

# St Columba's Church

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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2013

### MASS TIMES:

Saturday Vigil Mass:	7.15 p.m.
Sunday:	9.15 a.m. 11.00 a.m.
Monday:	9.15 a.m.
Tuesday	9.15 a.m.
Wednesday:	9.15 a.m.
Thursday:	9.15 a.m.
Friday:	9.15 a.m. <b>10.00 a.m.</b>
Saturday:	9.15 a.m.
Saturday Vigil	7.15 p.m.
Sunday:	9.15 a.m. 11.00 a.m.

### INTENTIONS:

Michael Wolfe SVP
Francis O'Donnell The Parish
Special Intention P.W.
Irene O'Sullivan
Mary Latimer
Joan Sheeran
Frank Devine RIP
<b>Funeral Service</b> – Ethel Mary McGloughlan
Peg Walker SVP
Elizabeth Whitmore RIP
Mary & Patrick Regan The Parish

### LATELY DEAD:

Ethel Mary McGloughlan. We extend our prayers to her family. Her funeral is at St. Columba's on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00 a.m.

### MORNING PRAYER:

9.00 a.m. in the Sacristy Office, except on Wednesday, when Novena prayers are held at 9.15 a.m. before Mass commences.

### BAPTISMS:

By appointment. After speaking to Fr. Cooke to arrange a date, please contact Claire Graham on 01244 341287 / 07880553830.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Robert Trundle, Freda Carline, Rhona Mary Howlette, Kathleen Townsend, Louise Whitcombe, John Henry McCowne, Stan Connolly, Francesca Pace, Baby Ann Burton, Winifride Dorothy Jones, Edward Fox, Sarah Morgan, John Parke, Peter Anthony Burton, Kily Dowd, Angela Chapman, John Wolfe, John Bellis, Charles Maloney, John Halligan, John Burton, Frederick James Wright, Gillian Gallagher, Harold Beadle, Kathleen McAleavy, Joseph Francis Tallon, Agnes Jones, William Bird, Henry Bird, Michael Burns, Joseph Dowd, Margaret Beech, John Barnett, Elaine White, Janet Haslam.

### CONFESSIONS:

Confessions are heard every Saturday after morning Mass, and in the evening from 6.45 p.m. – 7.10 p.m.

### OFFERTORY

Loose Plate:	£507.17
Planned Giving:	£460.75
Average Weekly SOs:	£547.00

### S.V.P. MONTHLY COLLECTION:

This will be taken after all Masses next weekend (7/8<sup>th</sup> December). We thank you for your continued support.

### ADVENT/ CHRISTMAS AT ST COLUMBA'S

A green leaflet giving details of services and other activities over the next couple of months is now available. Please take a copy home with you.

### UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Cotebrook Drive, Oulton Avenue and Rushton Drive.
- For our Churches open on Saturdays and the fellowship enjoyed there.
- For all who use and maintain the web sites.

### SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

Dec 1 <sup>st</sup>	Pat & John	SPUC
Dec 8 <sup>th</sup>	Badminton	Hospice
Dec 15 <sup>th</sup>	Sue & Marie	Parish

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

### CHESTER & ELLESMERE PORT DISTRICT SVP WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE 2014:

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April to Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May. Cost (assuming 43 including driver) approx £170 per person including coach travel, accommodation and meals in Walsingham, and gratuities. For more details and application forms, please contact Brian Forrest – 01244 318863

### PHILIPPINES TYPHOON APPEAL:

Thanks to the further donations made last weekend we have been able to send another cheque to CAFOD for £666 – making a total of £1590 from St. Columba's for the Typhoon Appeal. Thank you very much for your generous response.

### AUTUMN FAYRE:

Thanks to everyone who made this year's Autumn Fayre a big success and to all the helpers; we made £350 which will be donated to Church charities.

### **RED MISSION BOXES:**

Could those parishioners holding Red Mission Boxes please leave them in the Sacristy for Margaret Curtis to collect. Your box can be collected from the rear porch. Thank you for your continued support.

