

St Columba's Church

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY, 3rd AUGUST 2014

MASS TIMES:

Saturday Vigil Mass:	7.15 p.m.	June Fund.
Sunday:	9.15 a.m.	July Fund.
	11.00 a.m.	August Fund.
Monday:	9.15 a.m.	Asta Kempton A.
Tuesday	9.15 a.m.	Ida Trundle B.A.
Wednesday:	9.15 a.m.	Holy Souls.
Thursday:	9.15 a.m.	Private Intention.
Friday:	9.15 a.m.	Holy Souls.
Saturday:	9.15 a.m.	Private Intention.
Saturday Vigil Mass:	7.15 p.m.	Special Servite Intention.
Sunday:	9.15 a.m.	Anne Reid.
	11.00 a.m.	The Parish.

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: Charles Evans, 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, Winifred McCaffery, Teresa Howard, Jenny Harris

CONFESSIONS:

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

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:

We pray for our young people putting themselves forward for the Sacrament of Confirmation. We pray for their families and friends that their preparation for the Sacrament this year will be a success. Also, remember our catechists and their schools as important influences on their spiritual growth.

SVP COLLECTION:

The monthly collection will be taken after all Masses this weekend. We thank you for your continued support.

OFFERTORY

Loose Plate:	£412.43
Planned Giving:	£406.65
Average Weekly SOs:	£510.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.

If you are interested in joining the Planned Giving and/or Gift Aid schemes, please ring David Savage on 01244 380626.

THANK YOU to all who supported last Sunday's Coffee Morning in aid of the Hospice of the Good Shepherd. We raised £115.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

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

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

3 rd August	Jacque & friend	Parish
10 th August	Elizabeth & Christopher	Tombola
17 th August	CWL	Parish

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS ROTA:

Your new Rota is now ready for collection in the front porch. Please can I remind everyone to get a replacement should you be away for any reason, particularly during the holiday season. Many thanks.

PASTORAL COUNCIL:

The Pastoral Council meets next tomorrow Monday 4th August.

HOSPITAL MASS

The regular "First Thursday" Mass will be celebrated on 7th 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.

UPTON CHURCHES “5th SUNDAY” SERVICES:

Churches Together in Upton have recently revived their earlier tradition of holding a joint service on those occasions when a calendar month includes a 5th Sunday. The next such Sunday will be 31st August, when St. Columba’s will be hosting the service at 7.00 p.m. This particular service will celebrate the roles of the great northern saints, Aidan, Cuthbert and Bede – Aidan’s feast being 31st August, Cuthbert 4th September. Posters in the porches and on our website.

ANNIVERSARIES AND PRAYER PETITIONS:

- For a trial period, the parish **Anniversaries Book**, in its display cabinet, was located in the left hand corner of the church, along with the book for the recording of further requested entries. In the light of views received it has now been decided to return the Anniversaries Book to its original location: “St. Columba’s Chapel”, adjacent to the new Baptistry area. The **book for the recording of new entries** is now held in the left hand alcove of the front porch – now suitably furnished with table and chairs. Parishioners wishing an anniversary to be recorded can write the details there, and they will be transcribed into the formal Book.
- The **Prayer Petitions Book** is available for parishioners to write any intention or prayer they wish to be offered up. At Sunday Masses this book is taken up to the altar as part of the Offertory Procession, so at weekends the book is now located in the left hand alcove of the front porch. Throughout the week, when Masses are held in the Iona Chapel, the Petitions Book is displayed and available there.

Fr. Cooke and Lawrence hope these final arrangements are found to be convenient and meet with approval.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

- Monday 4th August is the feast of **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.
- Friday 8th August is the feast of **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.
- Saturday 9th August is the feast of **St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross** (Edith Stein, 1891-1942) who perished in Auschwitz. She was born into a Jewish family in Germany, but became an avowed atheist until later studies in philosophy brought her into contact with the works of a number of Catholic thinkers and of St. Teresa of Avila and St. John of the Cross. She converted to Catholicism at the age of 31, and became a Carmelite nun. With the rise of Hitler, the Carmelites sent Edith to Holland for her own protection, but when the Nazis invaded Holland they tracked down all Jews, including those converted to Christianity, and Edith was arrested and deported. She was canonised in 1998 and is honoured as a patroness of Europe.

PARISH OUTING TO LICHFIELD:

A big “Thank You” to all the members of the Parish Social Committee for arranging the coach trip last week. All the arrangements worked well, Lichfield proved a very interesting place to visit, and the weather was marvellous!

The Social Committee are already thinking about a suitable place for next year’s visit. If anyone has a suggestion for a place of interest within 2-3 hours travel from Chester please put this to any of the Social Committee members.

CALLING ALL GOLFERS!

The diocesan Catholic Children’s Society are holding a fundraising Charity Golf Tournament on **Monday 22nd September** at Wirral Ladies Golf Club. Each team of 4 can be made up of Ladies, Men’s and mixed groups. Golf and buffet cost £160.00 per group. Your support would be very much appreciated to make this a wonderful day. For further details see poster on parish website or visit the Society’s webpage www.cathchildsoc.org.uk

GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION:

The Flower Festival will be in Church from Thursday 4th to Sunday 7th September. The Church will be open from 10.30 to 6.30. During this time we will require 3 or 4 Stewards in the Church at all times. Can you help? Please check calendars – lists for volunteers will be available next week – or ring Sue 312892. We will also require help with refreshments in the Hall during this period. We are also looking for a ‘dressmaker’s dummy’ to borrow for this period.

CATECHIST DAYS:

Fr. Chris Matthews from the diocese has provided advance notice of forthcoming Catechist Days. All the events below will take place here at St. Columba’s. Further details, including times and booking forms, will be available over the summer. While each of the series of three Catechist Days can stand alone, each day will build on the previous session(s) together building a course, and attendance at all three is recommended:

- **Saturday 27th September** - day one for new and existing catechists;
- **Saturday 15th November** - day two for new and existing catechists;
- **Saturday 6th December** - day three for new and existing catechists.

Also:

- **Saturday 11th October** - Annual Day for RCIA catechists.

Dates for the autumn diary!!!

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:

This will be compiled by Alison Wrigglesworth
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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. Website: www.stcolumbachester.org.uk