

Ss COLUMBA & JOHN FISHER HUYTON & KNOWSLEY VILLAGE

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year B
27th October 2024

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Retreat Times

Each year priests are encouraged to go on a time of retreat and prayer. This year I am fortunate to be able to spend a few days on the island of Iona. In the year 563 AD, St. Columba arrived from Ireland with his followers and established the first church and monastery there. This small island was to become a significant centre of faith and missions with St. Columba travelling and bringing Christianity to Scotland and northern England. Iona quickly became a location of pilgrimage with people travelling to pray at the monastery. These days, two trains, a coach and two ferries will take me to Iona, so not the arduous efforts of the first pilgrims, but still enough of a journey to give me a sense of pilgrimage and retreat. I will be joining a group of ecumenical pilgrims which is appropriate as the Iona Community today is a centre for ecumenical prayer and spirituality. Although I have visited Iona in the past this has always been as a day visitor and so I am looking forward to having some time to explore the island as well as time to pray. As I return from Iona I am off again, this time to Alton Castle, the youth retreat centre of the Archdiocese of Birmingham where I am part of a team running a retreat for families with the Catholic People's Weeks organisation. This will be a time of prayer and retreat with a difference as it is for people of all ages, with separate programmes for the children, young people, and the adults as well as time together. Alongside the prayers and discussions we also have a full timetable of family fun and activities. Both these experiences are time out from the usual. I am sure they will offer a sense of renewal which I am sure is the meaning of and real benefit of a retreat. I will remember you all in prayer at both of them.

Masses & Services This Week

Weekend 26th/27th October

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

Sunday 11.00am Mass at St C (Teddy Meadows)

Tuesday 29th October

9.15am Eucharistic Service at St C

Wednesday 30th October

9.15am Eucharistic Service at St JF

Thursday 31st October

9.15am Eucharistic Service at St C



Friday 1st November - Feast of All Saints (Holy Day of Obligation)

12noon Mass at St C (Mary Maughan)

Next Weekend 2nd/3rd November

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

Sunday 11.00am Mass at St C (Michael Thomas)

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

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

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.

Piety Stall

There are a range of Christmas cards and other items for sale in the piety stalls at both churches.



Advance Notice for Forthcoming Events

Parish Quiz and Bingo! - Thursday 5th December 7pm at St Columba

Advent Service of Light - Wednesday 11th December 7pm at St John Fisher

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Weekend 2nd/3rd November

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

Sunday 11.00am Mass at St C (Michael Thomas)

Tuesday 5th November

9.15am Mass at St C (Christopher McGarry)

Wednesday 6th November

9.15am Mass at St JF (Peace in the World)

7.00pm November Remembrance Mass at St C

Thursday 7th November

9.15am Mass at St C (Special Intention)

Friday 8th November

11.00am Requiem Mass for Margaret Cartwright at St C

Next Weekend 9th/10th November

Saturday 5.30pm Mass at St JF (Alf and Anita Moorcroft)

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

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



Collections: Weeks 9th Sept - 13th Oct TOTAL £1,854.57

CAFOD - £378.57

Supply Priests

A big thankyou goes to Fr David Gamble, parish priest at St. Albert's, Stockbridge Village and Bishop John Rawsthorne who are celebrating Masses here in the coming weeks. This weekend Fr Michael is making a personal retreat on Iona, home of St Columba, and the following weekend he is the chaplain to a family retreat weekend for Catholic People's Weeks. You can find out more about this organisation at this website [Catholic People's Weeks \(catholicpeoplesweeks.org\)](http://catholicpeoplesweeks.org)



November Prayers for the Dead and Our Book of Remembrance

As we look ahead to November a traditional time we pray for the dead we will have various opportunities to remember and pray for lost love ones.

Friday 1st Nov - All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation)

Mass 12noon at St C (please note that this will be the only Mass in the parish this day)

Wednesday 6th - Mass of Remembrance

Mass at 7pm at St C with a chance to remember all who have died and especially those who have passed away this last year.

Memory name cards are available in both churches which you can write the names of the deceased, that will be placed in our memory lanterns at the Mass. Either leave the cards here and they will be looked after or bring them on the night and you can place the cards yourself during the service

You will have seen the Remembrance books in both churches recording the names 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.



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,
Anne Horsley.

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.