

St Columba's Church

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 4TH AUGUST 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:

Return to health for Son
Barbara Brown
The Parish
Liam O'Mahoney
Ida Trundle
Asta Kimpton
S.P.O'Sullivan Fam.
In Thanksgiving (JB)
Check Allan
The Parish
Patrick O'Donovan
Patricia Caldwell

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.

Warm congratulations to Sophia Shelia Jones who is to be baptised this Sunday. We welcome Sophia and her family into our Parish and hope they have a happy celebration. Please remember them in your prayers.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: 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, Gerry Hynes, Gordon Edward Townson, Nancy Corley, Michael Hanratty and Bertha Cummings.

CONFESSIONS:

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

OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate:	£442.52
Planned Giving:	£380.40
Average Weekly SOs:	£547.00

Thank you for your generous support.

PARISH BUILDINGS GROUP:

Thank you to Pauline, Graham and the Parish Buildings Group for their ideas, help and support for the work, now completed, on the Church, internally and externally.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:

We unite ourselves with the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes this week. We hope for its success and help to the sick and the many generous helpers.

Lourdes has had a lot of disruption to adverse weather and damage through flooding, but please God it remains a great centre of healing and love.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

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

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

4th Aug	Maighread Kerry	Parish
11th Aug	Mary Kilcoyne	CWL Parish
18th Aug	Chris & Elizabeth Nichols	

Tombola

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

BISHOP MARK'S PASTORAL LETTER:

Copies of the Bishop Mark's Pastoral Letter, read last weekend, can be picked up from either porch, along with copies of Archbishop Vincent Nichol's reflection "The Narrow Gate". Both documents are also on the parish website.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS:

Your new rota, which commenced last weekend, is available for collection.

Also if you have an e-mail address, or have changed your e-mail address, please could you let me have it. Thank you.



YEAR OF FAITH:

When our deacon Lawrence assists Fr Cooke at Mass, he carries before him, so all can see, the Book of the Gospels and places it on the altar. The Book is covered with a special cloth, made by the ladies of the parish, one of several such cloths, which are changed in line with the feast being celebrated. This reverence for the Gospel is to bring to our minds and hearts the important part which the Liturgy of the Word plays in our Mass. The altar itself is made sacred by the real presence of God during the Liturgy of the Eucharist and is also made sacred by the part it plays during the Liturgy of the Word. We recall the opening of the Gospel of St John: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.....and the Word was made flesh and lived among us." By using a capital W for the Word, St John refers to Christ himself, revealing himself to us during the Liturgy of the Word, teaching us and warming our hearts with the love and knowledge of the Scriptures. In the following weeks we shall be looking at the various elements making up the Liturgy of the Word.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

- 8th August is the feast of **St. Dominic** (1170 – 1221) founder of the Order of Preachers, the Dominicans. The order was established with the prime aim of countering the heretical teachings of the Cathars (Albigensians), widespread throughout northern Spain, southern France and northern Italy. Right down to the present, Dominic's order has contributed powerfully to the teaching and missionary work of the church.
- 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, seeing this as a fulfilment rather than a denial of her Jewish heritage. She became a Carmelite nun and a writer after a rather unsuccessful period as a school teacher. 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.

LUDLOW COACH TRIP:

The parish coach trip to Ludlow took place on Friday, 26 July, and was enjoyed by all, with lovely weather helping to make the day a resounding success. Thanks to the Social Affairs Committee for organizing what has become a popular annual event. Look out for news of next year's destination and book early!

Only one item of lost property remains uncollected - a black T-shirt. Contact Alison Wrigglesworth (01244 382457) if it is yours.

ST. COLUMBA'S HALL BOOKINGS:

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

MUSIC AT 11.00 a.m. MASS:

The Music Group has now broken up for the summer holiday and will return on 15th September. We thank all the instrumentalists and singers who give the group such commitment. Two of our valued members, Carole and George have moved away, and some of our players have left, so we will need reinforcements in September. Please think about joining us to keep the music going. We also thank Rob Green the organist, who alternates with the Music Group. Rob too is taking a well-earned summer break, and will return on 8th September.

CHURCH SURROUNDS:

Until recently the Church surrounds have been looked after by Paul and Alison Wrigglesworth with help from one or two others. Because Paul is not too well at the moment we are setting up new arrangements for looking after the surrounds – mowing, tending the flowerbeds, pruning, keep the car park areas tidy, etc. We now have a small group of people prepared to meet up on a regular basis, on the first Saturday of each month, from 9.45 a.m. for a couple of hours, as needed. Whenever possible we will open up the Hall for a refreshment break. If any parishioner would like to join us for any of these Saturday morning sessions they would be very welcome. The first such session will be Saturday, 3rd August, 9.45 a.m. meeting in the car park. If you would like more information about these arrangements, please phone Bernard Payne on 01244 350323.

SVP FURNITURE COLLECTION:

The monthly collection of furniture, household effects and SCRAP metal will take place w/end 3/4th August. Please ring 0151 3550689 to arrange collection. Please use answer-phone if no reply. Funds raised this way are used to purchase our caravan holiday home when it needs replacing after about 10 years service costing about £50,000. Many thanks for your support.

ST. PIO PRAYER GROUP:

The next meeting is on Thursday, 8th August, 7.30pm at St Anthony's Church, 54 High Street, Saltney CH4 8SF (just past the garage and next to the Police Station, Heddlu on the right hand side of the High Street going through Saltney to Broughton).

NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Harry Sweeney
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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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