

St Columba's Church

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TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 1st SEPTEMBER 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.
Saturday:	9.15 a.m.
Saturday Vigil	7.15 p.m.
Sunday:	9.15 a.m.
	11.00 a.m.

INTENTIONS:

Sally Forest.R.I.P.
The Parish.
Gladys & Bob Carr.R.I.P
Priest's Intention.
Eileen Beck.
Garry Galvin.
Private Intention
Isobel Woulfe
C. Chase.
Priest's Intention
The Parish
Jim and Mary Davis

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.

CONFESSIONS:

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

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: David Kilcoyne, James (Jimmy) Francis Tallon. Fr. Leo Wilkinson, Annie Lester, Charles Wilbraham, Tony Adams, Lyn Higgins, Lawrence Francis James Burns, Michael Terence Hutfield, Joyce Townson, Kathleen Veronica Whitley, Frederick A Davies, Mary Telling, Derek Mycock, Gladys Steaton, Lorna Cater, Margaret Stevens, Kathleen Mary Douglas, Elizabeth Martha Holdcroft, Eileen Mary Pealing, Molly Addison, Mary Wilde, Robert Charles Jones, Simon Sinclair Dolan, George Ogg, Lucy Maria Taylor, Brigid Brennan

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Oakfield Drive, Flag Lane South, Upton Lane and Weldon Close.
- The Wardens, Deputy Wardens, Sidespersons and Collectors.
- Our Churches being welcoming to strangers.

OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate:	£477.46
Planned Giving:	£395.05
Average Weekly SOs:	£547.00

Many thanks for your generous support.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

1 st Sept:	Pat Wilkinson & John O'Connor	Parish
8 th Sept:	Guides	Parish
15 th September	Jackie Turvey	Sea Cadets & Parish

Tea and coffee are served in the hall after both Sunday Masses. All are very welcome

MISSION TODAY MAGAZINES

The Autumn issue of the Mission Today magazine is available at the front and rear porches of the Church. Thank you for your continued support.

PIETY STALL:

We have a fine selection of cards for most occasions reasonably priced. The regular 5 decade rosaries plus single decade and bracelet rosaries and a new selection of children's books are in the shop. We now have a choice of cards from the Carmelites at Birkenhead at 60p. Please put all monies in the box at the side of the large cupboard. We have an arrangement for reimbursing the convent. Some cards for special occasions can now be made to order. Please let us know.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:

The SVP monthly collection will be taken next weekend 7th/8th September.

We thank you for your continued support.

The Chester and Ellesmere Port SVP Furniture Unit is extending its collection of furniture, household effects and SCRAP metal to St. Columba's parish. Funds raised this way are used to purchase our holiday home (caravan) when it needs replacing and costing about £50,000 to replace after ten years service. Without the furniture unit, we would have no holiday home. Offers of furniture can be made by ringing 0151 355 0689 (if no reply, please use answer phone). If all else fails please contact a member of your parish SVP.



YEAR OF FAITH 2012
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The reading of the Gospel is one of the solemn moments of our liturgy. Only ordained ministers are permitted to read the gospel. As far as possible there is a separate Book of the Gospels with a specially decorated cover changed for different seasons, which is carried in procession to the ambo or lectern. On some

occasions the Book is incensed before it is read. Everyone stands to show respect for the Word of God. This ceremonial is to impress on our minds and hearts the message of Christ himself contained in the Gospel. As the Gospel is announced the celebrant signs himself with a cross on his forehead, his lips and his heart, signifying his belief in the Gospel, his resolve to proclaim the Gospel to others and his love of the Word of Christ. When the reading is finished, the Celebrant kisses the Book of the Gospels out of respect for the Word of the Lord. We regard the Gospel as important because through it Christ, the Word of God, speaks to his people, and in this way the Word is present among us, guiding us in the way we live our lives, to the glory of our Creator.

SVP HOLIDAY HOME

The Bebington Dramatic Society is performing a psychological thriller called 'Dead Reckoning' at the Gladstone Theatre, Port Sunlight. The SVP has been given tickets for a performance on **Wednesday 11th September** at 7.30pm. £5 per ticket.

For further details, please see notice board – tickets from B Forrest 318863.

HOSPITAL MASS

The regular "First Thursday" Mass will be celebrated on **5th September** at 12.15pm in the Countess of Chester hospital Chapel. This is for patients/outpatients, staff, families and friends, and the wellbeing of our hospital. All are welcome.

DIOCESAN ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG CATHOLICS:

Don't lose sight of Jesus!

This is the launch of a varied programme of activities for young Catholics aged from 16 to 35. There will be ongoing activities to meet the needs of this broad age group!! **Sunday 8th September**, here at St. Columba's, 12 noon to 6pm concluding with the celebration of Mass. Please bring a packed lunch. A repeat but shortened meeting will take place at over at St. Peter's, Hazel Grove SK7 4EA on **Monday 9th September** 7.00-9.00pm for those unable to join the Sunday launch. For more information and to register for the meetings email shrewsyouth@gmail.com

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CONCERT @ ST.WERBURGH'S:

SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER @ 7.30pm

Tom Coxhead (one of our organists) will be directing Octavo in a concert of sacred music dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Octavo is a local choral ensemble of young singers who sing concerts outside of university term time in order to fundraise for a tour abroad. The concert includes music by Britten and Poulenc as well as the premiere of John Hosking's Ave Maria. Tickets are priced at £7.50 for adults and £5 for concessions.

Further information www.chesteroctavo.co.uk

NATIONAL JUSTICE & PEACE NETWORK MEETING:

The NJPN is holding an Open Meeting here in St. Columba's Hall on **Saturday 14th September**, 10.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. The day's proceedings include a talk by the well-known peace campaigner Vijay Mehta covering the themes of his recent book, on how the activities of the West fuel wars and poverty in the developing world. (This talk will be at 12.00 noon.)

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES:

These classes are held in the Church Hall on Wednesday evenings in term time, from 5.00 to 6.00 p.m. They are for the children who come to St. Columba's church but are unable to attend St. Werburgh's and St. Columba's Primary School. The preparation programme for First Sacraments starts when the children are in Year 2 at school (age 6 in September). Classes begin on **Wednesday 18th September**. Please ring Pauline Payne on 01244 350323 to enrol or for more information.

DIOCESAN STUDY DAY:

"Why Pope John Called the Council - Vatican II's teaching on Christian Unity". This study day has been organised by the Diocesan Ecumenical Commission as its particular contribution to the Year of Faith. Two talks with discussion led by Fr. Peter Phillips. **Saturday, 21st September**, 10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. at St. Columba's Hall, Chester, CH2 1SA. Starts promptly at 10.00 a.m. Those from other Christian traditions also welcome!

CHURCH SURROUNDS:

The newly-formed Gardening Group will meet again next **Saturday, 7th September**, from 9.45 until around noon – with a break for a "cuppa" in the Hall! If anyone would like to come along to help with the tasks of tidying the flowerbeds and shrubberies, and around the parking areas and the Hall they will be very welcome. Further information from Bernard Payne, 01244 350323.

ST. COLUMBA'S HALL BOOKINGS:

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

E-Mail address columbashallbookings@gmail.com

NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Ann Siddall

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Items for inclusion can also 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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