

**Ss COLUMBA & JOHN FISHER
HUYTON & KNOWSLEY VILLAGE**

26th Sunday Ordinary Time
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New Use for St John Fisher Church

As you know our parish community rarely use St John Fisher Church on a Sunday. With this in mind we received a request from archdiocese if we could consider the church hosting a Mass for the Syro-Malabar Catholic community. From this Sunday we welcome Fr Saji and his community of Syro Malabar Catholics who will now be using St John Fisher Church to celebrate Mass each Sunday afternoon. Apologies for the short notice but the community needed to move somewhere quickly as the previous church they used became unavailable.

Syro-Malabar Catholics originate from India and are fully members of the Catholic Church but use their own Eastern Rite and celebrate Mass in their own language. The community have been present here in the Archdiocese for many years and as our church is not used on a Sunday the Archdiocese suggested they could find a base here.

Our use of the church will remain entirely as it is now for our Masses, funerals, services, the pensioners club and any social events. The Syro-Malabar community will use the church on Sundays for Mass, catechesis and other gatherings and will occasionally use the church mid week evenings. We may need a small amount of flexibility when it comes to Christmas and Easter scheduling of Masses and services but I am sure we will be able to manage this.

The group will be self sufficient and operate as their own community so will not be part of our parish in terms of canonical responsibility, liturgical and prayer life, sacramental programmes, finances and so on. I am sure you will agree that it is good news that our church is being used for prayer and Masses and the needs of the Syro-Malabar community can be met here.

CAFOD Family Fast Day - Friday 6th October

Have you ever had to rush to hospital or take a sick child or family member? How did you feel? Stressed, vulnerable, fearful even. But perhaps you also remember the doctor you met, feelings of gratitude and relief that medical help was on hand. But what if our homes were flooded, our children were sick, and we needed help to come to us? I want to share with you about Dr Nasha's Mobile Clinic funded by CAFOD.

Dr Nasha's Mobile Clinic gets her and her team of doctors and nurses where they're needed – fast. Last year, when flooding hit Pakistan, the team travelled across hundreds of miles to treat people who needed medical help in the aftermath of the disaster. That's how they met Meera. Meera gave birth just as her home was destroyed by the floods. The family moved into a temporary shelter at the side of the road. And with little food and nothing but contaminated water to drink, diseases started to spread throughout the camp. Meera told us:

“Our children got sick, and we had no medicines.” When Dr Nasha and her team arrived in her village, Meera hurried to bring her children to the clinic and got them the life-saving medicines and treatment they needed.



Meera's baby, Marwi, is now a healthy one year old. Together, she and her husband have rebuilt their home and are working to recover what they lost in the floods.

CAFOD can only support this wonderful work with the support of the Catholic community here in England and Wales. Thanks to previous support they were able to send emergency support to Morocco and Algeria via trusted partners after the earthquake and floods.

This Friday you may wish to take part in the CAFOD Family Fast Day and go without a meal or make some other sacrifice in solidarity with our most vulnerable sisters and brothers in the world. Any money saved can be added to our CAFOD collection next weekend. Donation envelopes are available at the back of both churches.

Masses & Services This Week

Weekend 30th/1st October

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

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

Tuesday 3rd October

9.15am Mass at St C (Philip Shepherd)

Wednesday 4th October

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

Thursday 5th October

9.15am Mass at St C (Priests of the Deanery)



Next Weekend 7th/8th October

Saturday 5.30pm Mass at St JF (Maureen Valle)

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

Confession - available before and after Mass or by appointment

Collections: Weeks 1st Aug - 3rd Sept TOTAL £1757.66

Parish Database

A note for newer parishioners and a reminder for those who have been here for a longer time! We have a parish database which we set up after the Covid lockdowns to ensure we can always keep in contact. Please fill in a registration form available at both churches. Those who supply an contact email address will also receive the newsletter via email each week.

Catholic Pic

The latest edition of the Catholic Pic is available at the back of the churches this weekend. Feel free to take one home to read.

Parish Committee

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 3rd October 7pm at St Columba. As ever anyone is welcome to attend.

Quiz Night

Back by popular demand put your thinking caps on once again for our social Quiz Night on Friday 27th October in the parish room at St Columba's. We will start at 7pm. Light refreshments and snacks will



be provided but if you want anything stronger eg beer or wine you can bring your own - it might strengthen your thinking power to answer the questions! As ever the word of the quiz master will be final - and as it is Fr Michael he will be very strict but fair!

Book of Remembrance

You will have seen the Remembrance books in both churches recording the names of of family and friends from the parish who have died. If you wish to have names added to the book please fill in one of the forms available in both churches. The books are updated on a regular basis. As we look ahead to November a traditional time we pray for the dead you any wish to consider adding deceased members from our parish community into the book.



Please pray for the sick of our parish:

Les Orritt, Joan Haigh, Norma Pritchard, Loretta McDonnell, M. Rivi, Thomas Hopkins, Amy Murphy, Joseph Cameron, Sharon Whitting, Rowan Sanderson, Karen Duffy, James Murphy, Betty Stewart, Elizabeth Jones, Marie Shepherd,

Parish Safeguarding Representatives

Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are

Jan Box 0151 548 5268 and Colette Murphy 07796291485

Please contact them if you have any concerns relating to the safeguarding of children or vulnerable adults in our parish.