

Ss COLUMBA & JOHN FISHER HUYTON & KNOWSLEY VILLAGE

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica - Year C
Sunday 9th November 2025

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The Lateran Basilica

In the city of Rome, there are four major basilicas. The first three are Saint Peter's Basilica in Vatican City, the Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls, and the Basilica of Saint Mary Major. The fourth is the Archbasilica Cathedral of the Most Holy Savior and of Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist in the Lateran, also called Saint John Lateran, or the Lateran Basilica for short. Of the four major basilicas, the oldest and most important is Saint John Lateran, the dedication of which is remembered today. Though the pope now lives next to Saint Peter's Basilica, Saint John Lateran is the official cathedral of Rome. That means Saint John Lateran is not only the mother church of the Archdiocese of Rome but also the mother church of the entire world. It is also the site of one of the Jubilee Holy Doors seen on the right below.

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St Columba's Bonus Ball

There are a few vacant numbers in the weekly bonus ball lottery. If you would like to get more information please see Jim before the Sunday Mass. The cost is £2 per week to be paid in advance.

Mass of Remembrance -

This is on Wednesday 12th Mass at 7pm at St Columba's with a chance to remember all our lost loved ones 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 lost love ones 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 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.



Parish Committee

The next parish committee will be on Monday 10th November, meeting at 7pm at St John Fisher. We will finalise plans for Advent and Christmas and plan for the new year. We often also use our time together to share updates from the deanery, and family of parishes groups and generally consider the needs of our parish. We really do welcome people who may like to take part. If you would be interested in joining the parish committee please speak to Fr Michael, all are welcome.



Newsletter via Email

If you would like to receive this newsletter each week via email please send an email to us here at cjf@rcaol.org.uk and ask to be added to the email database and then we can keep in contact. This saves on paper and printing costs and may be more convenient for you. It also means that you can follow any internet links more easily from the email version of the newsletter.

Masses & Services This Week

Weekend 8th/9th November

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

Sunday 11.00am Mass at St C (Peter Mountaine)

Tuesday 11th November

9.15am Mass at St C (Amari Thomas)

Wednesday 12th November

9.15am Mass at St JF (Thanksgiving to St Jude)

Thursday 13th November

9.15am Mass at St C (Henry Quick)



Next Weekend 15th/16th November

Saturday 5.30pm Mass at St JF (Deceased of the Smith Family)

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

Confession - available before and after Mass or by appointment

Collections:

Weeks 8th Oct - 2nd Nov TOTAL £1,447.56

Children's Liturgy of the Word

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

November 9th

December 7th



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



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Fr Michael has been privileged to visit the Lateran Basilica twice in the last few weeks during his time in Rome. Fr Michael will share more photos and speak about his Jubilee Rome Pilgrimages in the near future.

Saint John Lateran is an exclusive-purpose church. It is the pope's cathedral from which the entire Church is governed and the central place of worship for the world. As we honour the dedication of that church in 324, pray for the Church today. We pray for the pope in a particular way today, that Saint John Lateran will always be a place where Pope Leo, and every pope after him, will encounter God in a profound way.



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, John Dempsey, June Courtney, Gillian Kerwin, Margaret Donelly.

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.