



St Columba's Church

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18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 2nd AUGUST 2015

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 noon
Saturday: 9.15 a.m.
Saturday Vigil Mass: 7.15 p.m.
Sunday: 9.15 a.m.
 11.00 a.m.

INTENTIONS:

Elizabeth Williams
The Parish
John Smith
James Regan
Irene Jones
Harold Willey
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LATELY DEAD:

Please remember in your prayers Bridgette Dowling and Ron Oldfield. We ask God to bring them to the Glory of Heaven, and strength to their families who mourn.

BAPTISMS:

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

A very warm welcome to Jake Steven Williamson who was baptised last Sunday 26th July. Please pray for Jake and his family. We wish them all well as they begin their journey of faith together.

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.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Catherine Jones, Sheila Ranson, Charles Evans, Mary (Maureen) Elizabeth Grew, Anthony Roach, Joseph Borg, Anastasia Heffernan, Eric (Michael) Jones, Winnie Cowley, Thomas John Dunne, Raymond Martin, John Randle, Patrick Cunniff, Alfred Moore, Frank Morley, Kathleen O'Connell, Mary Alice Lennon, Elizabeth Harvey, Hodkinson, Bep Le Miere

CONFESSIONS:

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

OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate: £472.56
Planned Giving: £492.00
Average Weekly SOs: £683.00

Many thanks for your generous support.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

2nd August Sewing Group WREN Bid
9th August --
16th August CWL CWL

The next coffee rota is on the notice board in the hall. 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 welcome.*

ALTAR LINEN

Fr Cooke is looking for helpers, ideally on a rota basis, to help with altar linen. We have been blessed with all that has been done in keeping the linen looked after, but more help is now needed.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Marina Drive, Cross Green and Chatsworth Drive,
- Upton Amblers, Walkers Group, Trekkers and all who meet together for outdoor pursuits.

HOSPITAL MASS

The regular "First Thursday" Mass will be celebrated on 6th August 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.

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

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

- Monday: **St. Oswald** (d. 642). Anglo-Saxon King of Northumbria. He was an important figure in the conversion of the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms to Christianity. He himself was converted to Christianity at Iona during a period of exile in Scotland, and subsequently sought the help of Aidan in evangelising Northumbria, giving him Lindisfarne for his base. At the age of 38 Oswald was killed in a battle near Oswestry against Penda, the heathen King of Mercia.
- Tuesday: **St. John Vianney** (1786-1859). Known as the Curé d'Ars, he was a famed preacher and confessor in his village parish, north of Lyon – his holiness drawing so many people from far afield that train services were laid on. He was canonised in 1925 and named patron of parish clergy.
- Thursday: **The Transfiguration of the Lord**. The feast celebrates the revelation of Christ's divine glory on Mount Tabor in Galilee. After revealing to His disciples that He would be put to death in Jerusalem, Christ - along with Peter, James, and John - went up the mountain. There, as recorded in Matthew's Gospel, "in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as dazzling as light."
- Saturday: **St. Dominic** (1170-1221). Living in the time of violent crusades he established the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) to revitalise the church through study, teaching, preaching, and prayer. He is remembered as a preacher, organiser and patron of learning.

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.

YOUTH 2000 SUMMER PRAYER FESTIVAL:

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

www.youth20

DAY OF RECOLLECTION:

A Day of Recollection will be held in the St. Columba's Church Hall for all Ministers of Holy Communion and Ministers of the Word. This will be held on Saturday, 5th September 2015. Please bring a packed lunch with you. Further details can be found in both porches. Please will you either email me on carolgalvin1944@sky.com or put a tick on the forms at the front and back of the Church. Thank you.

DIOCESAN VACANCY:

ACCOUNTS ASSISTANT:

The Diocese is looking to appoint an Accounts Assistant, based in the Curial Office in Birkenhead. Part time, 21 hours per week across four days. Main duties will be to work alongside staff in processing day-to-day transactions on the sales and purchase ledger; posting cash sheets; inputting invoices onto Sage; preparing four-weekly and monthly payroll; dealing with queries; allocation of cash and some credit control. Candidates should be able to demonstrate good communication skills and relevant experience; AAT qualification or similar preferred.

Salary **£9.00 to £11.50 per hour** dependent on experience.

Closing date 12th August.

For an application form please contact Pauline McCulloch on 0151 652 9855 or email Pauline.mcculloch@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

ST. COLUMBA'S HALL BOOKINGS:

For all Hall bookings and enquiries please contact Sue Carr on 07553 114531
e-mail: 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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