

## Ss COLUMBA & JOHN FISHER HUYTON & KNOWSLEY VILLAGE

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year B  
22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

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### Family of Parishes Update Again!

I have kept this update on the front of the newsletter again to remind us of the importance of the next stages of development as part of our family of parishes.



The representatives from the 6 parishes, working as part of the Exploring the Future Group (EFG), met for a full day's meeting on Saturday 22nd June 2024. This meeting was to look closely at the analysed data: collected from all the questionnaires (completed in April) and meetings (held in May). Looking at the feedback of how parishioners see our current reality, the EFG worked together to develop a number of proposals that could be presented to all parishioners as possible futures. These proposals are printed below.

As with the questions completed earlier this year, we ask you to spend time with them, pray about them and come to a meeting on **Wednesday 2nd October 2024** in the L14 Community Centre, The Gate Building, Princess Drive, Liverpool, Merseyside, L14 9NQ, from 7pm – 9pm, to further discuss your thoughts and ideas around these proposals:

1. Invest in people - employ a worker - youth/ outreach, lay training...
2. Hub and satellites - one central hub and other locations with mix of church/ presbytery/social/(whole) community activity (beyond Catholic population)/centralised admin - including possible multi-purpose space.

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3. All current parish church buildings consolidated to create one central church campus - multi-purpose - church, social, community

4. Focus on activity/ies to bring parishes together:

-A central BIG event at a neutral venue...

- Journey through parishes for different Masses/ Services...

The feedback you give will be essential in helping the Exploring the Future Group (which is composed of clergy and people from all the parishes) to discern what direction to propose for our Family of Parishes.

Thanks to the help of the Diocese technical support, we are in the process of setting up a website which will be possible to accessed via the following link: [huytonfop.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk](http://huytonfop.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk) when it is up and running. Here you will be able see all the information gathered from the questionnaires and feedback from the meetings that were held in May. Hard copies of this data will be available in the back of each of the 6 churches in the Huyton Family of Parishes.

We will also update the website with the feedback from the 2<sup>nd</sup> October meeting once it is available to be shared.

As always, we ask for your continued prayers as we journey through this process together.

## **Parish Pilgrimage to Iona**

We are planning a possible parish pilgrimage to Iona next year. To travel and book, we would need an expression of interest from people to determine whether the trip is viable. We would need about 15-20 people to express an interest and then we could go out to find more people in nearby parishes and so on to fill the tour. The dates are Monday 22nd September 2025 for 5 days at a cost of £448 per person sharing a twin/double room.

The trip would be staying at the Loch Awe Hotel outside Oban and we would have a full day tour to Iona which was a special place in the life of St Columba. Other trips would include Oban, Balloch and Luss.

Cost includes coach travel from the parish, hotel, breakfast and evening meal and all trips. There is no commitment at this stage other than registering your interest.

**If you are interested, could you let either Jim or Fr Michael know by Sunday 6th October so we can establish interest**

# Masses & Services This Week

## Weekend 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> September

Saturday 5.30pm Mass at St JF (Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Mount Carmel)

Sunday 11.00am Mass at St C (Thanksgiving for exam results)

## Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September

9.15am Mass at St C (Craig Lyons)

## Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September

9.15am Mass at St JF (Dorothy Sloan)

10.30am Funeral Service for Stephen Skellard at St C

## Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September

9.15am Mass at St C (People of the Parish)

## Next Weekend 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> September

Saturday 5.30pm Mass at St JF (Jay Kemp)

Sunday 11.00am Mass at St C (Chris Pearson)

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



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**Collections:** Weeks 11th Aug - 8th Sept TOTAL £1791.01

## Parish Harvest Feast

We are planning a new event in the parish to bring us all together and celebrate. This will be on Friday 18th October at 7pm at St Columba's. We will ask everyone to come together and bring food to share and have a time of friendship and fun. We are planning this to be a family friendly time for all ages. The idea here would be that we all come along and bring some food to share, snacks, stews, curries, cakes and so on and we simply enjoy time together as a parish community. If you are able to offer some food please could you let Fr Michael know for planning purposes.





## Photos from Africa

Quite a few people have asked about whether they could see my photos from my recent holiday in South Africa and Eswatini (formerly Swaziland). I will share some photos and stories from the travels on Thursday 26th September at 7pm at an informal gathering in the meeting room at St John Fisher. We will have a photo show

including the scenery, animals and wonderful Masses and churches. Light refreshments will be available too.

## Children's Liturgy of the Word and Children's Activities

The future dates for Children's Liturgy at the 11am Mass are

13th October  
10th November  
8th December



We are also planning a Children and Family Advent and Christmas Craft afternoon on Sunday 15th December 3pm - 5pm with crafts and a Christingle Service.



### **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

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