



# St Columba's Church

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## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 1<sup>st</sup> MAY 2016.

### MASS TIMES:

Saturday Vigil Mass:	7.15 p.m.	<b>INTENTIONS:</b> Frank Stone (A)
Sunday:	9.15 a.m.	Michael Wolfe
	11.00 a.m.	Kathryn Sanson
Monday:	9.15 a.m.	Service of Word & H. Comm.
Tuesday:	9.15 a.m.	- do -
Wednesday:	9.15 a.m.	- do -
Thursday:	9.15 a.m.	- do -
Friday:	9.15 a.m.	- do -
		<b>NO EVENING MASS THIS WEEK.</b>
Saturday:		<b>NO MORNING MASS.</b>
Saturday Vigil Mass:	7.15 p.m.	The Parish
Sunday:	9.15 a.m.	Joan Wells
	11.00 a.m.	Derek Jones

### MORNING PRAYER:

Each morning at 9.00 a.m. before the Blessed Sacrament in the Iona Chapel, **Monday through to Friday, except Wednesday**, when Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour are said at 9.15 a.m. prior to Mass.

### CONFESSIONS:

Each Saturday morning between 10.00-10.30 a.m. and in the evening 6.45 p.m.-7.10 p.m. (before the Saturday Vigil Mass).

### BAPTISMS:

By appointment. After speaking to Fr. Jonathan to arrange a date, please contact Claire O'Donnell 07743 704383 (text or 'phone).

*Congratulations to the Yates family whose son, Albie John Sylvester, is to be baptised this Sunday. We wish them a very joyful day. Please pray for our latest addition to the St. Columba's parish family.*

### LATELY DEAD:

Please remember in your prayers Elizabeth Mary Baker, who died on Monday of last week

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Ivy Munday, Frank Stone Jnr, Mary E Barlow, Margaret Power, Thomas Hanratty, James Connolly, Kevin Fearon, Ian Christopher Gaynor, Joan Crump, Ofelia Lanzetta, Rose Creedon, Vincenzo Perruzza, William Walker, Stella Loughlin, Michael Gerald Taylor, Bernard Bownas, Alan Taylor, Helen Veronica Mack, Peter Concannon, Terence George Maloney, Bill Heeny, Ann Jane Harrison, Carolyn Thornton, Ken Hall.

### OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate:	£518.28
Planned Giving:	£488.50
Average Weekly Standing Orders:	£720.00
Candles:	£ 51.85

### GIFT AID CLAIM FOR 2015-16:

We are about to submit our claim for refund under the Gift Aid scheme for 2015-16. Our total claim will be for tax paid on donations of approximately £50,900 which should result in a refund to the parish of about £11,500. Many thanks to all of you who make your offertory to the parish through the Gift Aid scheme. If you would like to know more about this scheme contact David Savage on 380626.

### SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

1 <sup>st</sup> May	Sewing Group	Funds for Africa
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Elizabeth & Chris	Tombola
15 <sup>th</sup> May	17th Chester Guides	Finjamboree Finland
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Anybody like to volunteer?	

*Tea, coffee and juice are served in the hall after both Sunday Masses. All are welcome.*

**High Chair** still needed if anyone can help please.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS:

Family celebrations of the Sacrament have now begun and will continue throughout May. At the 11.00 a.m. Mass each Sunday (except 15<sup>th</sup> May) some or all of the central pews will be reserved for the children and their families.

- We pray for and congratulate those making their First Holy Communion this weekend: Maciej Bukwas, Max Lynch and Lewis McKeirnan.

### CONFIRMATION:

If you wish to be Confirmed this year, to join the preparation programme please put your details on one of the lists in the front or back porch **as soon as possible**. To be Confirmed you must be in high school Year 8 or above on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2016 (i.e. be at high school in Year 7 now, or older – there is no upper age limit). For more information speak to Denise Lusk at church or ring 379742.

## FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

- Tuesday: **Ss Philip and James, Apostles.** In John's Gospel, Philip is recorded as recognising in Jesus the one foretold by Moses and the prophets, and according to the Acts he was the first to preach the gospel to non-Jews. James, this one known as James the Less, has been venerated traditionally as author of the Letter of James and as leader of the Church in Jerusalem.
- Wednesday: **The English Martyrs.** This group of religious, secular clergy, laymen and laywomen suffered death for conscience's sake during a period of 150 years following the Reformation. Those particularly celebrated in Shrewsbury Diocese include **St. John Plessington, St. Ambrose Barlow** and **St. Margaret Ward.**

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: 15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> MAY

For many years the parish has joined forces with the other Upton churches to carry out the house-to-house collections in a share of local streets during Christian Aid Week – this takes place in mid May. We are looking for a volunteer to take on the task of co-ordinating the effort from St. Columba's. If you are interested and would like further information about the role, please contact Bernard Payne on 01244 350323.

## UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Abbot's Park, Milbourne Close and Neston Drive.
- For the Sewing Groups and Card Club.

## CHURCHES TOGETHER IN UPTON:

- Churches Together in Upton have recently extended the practice of praying for the residents of particular roads by encouraging individual prayer requests. These can be made in writing to: Prayer Meeting, Upton United Reformed Church, Heath Road, Chester, or by email: [info@uptonurc.org.uk](mailto:info@uptonurc.org.uk).
- Churches Together in Upton hold a Coffee Morning each Monday at The Pavilion, Wealstone Lane (next to the Library) from 10 a.m. to noon - an ideal opportunity to meet and make friends in a relaxed welcoming atmosphere. If anyone is interested in helping out, please come along on a Monday to find out more.

## HOSPITAL MASS:

The regular "First Thursday" Mass will be celebrated on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May** at 12.15 p.m. in the Countess of Chester Hospital Chapel. This is for patients/outpatients, staff, families and friends, and the wellbeing of our hospitals, including the Bowmere. All are welcome.

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE AGM:

The Catholic Women's League will hold their AGM on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May**. Holy Mass will be offered at 12.00 noon, and everyone will be welcome to celebrate the Mass with us.

## DIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS:

This Annual Day for Catechists is on **Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> June** at Ellesmere Port Catholic High School. The theme is 'Resources: What do we have? What do we need?' Fergal Martin, Head of Catholic Truth Society will present its aims, work and publications, followed by group discussion and general feedback. Further details to follow. Registration please by **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** with [helen.jones@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:helen.jones@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

## CALLING ALL DOCTORS, NURSES AND CARERS:

Bookings are well under way for the 2016 Diocesan Pilgrimage (**26<sup>th</sup> July-3<sup>rd</sup> Aug**) and we would welcome volunteers who are willing to work with our medical team in caring for our registered sick pilgrims. If you are able to join us, or know anyone who would like to serve those who need care during the week in Lourdes, please call the medical office on 07970 943940 or email [info@shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk](mailto:info@shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk) Please also support and encourage those who are sick or in need of assistance to join the diocese in this special year of Pilgrimage.

## PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:

A Five Day Pilgrimage to Lourdes, from **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2016**, has been arranged, as an opportunity to celebrate the Holy Year of Mercy. The cost is £599 for full board. For more information, see poster on notice board. Forms are available from Fr. Jonathan or contact Fr. Paul O'Grady 0151 330 6588.

## ST. COLUMBA'S SOCIAL EVENTS DIARY:

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June** BBQ to celebrate St. Columba's Anniversary.  
**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** Annual coach trip, this year to Worcester.

## THANK YOU!

Jim and Enid Mason wish to thank everyone for many congratulatory messages, cards and flowers on the occasion of their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. What a memorable day!

## A FURTHER THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who supported the Musical Evening on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April in St. Columba's Hall. This was arranged by St. Theresa's parishioners as a fund raiser in support of their young parishioner Jake Maguire taking part in the Pope's Youth Conference in Krakow this July. A big thank you to all the singers and musicians: The Songsmiths Choir, John Finnan and Frank Welcomme, and Ann McCarthy & Jane Walsh. They all helped make the evening a very lively inter-parish occasion – and a financial success into the bargain: £913 raised.

## 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:

Will be compiled by Ann Siddall  
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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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