

Ss COLUMBA & JOHN FISHER HUYTON & KNOWSLEY VILLAGE

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year C
Sunday 21st September 2025

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Season of Creation

We certainly feel that summertime is over and autumn seems to be arriving with a blast. This time of year is a time of harvest and we see changes in nature with the trees and plants around us. I am blessed this year with a bumper crop of cooking apples from the trees in the garden - this year with the hot summer they arrived early and supplied fruit from August but I am still collecting bags full each week; so see me if you would like any to stew or bake into a pie or crumble!

The season of creation is a time of prayer too, marked ecumenically by all the Christian churches as a time dedicated to prayer and action for the protection of creation. It is a time to renew our relationships with God our Creator, and with all creation, as we join together in prayer. We give thanks for all that God has made, repent for the damage that we have caused and commit ourselves to take action to protect the earth our common home. Reflecting on this season Pope Leo XIV writes that, "now is the time to follow words with deeds....By working with love and perseverance, we can sow many seeds of justice and thus contribute to the growth of peace and the renewal of hope."

In this season I often reflect on the harvest and where much of our food comes from. This includes places like Ukraine and Africa. Ukraine suffering from war and conflict and so many farmers in Africa severely impacted by climate change. Pope Leo's call to follow our prayers with action, to call for peace and real actions to help start to reverse the effects of climate change are needed. And as Christians, we are called to play our part in that call for peace and the necessary action to protect the immense beauty of God's gift of creation and our common global home.



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Cheese and wine Evening

Join us for cheese and wine, on Friday 3rd October at 7.00 pm in the meeting room at St John Fisher. Catch up with old friends and new. There may even be pate and soft drinks for those who do not like cheese and

wine! It would be good to have an idea of numbers to help with catering so if you've already made your mind up you are coming please let Dave or Fr Mike know.

Donations on the door welcome. See you there!

Parish Coach Trip to Chester and the Christmas Markets

After our successful trip to Llandudno we are planning another coach trip, this time to Chester and the Christmas Markets. The date for your diary is Wednesday 26th November we will be leaving the churches around 9.45am/10am and leaving Chester at 5pm. This will allow for plenty of time for lunch, the Christmas Market, Chester shopping and sights. Cost will be £17. Sign up at the back of the churches with £10 deposit to secure a place.

We will consider some weekend or holiday time trips again in the future for those working or families during school holidays.



Parish Visitation

We will be having a parish visitation by Bishop Tom Williams in October. This is a formal process that takes place from time to time in every parish in the Archdiocese. Bishop Tom has already visited our parish primary schools last term in preparation for his weekend visit. He will celebrate the Mass over the weekend 11th/12th October and will be available after the Masses too. More details will be given nearer the time.



Masses & Services This Week

Weekend 20th/21st September

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

Sunday 11.00am Mass at St C (Craig Lyons)

Monday 22nd September

10am Requiem Mass of Joan Fletcher at St C

Tuesday 23rd September

9.15am Eucharistic Service at St C

Wednesday 24th September

9.15am Mass at St JF (Dorothy Sloan)

Thursday 25th September

9.15am Mass at St C (Mr and Mrs Earle and Family)

Next Weekend 27th/28th September

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

Sunday 11.00am Mass at St C (Chris Pearson)

Confession - available before and after Mass or by appointment

Collections:

Weeks 11th Aug - 7th Sept TOTAL £1,401.23

Children's Liturgy of the Word

The next dates for Children's Liturgy at the 11am Mass will be

October 12th

November 9th

December 7th



We also to hold a family faith and craft event during Advent on Sunday 14th December. More details to follow.





Dates for Your Diaries

There are lots of events planned for this next term. Here are just some dates for your diaries but there may be more coming! Details of the events will be forthcoming nearer the time.

Friday 3rd October - Cheese and Wine Evening at St JF

Thursday 16th October - Parish Committee Meeting at St C

Friday 24th October Quiz Night at St C

Wednesday 12th November - Mass for the Dead at St C

Wednesday 26th November - Coach Trip to Chester and Christmas Markets

Friday 28th November - Film Night at St JF

Wednesday 3rd December - Advent Service of Light and Darkness at St JF

Sunday 14th December - Christmas Family Craft Day

Sat 20th December - Mulled Wine and Mince Pies after Mass at St JF



Please pray for the sick of our parish:

Joan Haigh, Norma Pritchard, M. Rivi, Loretta McDonnell, Thomas Hopkins, Amy Murphy, Joseph Cameron, Rowan Sanderson, Karen Duffy, James Murphy, Elizabeth Jones, Anne Horsley, John Dempsey, June Courtney, Gillian Kerwin.

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.