

St Columba's Church

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16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 19TH JULY 2015.

MASS TIMES:

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| Saturday Vigil Mass: | 7.15 p.m. | John Anthony Walmsley |
| Sunday: | 9.15 a.m. | The Parish |
| | 11.00 a.m. | Irene Jones |
| Monday: | 9.15 a.m. | } Service of Word and Holy Communion |
| Tuesday: | 9.15 a.m. | |
| Wednesday: | 9.15 a.m. | |
| Thursday: | 9.15 a.m. | |
| Friday: | 9.15 a.m. | |
| Saturday: | 9.15 a.m. | NO MORNING SERVICE |

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| Saturday Vigil Mass: | 7.15 p.m. | Peter Jackson |
| Sunday: | 9.15 a.m. | James Regan |
| | 11.00 a.m. | The Parish |

MORNING PRAYER:

Each morning at 9.00 a.m. in the Sacristy Office, Monday through to Saturday, except Wednesdays when Novena prayers are held at 9.15 a.m. before Mass commences.

CONFESSIONS:

Each Saturday, after morning Mass, and in the evening from 6.45 until 7.10 p.m.

BAPTISMS:

By appointment. After speaking to Fr. Cooke to arrange a date, please contact Claire Graham on 01244 341287 / 0788 055 3830.

LATELY DEAD - Catherine Herbert.

Catherine was a long standing member of our parish, please remember her in your prayers. May she rest in peace and God give comfort to husband John, their family and all who mourn.

ANNIVERSARIES: Arthur Clegg, Philip Clement Hodgkiss, Doreen Pock, John William Burton, Katie Riley, Margaret Clarke, Margaret Barrett, Ann Atkinson, Brian Henry Hall, Ray Bernie, Mary Logan, Christopher Logan, Catherine Logan, Margaret Mary Patten, Richard Baird, Frederick Cartwright, John Patrick Walker, Mabel Stuart, John Edward Lambe, James Joseph Heffernan, Percy Moelwyn Chase, Kathleen Jacobs, Elizabeth Fox, Leonard Hill, Lucy Newcombe, Eric Wilfred Cox, John Joseph (Sean) Wilson, Mary Lee, Robert Rooney, Mary Bull and Lil Coogan.

WELCOME AND THANKS:

Thank you to Bishop Emeritus Brian Noble who will be celebrating all Masses with us this weekend.

OFFERTORY:

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| Loose Plate: | £391.85 |
| Planned Giving: | £384.56 |
| Average Weekly Standing Orders: | £683.00 |

Many thanks for your generous support.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of The Croft, Kirby Close and Ambleside.
- All who are baptised in our churches and their families.
- All who help or attend our crèches.

YOUTH 2000 SUMMER PRAYER FESTIVAL:

See the posters in the porches and on the parish website about this Festival for young adults 16-35. The 27th to 31st of August at Walsingham.

www.youth20

M.O.H.C. AND READERS:

Your copy of the new Rota is in the front porch for collection. If I have an e-Mail address for you I will e-Mail it to you.

We welcome Michael Forber, Mary Williams and Santiago Reilly to the team.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

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| July 19 th | CWL | CWL |
| July 26 th | | |
| August 2 nd | | |
| August 9 th | Elizabeth & Chris | Tombola |

The next coffee rota is on the hall notice board. There are some vacancies. If you would like to volunteer please add your name to the rota or contact Margaret Curtis 318424.

Teas, coffees and juices are served in the hall after both Sunday morning Masses. All are very welcome.

COUNTESS OF CHESTER HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY ESCORTS:

The hospital Chaplaincy Team is seeking volunteers to act as Escorts, to transport patients by wheelchair to and from the 11 a.m. Sunday Service. Escorts are asked to gather in the hospital Spiritual Care Centre (Chapel) at 9.30 a.m. to be allocated four wards to visit. Patients are returned to their Ward usually at about 11.45 a.m. If they are not well enough to attend the Service then bedside Communion or mention in a prayer during the Service is offered. Lifting of patients is not required and training is given. Please contact Rev John Kingsley, Head of Chaplaincy, tel. 01244 364543, for further information.

A CAFOD CELEBRATION:

“CAFOD Shrewsbury would be delighted if you can join us to celebrate and to give thanks for our abundant blessing at **A Summer Evening Gathering and Mass of Thanksgiving**.” This will be on **Friday 24th July** at 7.00 p.m. at St. Clare's, Downsfield Road, Chester CH4 8HH. There will be a gathering and light refreshment afterwards in St. Clare's School. For further details please contact Sue or Liz 01244 677594 email: shrewsbury@cafod.org.uk

Note: as mentioned in our Newsletter last week, Sue Bownas and Liz Aiello end their many years' work for CAFOD on 31st July, so the Mass and Gathering at St. Clare's will be an excellent opportunity to thank them and wish them well.

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL:

Very many people of all faiths and none will be concerned about a Bill to legalise Assisted Suicide in England and Wales which will be debated in the House of Commons on **11th September 2015**. This is a private members Bill, introduced by Rob Marris MP. Ministers will have a free vote and it is important that people make their views known to their own MP ahead of this extremely important debate.

The Catholic Church feels that this Bill will put the most vulnerable people in our society at risk. Please contact your MP, urging them to attend the debate and vote against the Bill. You can send an e-mail to your MP via the Catholic Bishops' Conference website; www.catholicnews.org.uk/assisted-suicide or send a letter by post, a draft of which can be found at the back of the Church along with further information about the issues.

If you have access to the internet there are excellent resources on the following websites:

- www.catholicnews.org.uk/assisted-suicide
- www.bioethics.org.uk

PARISH SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

Last chance to go on this year's trip to Lancaster on **Friday 24th July**, the cost is £10. There is a list in the front porch of Church for names and providing more details.

All monies to Margaret Curtis or Paul Wrigglesworth **ASAP**.

CHESTER MALE VOICE CHOIR CONCERT:

To be held at the Holy Ascension Church, Upton, Chester CH2 1DJ on Saturday 25th July at 7.30 p.m.

Reserve Seating: Tickets Adults £7.00, Children £2.00 – Tickets From William Wheldon 07903 585381 or Sue Burgess 01244 380340. E-Mail: events@holyascension.org.uk.

ST. COLUMBA'S HALL BOOKINGS:

For all Hall bookings and enquiries please contact Sue Carr on 07553 114531

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NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

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Items for inclusion can be left in the blue folder in the Sacristy. Please ensure that all items are in place by 9.00 a.m. on Thursday. Please include a phone number in case of queries.

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