
## Proposed Parish Coach Trip to Llandudno

We are considering running a summer coach trip to Llandudno this summer. The proposed date is Thursday 21st August and it would be a full day out, leaving in the morning and returning in the evening. The cost would be £20 per person. In order to proceed with a booking we need to gauge interest. If you think you would be interested could you sign up on the lists at the back of both churches and if we get enough interest, we will then confirm the bookings and details, plans and times.



## Charity Donations

Recently we have been experiencing difficulties with the collection of donations to the charity shops. They have been unable to collect due to a lack of volunteer drivers. While this is being sorted can we pause in the donations of clothes etc until we can be sure they can be collected. Donations to the food bank are not affected by this and can continue.



## Feast Days Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped to mark our parish feast days' celebrations. Both evenings were wonderful occasions and enjoyed by all.



# Masses & Services This Week

## Weekend 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> June

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

Sunday 11.00am Mass at St C (Chris snr and Pearson Family)

## Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July

9.15am Mass at St C

(Betty Corke)

## Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

9.15am Mass at St JF (Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Mount Carmel)

## Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

9.15am Mass at St C (Bernadette Mountaine)



## Next Weekend 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> July

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

Sunday 11.00am Mass at St C (Les Orrit)

**Confession** - available before and after Mass or by appointment

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## 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 a even a monthly or fortnightly basis would you please let Fr Michael know.



## Children's Liturgy of the Word

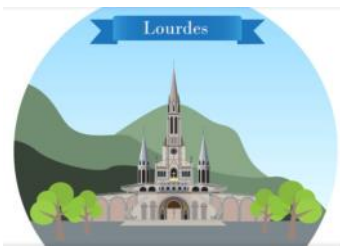
The next date for Children's Liturgy at the 11am Mass is

Sunday 13th July



## Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage

This year will be a special pilgrimage as we will be marking the official recognition of the 71st miracle of Lourdes - Jack Traynor. Special prayer cards are available at the back of the churches to mark this, please feel free to take one away.



Today Fr Michael will be leading a spiritual and practical preparation afternoon with some of the young people preparing to travel to Lourdes as part of our Archdiocesan Pilgrimage. Five coaches of young people take part in the pilgrimage and the young people give of their time and energy to support the assisted pilgrims in various ways, and they take part in the official pilgrimage prayers of Lourdes alongside their own programme of social and spiritual events.

As always, the young people will be willing to take petitions to Lourdes and light candles there for your intentions. Please place your petitions in an envelope and pass them to Fr Michael before the pilgrimage (leaving 23rd July). Donations for candles to be lit need to be placed in a separate envelope.

Can I ask you to also consider giving to support our young pilgrims. The cost of going to Lourdes is kept as low as possible, travelling by coach and cheaper hotels but even so each young person needs around £1000 to go to Lourdes. We are able to support some who struggle financially, but it is a significant cost. Even a soft drink or an ice cream in Lourdes costs over £3! So we do try and like to buy a drink or an ice cream for the young people to enjoy in one of their break times. If you would like to contribute please pass a donation to Fr Michael.



### **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.

## **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.