### **CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:**

The theme for this week and next is **Advent**, and the prayer is: *Advent is our opportunity to prepare ourselves for the birth of Jesus at Christmas. In Advent, we are encouraged to help others less fortunate than ourselves. Help us to put the Christ back in Christmas and support those less fortunate. Amen.*

### **QUESTIONNAIRE ON MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY:**

The Vatican is inviting Catholics all over the world to answer questions on family life ahead of an extraordinary council called by Pope Francis next year. The Vatican is wishing to find out what Catholics think about matters surrounding the family – issues like divorce, cohabitation, same-sex relationships, contraception and the raising of children. A wide-ranging questionnaire has been drawn up, **for completion by quite a tight deadline: 13<sup>th</sup> December**. Copies of the questionnaire, tailored for Shrewsbury Diocese, are available in both porches at St. Columba's, with further information available from the Diocesan website [www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org) or the parish website (see Pastoral Letters & Resources tab).

### **DIOCESAN COURSE ON "NEW EVANGELISATION":**

Please do look at the information about this new course, designed to prepare lay people to meet the challenges of preaching the Gospel in 21st century British society. See the pamphlets in either porch, or look on the Diocesan website [www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org) or the parish website (under "Pastoral Letters & Resources"). If you might be interested in joining the course, which starts on a part-time basis in January, please speak to Fr. Cooke or Deacon Lawrence.

### **DIOCESAN YEAR BOOK:**

Copies of the 2014 Diocesan Year Book are now available, priced at £4.00. It gives a wealth of information about parishes and organisations across the diocese, plus key information about Shrewsbury diocesan administration, and church hierarchy arrangements throughout England and Wales.

### **FEAST OF THE WEEK- ST. FRANCIS XAVIER:**

On 3<sup>rd</sup> December we celebrate the feast of the Patron of Foreign Missions, St. Francis Xavier. Born in 1506 in the Basque country, he was schooled in Paris where he met and followed another Basque, Ignatius Loyola, founder of the Jesuits. Francis became a Jesuit missionary, eventually spending an enormously active 10-year period spreading the gospel in Goa, Ceylon, the East Indies and Japan. In 1551 he planned to be smuggled into mainland China to continue his missionary work - but he suffered a fever from which he never recovered, dying at the age of 46.

### **OVER 50s CHRISTMAS PARTY:**

Christmas Party for parishioners over 50 and invited guests - Sat 7<sup>th</sup> December at 2 p.m. in the Church Hall. Free buffet, drink on arrival and with meal, teas and coffees. Come along and enjoy the festivities and socialise with other parishioners.

### **MASSIVE THANK YOU!**

Thank you so much for the generous response to my request for help for my visit to see the Sierra Leone young people. I'm sure you will be with us in spirit in the joint birthday party we will share together on 13<sup>th</sup> December! I spent the Mass of Christ the King at Shrewsbury Cathedral (so thank you for passing gifts through my parents), sharing the papal blessings I received from Bishop Mark with everyone. - **Heather Lannin**.

### **PIETY STALL:**

Is now open again. Rosaries and small items now kept in a locked drawer, please ask to see them, and look for the new safe for payment. Good supply of cards for most occasions.

### **PILGRIMAGE TO LISIEUX: MAY 2014**

Details on the notice boards. Cost from London £405, £120 deposit required by 6 December 2013. Anyone interested please contact Bill Baker on 01244 376701.

### **CHURCH SURROUNDS:**

Our gardening group next meets on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December** (weather permitting!) from 9.45 for a couple of hours of general tidying of the flower beds, minor pruning, clearing accumulations of leaves, etc. Anyone able to join us will be very welcome. Mugs of tea provided! Further information from Bernard Payne, 01244 350323.

### **SOUNDWALL'S CHRISTMAS-TASTIC SHOW:**

In the Hall at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> December, a one act farce with Christmas and modern hits from Soundwall's singers and musicians. See posters in the porches. Tickets £7 (£4 concessions) from Piety Stall.

### **ST COLUMBA'S HALL BOOKINGS:**

For all Hall bookings and enquiries please contact Sue Carr on 07553 114531  
E-mail: [columbashallbookings@gmail.com](mailto:columbashallbookings@gmail.com)

### **NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:**

This will be compiled by Rebecca Vaughan  
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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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