

St Columba's Church

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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 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:

Bill Roberts
The Parish.
John Barrett R.I.P.
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John Barret R.I.P.
Sinead Kelly.BD
November List.
Peter Kelly.(Very ill)
The Parish.
Dr John Doran.A.

LATELY DEAD:

Sheila Maureen Austin and her Requiem Mass will be on 11th Nov. at 12.15 p.m. We send our assurance of prayers to Tony and the family.

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: George Dalziel, William Walker, Edward Peter Connolly, Gerry Coogan, Gerard Ferguson, Herbert Bowyer, Catherine Walmsley, George Barford, Joseph Murphy, John Phillips, Kirsty Helen Morgan (Baby), Gerald Finan, John Gordon Sands, Arnold Whittaker, Arthur Kavanagh, Emily Burton, Ivan Tate, Alison Riva, Eva Adams, Mary Chambers, Bob Croft, Trevor Price, Paul Harrison, Marie Teresa Sheridan, Michael Heffernan, Deanna Morgan, Tessa Stacey, Therese Stecszyn, Robert Jones, Maria Bullen, Joseph Patrick Barlow and Stephen Augustine Pendlebury.

CONFESSIONS:

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

THANK YOU:

Many thanks to parishioners for the recent Church Students collection which raised £661 and to all who donated to the Clergy Education and Training Fund resulting in £671.

OFFERTORY (27th Oct.):

Loose Plate:	£650.35
Planned Giving:	£402.90
Average Weekly SOs:	£556.00

Thank you for your continued support.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

Nov 3 rd	Ruth & Jacque	Autistic Society.
Nov 10 th	Mary Kilcoyne	CWL.
Nov 24 th	St Werburgh & St Columba's PTA	The Parish

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Upton Drive, Pine Gardens and Bache Avenue
- The British Legion, Golf Club and Village Hall Committee, and all who use their facilities.
- All those who served their country.

PARENTS' MEETING FOR FIRST SACRAMENTS:

Parents of all the children in the Parish who are preparing to receive First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion this school year are reminded about the first Parents' Meeting at St. Werburgh's and St. Columba's School at 7.00 p.m. on **Monday 4th November**.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

Children's Liturgy is available during 11 a.m. Mass in term time for children who wish to attend. Can you join the helpers who take a turn once every 5 weeks? We need at least one more helper. All materials and ideas are provided and you can swap any week when you can't be there. For more information contact Catherine on 3183866 or 07462 780302 or catherine.green@care4feree.net

WELCOME TO FR. DENIS MARMION:

A warm welcome to Fr. Denis Marmion, celebrating all Masses at St. Columba's this weekend while Fr. Cooke is away.



YEAR OF FAITH:

During the summer months and as part of the Lancaster Diocesan celebrations for the Year of Faith, a marvellous exhibition was held at the Cathedral in Lancaster showing the part played in the history of our Faith by the English

Martyrs. We are familiar with Chester's own martyr, St John Plessington, who was featured in this exhibition. He is one of the Lancashire martyrs, having been born in Dimples Hall, Garstang. He laboured on the Wirral and would have been familiar with the streets of Chester, where he was hung drawn and quartered for his priesthood on 19 July 1679. Another very local martyr was Blessed John Beche. It is believed that he belonged to the Bache Family, who occupied Bache Hall, which formerly stood where the Countess Hospital now stands. He became a monk in the abbey and eventually was elected 26th Abbot of Chester. In 1530 he became Abbot of Colchester Abbey, where he clashed with Henry VIII. He sided with SS John Fisher and Thomas Moore and was martyred at Colchester on 15th June 1530. He was beatified in 1895. These martyrs with hundreds of others died because the Mass was the most important event in their lives. Their sacrifices are part of our Catholic heritage. Let us treasure their memory and ask them to give us a deep love for the Mass, that it may be for us the most important event in our lives.

ST COLUMBA'S PASTORAL COUNCIL:

The Pastoral Council meets again on 11th November. The minutes of the last meeting are displayed on the Notice Board; please find time to read them.

ST COLUMBA'S HALL BOOKINGS:

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

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:

The theme this week and next is **Remembering Loved Ones** and the prayer is:

Lord, Jesus said 'Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted'; remind us of this when we are suffering a loss.

Help us to recognise the importance of the people who fought and those who still fight for our country. Amen

AUTUMN FAYRE:

This year's Autumn Fayre will be on Sunday the 24th November. Come and join us for hot dogs homemade soups and the infamous bottle tombola plus stalls etc. We would be grateful for any bottles people would like to donate for the bottle tombola. If you do have any bottles to donate please leave them at the back of the Church.

CAFOD SHREWSBURY MEMORIAL MASS: Will be held on 9/11/13 at 10 a.m. at St. Patrick's King Street, Telford TF1 3AP. Further details in the Church front porch or the Parish website.

PILGRIMAGE TO LISIEUX: MAY 2014

The Parishioners of St Anselm in London have been organising pilgrimages to Lisieux for 25 years. Since 2012 they have been joined by pilgrims from Chester and the Wirral. One of our retired priests, Canon Brendan Hoban, will again be the chaplain for the 2014 pilgrimage. The pilgrimage leaves London on Friday 30 May 2014, returning on Thursday 5 June, staying in en-suite accommodation next to the Carmel in Lisieux where St Therese lived. The cost from London is £405, for which a deposit of £120 is required by 6 December 2013. Details on the notice boards or from Bill Baker 01244 376701.

UPTON CHURCHES FRIENDSHIP LUNCH:

Many thanks to all of you who supported this event held in the Hall and to those of you who helped. A total of £104 was raised and is to be donated to the Hospice of the Good Shepherd.

HOSPICE:

Christmas cards and diaries on sale after 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday 3rd November.

ALTERNATIVE E-MAIL ADDRESS:

Apologies to anyone who received two bogus e-mails supposedly coming from me.

In future please will you use my alternative e-mail address: gerryandcarol.galvin@gmail.com

As I have lost all my contacts and existing e-mails, it would be very helpful if you could e-mail me with your e-mail address for future reference. Many thanks – Carol Galvin.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

Sunday 3rd November is the feast of **St. Winifrede**, a patron saint of Shrewsbury Diocese. Known rather more from legend than historical fact, she lived in the second half of the 7th century and became abbess of a convent near the town of Holywell - famously associated with the healing properties of the waters of St. Winifrede's Well, one of the most popular pilgrim sites in Wales. Her relics were later enshrined in the Benedictine Abbey in Shrewsbury, that in turn becoming a very important pilgrimage site until the time of the dissolution of the monasteries.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING:

Many thanks to all who supported last Sunday's event. Sales and donations amounted to £330. Thank you again for such amazing generosity.

NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Bernard Payne
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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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