

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

Feast of Christ the King
26th November 2023

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Happy New Year!

No I am not too early! This Sunday of the Feast of Christ the King marks the end of the churches year. We start the next year next weekend as we enter into the season of Advent. Next week end with the First Sunday of Advent we start to look forward to the coming Christ at Christmas so perhaps it is at this time we could look back over our last year. It has not been without its challenges and difficulties on the national and world stage. We started with the ongoing war in Ukraine and now see the new war and crisis in Gaza. As I am writing this the ceasefire has started there and we hope to see the release of hostages in the next couple of hours, so maybe a small sigh of hope for a longer peace.

In our own lives too we will have seen different changes and markers, both positive and challenging too. But let us enter our new church year with hope that we can try and bring the Good News of our faith into our lives and help change the world in which we live.



Childrens Liturgy and Activities

The next date for Childrens Liturgy is
Sunday 17th December



Also on Sunday 10th December we will
be holding a Children and Family Crafts

and Christingle Service at 3.30pm at St Columba's. We will gather for a range of children's activities including making a Christingle and other Christmas crafts. We will then celebrate a short Christingle service. All are welcome.

Service of Light



On Wednesday 6th December we will hold an Advent prayer service at St John Fishers at 7pm. It is an opportunity to enter into the longing of Advent. We will have time together waiting in darkness and lighting candles, with prayers, readings and reflections.

Advent is a time of preparation so this is an opportunity to take time to prepare in prayer and spirit for the coming joy at Christmas. Please come along if you are able.

Donations for Nugent Charity Shop

The staff and volunteers at the Nugent Charity Shop are always so happy with all the donations we are able to send them. We are having a pick up of current donations on Wednesday so if you are having a pre Christmas sort out and can bring them in before then they will be collected. We will also arrange for a post Christmas re gifting collection in the new year.

CAFOD Fun Run/Walk

This year's CAFOD fun run will take place on Wednesday 27th December. It will be the 40th year that the run has taken place. It is based at the the Mystery Park in Wavertree. There is a 3k and 5k route and people of all ages are welcome to join and can run or walk the routes. Registration takes place at 10am and the run starts at 11am. The cost to take part is £5 per child, £10 per adult and £20 per family. Or just turn up on the day - it's a great way to burn off any Christmas excess!

Masses & Services This Week

Weekend 25th/26th November - Feast of Christ the King

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

Sunday 11.00am Mass at St C (Henry McCain)

Tuesday 28th November

9.15am Mass at St C (Peace in Middle East)

Wednesday 29th November

9.15am Mass at St JF (Marie and Eileen Cullen)

Thursday 30th November

9.15am Mass at St C (Priests of the Deanery)

Friday 1st December

1.30pm Funeral Service for Jackie McGlynn at St C

Next Weekend 2nd/3rd December - First Sunday of Advent

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

Sunday 11.00am Mass at St C (Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered)

Confession - available before and after Mass or by appointment

Collections: Weeks 1st Oct - 5th Nov TOTAL £1767.36

CAFOD - £339.60

World Missions - £209.83

Second Collection for Youth Sunday

This weekend we celebrate Youth Sunday when we give thanks for all the contribution of children and young people to the work of the church. Here in the parish during our midweek Masses we are regularly joined by the children from our schools who often lead our bidding prayers and across the Archdiocese we have our wonderful youth pilgrimage to Lourdes.

This week there will be a second collection to support our Animate youth services in their work in high schools, Lourdes Pilgrimage and more. Supporting our young people has never been more important in the life of the church today. I know you will be as generous as you always are. Envelopes are available at the back of both churches if you wish to use them

Advent and Christmas Services

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

Advent Service of Light

Wednesday 6th 7pm at St John Fisher Church

Childrens Crafts and Christingle Service

Sunday 10th Dec 3.30pm at St Columba.



Mince pies and mulled wine will be served after Mass on Saturday 23rd December at St John Fisher.

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve (Sunday 24th)

Children's and Family Mass 5.30pm at St Columba

'Midnight' Mass 8.00pm at St John Fisher

Christmas Day (Monday 25th)

Christmas Morning Mass 10am at St Columba

Tuesday 26th (Boxing Day) Mass at 10.00am at St C

Wednesday 27th Mass at 9.15am at St JF

Thursday 28th Mass at 9.15am at St C



We will have our usual Mass schedule the weekend of 30th/31st December - The Feast of the Holy Family and the following week.



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, Betty Stewart, Elizabeth Jones, Marie Shepherd,

Parish Safeguarding Representative

Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives 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.