

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent - Year B  
25<sup>th</sup> February 2024

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### **CAFOD in Lent**

This week we are having a second collection for CAFOD following on from the Family Fast Day on Friday. Supporting the work of CAFOD can fit into our Lenten preparations and activities in so many ways. Obviously today we have an opportunity to give directly to financially support our poorest sisters and brothers around the world, but we can also reflect on our fasting during this season of Lent. Today also reminds us of the importance of prayer for CAFOD, their partners overseas and the beneficiaries of their work. In reality, we do live in a world of plenty and all peoples' basic needs could be met if we all lived more simply and fairly. The change that is needed includes structures of trade, finance, business, world organisations, and political will. We can continue to support CAFOD's important campaigning work to speak up and call for justice, peace and care for creation. That Lenten sense of fasting, prayer and giving of money and time, fits so well into our support for CAFOD.

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. For those with access to the internet, an excellent video outlining an inspiring story behind the appeal can be found at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fFWxJpczass>

It tells us of the dangers that the fishermen in Liberia face, and the important work CAFOD has funded to make their work more safe and also, how with the support of new technology their catch of fish can be both increased and become more sustainable. The film and this work brings home the reality of the lives of the fishermen and their families and how we can help.



## **Parish Film Night**

The return of the popular parish film night which was postponed last year. We will gather at 7pm Friday 8th March at St John Fisher Meeting Room.

We will be watching Save the Cinema which, based on a true story, tells the story of a local community trying to save its theatre and cinema. Drinks, ice cream and popcorn will be available.

## **Our Lent Sunday Masses**

Just a note about our Masses in Lent. During Lent our Masses have a more simple tone. We have a Lenten Gospel acclamation and please join in after the singer. You will notice that we are not having a hymn or music during the offertory and this is another space for quiet and prayer during the Mass.

On a general note for all our Masses please remember you can now choose to receive Holy Communion in the hand or on the tongue and Communion under both kinds with receiving the Precious Blood from the chalice. Please approach the altar in two lines either side of the centre aisle. (Eucharistic Ministers please come forward immediately after you have shared the Sign of Peace).

## **The Belle Vale Passion**

This moving musical drama tells the story of the final stages of Jesus' life. The Belle Vale Passion will present the story of the crucifixion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ in a way you will have not seen before and promises to be an unmissable experience for Easter 2024. The Passion play is being organised by Our Lady of Assumption Parish and will be performed in Belle Vale Shopping Centre at 12pm on Easter Saturday 3rd March.

Attendance is free but they do request you register if possible for planning. They are also looking for more volunteers for the project. For more information on the project, attendance registration and the volunteer roles available, please visit: <https://bellevalepassion.co.uk/>



# Masses & Services This Week

## Weekend 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> February

Saturday 5.30pm Mass at St JF (Maureen Valle)

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



## Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February

9.15am Mass at St C (Special Intention)

2.00pm Funeral Service for John Earle at St C

## Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February

9.15am Eucharistic Service at St JF

## Thursday 29<sup>nd</sup> February

9.15am Mass at St C (Joan Spellacy)

12.30pm Funeral Service for Susan Whitby at St C

## Next Weekend 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> March

Saturday 5.30pm Mass at St JF (Robert and Margaret Cullen)

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 7th Jan - 4th Feb TOTAL £1422.70

## Second Collections

This weekend CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day second collection  
The weekend 9th/10th March we will have a collection to support Nugent, our official archdiocesan caring and social action agency.



## Lent and Easter



### Stations of the Cross

During Lent we will pray the Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays, 1pm at St. Columba Church and 7pm at St John Fisher Church.

### Lent Reflection Evenings

This year our Lenten reflections will be on the theme of Care for Creation. Come and join us for a time of readings, Scripture, discussions, prayer and reflection. Reflection evenings will be 7pm on Thursdays at St John Fisher on the following dates

Thursday 7th March

Thursday 14th March

Thursday 21st March



### Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass is at the Cathedral at 7.30pm Wednesday 27th March. The Chrism Mass is a key time in the life of the Archdiocese when each Holy Week the priests gather with the Archbishop and renew their priestly vows and the Sacramental Oils of Baptism, Chrism and the Sick are also consecrated. We will organise a coach for those who wish to attend. Please sign up on the sheets at the back of church if you wish to come on the coach.



### 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, Elizabeth Jones, Marie Shepherd, Eileen Hayden, Ruth Kemp

### 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.