

Ss COLUMBA & JOHN FISHER HUYTON & KNOWSLEY VILLAGE

Feast of Christ the King - Year C
Sunday 23rd November 2025

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Youth Sunday

Although over 6 months away, summer 2026 will be a special one for our archdiocese as we will celebrate 50 years of the archdiocesan youth pilgrimage to Lourdes. The pilgrimage offers an ongoing reminder of the role of young people in our diocese. Many of our parishioners have either been on the pilgrimage themselves or have had children or grandchildren take part. With 50 years of stories and memories to call on, shared recollections and connections, and even the conspicuous visual of yellow t shirts, it is easy to link youth ministry to Lourdes.

However, Youth Sunday, is an opportunity for us to broaden our horizons a little more and think about where else young people are in the life of the Church and the diocese.

Faith in Action Award - the Faith in Action Award is kind of a 'Catholic', Duke of Edinburgh Award. Young people partake at different levels on Pin, Broze, Silver and Gold Awards. To achieve the Gold level the young people have to show leadership and high commitment to their work. The Faith in Action award has blossomed over the years it has been active in the diocese this year over 1800 received an award. Faith In Action groups run in many of our schools and also in parishes to support the young people on the award.

Youth Alive Masses - we continue to have our regular Youth Alive Masses and services through the year. These are a good opportunity for young people to come together a few times a year to join in prayer, praise and worship. With a social time after to mix with each other. Masses for this year are 23rd November (Youth Sunday) and 7th June (Corpus Christi) – both at 5:30pm at Lowe House in St Helens. Even with just these we can see how much there is to celebrate our young people in the archdiocese.

Celebration for the Ending of the Jubilee Year of Hope

We have been marking the Jubilee Year of Hope all this year. The Jubilee year formally ends this Christmas but to mark the end in our parish, we thought to hold celebratory evening of prayer and friendship. After a short time of prayer, Fr Michael will share some photos and information on his pilgrimages to Rome to see the Holy Doors (only open each Jubilee Year) and then we will share some food together. We will meet on Tuesday 16th December, 7pm at St Columba.



Family of Parishes – Pulpit Sharing

As you know the priests of our parishes have been moving around the family of parishes over various weekends to celebrate the weekend Masses in the different churches of our family of parishes. This will continue through the rest of the year to help us continue to develop our identity as a group of parishes working in collaboration for the future. This weekend we welcome Fr Anton to our parish

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Christmas Piety and More

The piety stalls now have a selection of religious Christmas cards on sale, plus calendars and other items.

Sunday Missals with the new reading are available at St Columba's - speak to Fr Michael or Dave if you want one bringing up to St John Fisher.

The St John Fisher Christmas raffle is also live. See Dave for tickets or if you would like to contribute a prize.

Masses & Services This Week

Weekend 22nd/23rd November

Saturday 5.30pm Mass at St JF (Charlie Mabley)

Sunday 11.00am Mass at St C (Gordon Robie)

Monday 24th November

1.00pm Requiem Mass for Rose Kemp at St C

Tuesday 25th November

9.15am Mass at St C (Thanksgiving for

Prayers Answered)

Wednesday 26th November

9.15am Mass at St JF (Our Lady of Mount Carmel)

Thursday 27th November

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

Next Weekend 29th/30th November

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

Sunday 11.00am Mass at St C (Gordon Robie)

Confession - available before and after Mass or by appointment

Collections:

Weeks 8th Oct - 2nd Nov TOTAL £1,447.564

Second Collection for Youth Sunday This Weekend

There will be a second collection this weekend for Animate our Archdiocesan youth agency. Envelops are available at the back of both churches should you wish to use them.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

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

December 7th



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



Advent and Christmas Services

The dates and times of Advent and Christmas Services are as follows

Advent Service of Light and Darkness

Wednesday 3rd December 7pm at St John Fisher

Childrens Crafts and Christingle Service

Sunday 14th Dec 3pm at St Columba.

Celebration for the Ending of the Jubilee Year of Hope

Tuesday 16th December 7pm at St Columba

Mince pies and mulled wine will be served after Mass on Saturday 20th December at St John Fisher.



Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve (Wednesday 24th)

Children's and Family Mass 5.30pm at St Columba
'Midnight' Mass 8pm at St John Fisher

Christmas Day (Thursday 25th)

Christmas Morning Mass 10am at St Columba



We will return to our usual Mass schedule the weekend of 27th/28th



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

Jan Box 0151 548 5268

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