

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

Pentecost - Year B  
19<sup>th</sup> May 2024

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**On this Feast of Pentecost,  
may the joy of the Holy Spirit  
enliven you, and your family and friends.  
May the gifts of the Spirit give you  
Faith and Joy**



## **Exploring the Future with our Family of Parishes**

Thank you for all the contributions to our consultations. You may be wondering on what happens next. Well firstly all the sharing from every parish will be collated and brought together. The information from this will be used to help shape our next steps. Next we have the

series of parish meetings facilitated by Fr Matthew Nunes and also the Exploring the Future Working Group made up of the priests, deacons and lay representatives from each of the parishes who will use this information too.

So the very next stage for us is the parish meetings. The meeting for our parish with St. Albert's parish is 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 7-9 pm, at St Columba's Church. I would strongly encourage you to consider coming to our meeting to help shape our future plans. All are welcome.

## **Parish Feast Days Celebrations**

Our parish Feast days are approaching and we will mark these in both churches respectively.

Sunday 9th June at St Columba's there will be food and celebrations after the 11am Mass

And Saturday 22nd June there will be the festivities at St John Fisher's after the 5.30pm Mass



# Masses & Services This Week

## Weekend 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> May

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

Sunday 11.00am Mass at St C (Irene Burns)

## Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May

9.15am Mass at St C (Fr William Molloy)

11.45am Funeral Service for Colin Mangan at St C

## Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

9.15am Mass at St JF (LISCF)

11.00am Funeral Service for Ruth Kemp at St JF

## Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

First Communion Mass at St C

## Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

First Communion Masses at St JF

## Next Weekend 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> May

Saturday 5.30pm Mass at St JF (Special Intention)

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

**Confession** - usually available before or after Mass, or by appointment

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**Collections:** Weeks 14th Apr - 5th May TOTAL £1437.59

## Missionary Appeal Thanks

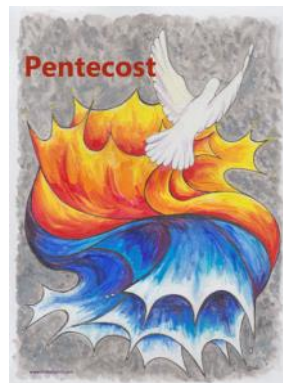
It was good to hear the Sisters of St Peter Claver last week at our Masses reminding us to pray for and support the missions. You responded with great generosity and £419.75 was donated to the appeal. Thank you for your support.

## Job Opportunity for a Lay School Chaplain

Saint Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic Academy, in Whiston are looking to appoint a Lay Chaplain. Details can be found at <https://www.pfcmat.org/Lay-Chaplain/>.

Visits to the academy are welcomed.

Deadline for applications is Wednesday 22nd May at noon.



## **Forthcoming General Elections - Election Focus on Building Resilient Communities and Tackling Regional Inequalities**



The UK has some of the highest regional inequalities in Europe, and this is leaving many people behind. The impact on people's lives is significant, with some regions seeing stark and growing rates of poverty. This leaves millions of people below the poverty line and without the support and opportunities they need to thrive. Areas with the highest deprivation lack places to meet, community assets and infrastructure. Children living in these areas are also more likely to attend underperforming schools.

Questions for candidates/parties

1. If elected, what will your party do to address regional inequalities and help communities thrive?
2. Will you commit to working more closely with local groups and organisations such as the SVP to identify the best policies to support left behind areas and address regional inequalities?

### **More Information**

Healthy life expectancy in Blackpool and Middlesbrough is ten years shorter than affluent local authorities in the South East. Local government in the UK has significantly less power than comparable countries. Social and private renters have poverty rates of 46% and 34% respectively, compared with 12% for owner-occupiers.



### **Please pray for the sick of our parish:**

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

### **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.