

St Columba's Church

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- ❖ Parish Safeguarding Representative: Claire Graham. Tel 01244 341287 or 0788 055 3830.

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER 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 a.m.
Saturday:	9.15 a.m.
Saturday Vigil Mass:	7.15 p.m.
Sunday:	9.15 a.m.
	11.00 a.m.

INTENTIONS:

Priest's Intention.
Marie Carthy.
The Parish.
Private Intention.
Bob Killen.
Holy Souls
Private Intention.
Eileen Letitia Jones.
NO MORNING SERVICE.
Austin & Margot Pinnington.
The Parish.
Ann McIntyre.

NO CONFESSIONS ON SATURDAY.

THANK-YOU:

Fr Cooke would like to thank parishioners for their prayers and good wishes.

BAPTISMS:

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

MORNING PRAYER:

Each morning at 9.00 a.m. in the Sacristy Office, Monday through to Saturday, except Wednesdays.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Patricia Holloway, Jack Derbyshire, Doreen Nicholls, Joyce Bownas, Annie Brennan, John Cotgrove, Ellen Barlow, Anthony John Baker, Gale Bunker, Frank Queenan, Kathleen Galvin, Patrick Ryan, Anthony Lavender, Kathleen (Doris) Gallagher, Patricia O'Gorman, Veronica Maquire, McNamara, Mary Southall, Patrick Joseph Hickey, Michael John Avery, Dennis O'Loughlin, Katherine Doran, Dorothy Maude Murphy, Anthony Marshall, Frank Stone, Guiseppe De Riso, Fanny Pratt, William Egerton, Lily McCormack, William (Billy) Harrison, Eric Hill, Josephine Fitzpatrick, Charles Patrick Creighton, Esther Veronica Thomas, Olive Joyce Pascall, Gerald Fergus Patrick Doran, Michael Jones and Maureen Fynn.

OFFERTORY (26-27th SEPTEMBER):

Loose Plate:	£482.95
Planned Giving:	£406.27
Donation (Piety Stall)	£200.00
Average Weekly Standing Orders:	£683.00

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

4 th Oct.	Scouts	Scouts
11 th Oct.	Lisa Gornell	Parish
18 th Oct	21 st Guides Group.	Parish

The next coffee rota is on the notice board in the Hall. *Tea, coffee and juice are served in the hall after both Sunday morning Masses. All are welcome.*

RED MISSION BOXES:

Will those holding red Mission Boxes please leave them in the Sacristy for Margaret Curtis. You can reclaim your box from the rear porch. Thank you for your continued support.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- Residents of Church Lane, Nield Court and Grangeside
- Church organists and music leaders.
- The ministry of music in our worship.

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT COFFEE MORNING:

Thank you all for supporting this nationally important campaign. We made £140.50!!! A fantastic contribution from St. Columba's yet again.

A special thank you to those who baked and donated. Mary Berry would have been proud.

NEW MOHC AND READERS ROTA:

Please will you pick up your copy of the new Rota from the front porch. This Rota goes up to and includes Advent. The Christmas Rota will follow later on. If you have an email address please will you let Carol Galvin have it. It is so much easier than paper copies. Many thanks.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

Entertainment evening with comedienne JUNE FINNEY at St Francis Church Hall on Monday 12th October at 8pm. Tickets £1 including refreshments. All welcome. Tickets from Elizabeth on 01244 346772.

THE BACKGROUND TO READING AT MASS:

Many thanks to David Savage for his learned and stimulating talk last Tuesday evening, followed by some lively discussion, on the background to reading at Mass.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

- October 4th: **St. Francis of Assisi** (1181-1226). Francis was the son of a wealthy merchant. After a frivolous youth, he gave up his riches, became an itinerant preacher and lived a lowly life. He gathered around him others, who joined him in his Order of Friars Minor – the Franciscans. He suffered with the stigmata, popularised the crib and wrote “Canticle of Brother Sun”. He is one of the best-loved saints of all time.
- October 9th: **Blessed John Henry Newman** (1801-1890), received on this day in 1845 into the Catholic Church, after many years as an evangelical Oxford academic and priest in the Church of England. He was ordained priest in Rome in 1847, going on to found the London Oratory and Birmingham Oratory. He was made Cardinal in 1879 – accepting this honour on condition that he wouldn’t be ordained bishop and that he could remain in Birmingham. Newman’s beatification ceremony took place in Crofton Park Birmingham in 2010, at the close of Pope Benedict’s UK visit.

PARISH CATECHISTS:

All Parish Catechists involved in preparation programmes for Baptism, First Sacraments, and Confirmation and the Children’s Liturgy team are invited to renew their commitment at the 11.00 a.m. Mass **next Sunday, 11th October**. Please collect your service leaflets from your team leader.

QUIZ EVENING FRIDAY, 16TH OCTOBER:

Over the last few years, this Quiz Evening, arranged on behalf of Churches Together in Upton, has proved very popular and sociable. The Quiz is hosted by St. Columba’s and will be held in our Hall, starting at 7.30 p.m. Tables of six, admission on the door £1 adults, 50p children. Further information on posters and flyers.

YOUNG ADULTS WEEKEND RETREAT – 23-25 OCTOBER:

The annual retreat of ACTS (Adult Catholics Together Spiritually) is taking place this October and if you are aged between 18 – 35 you are welcome to join us. Mgr. Paul Groghan, (until recently chaplain at Trinity University, Leeds) will lead us prayerfully through the weekend. The retreat will take place at Sandymount Retreat Centre, Blundellsands (four minutes from the sea!), near Liverpool. The cost is £120 but we will ask for **an anonymous donation so people give what they can!** If you would like to join us or wish to know more about it, please contact Siobhan at siobhanbc@talktalk.net or tel: 0161 477 2783 or mobile 07761 138947.

CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES (CCRS):

CCRS is a basic course in theology, designed for people who are engaged in the communication of their Catholic Faith, whether directly or indirectly. It is open to everyone. You can complete the Certificate or just attend the sessions. The course starts with the Old Testament Module and is held at Our Lady’s Ellesmere Port, on Saturday 10th October and Saturday, 7th November from 10.00 am to 3.30 pm. For further details please contact Rowena Nield rowena.nield@sky.com or 0161 4408619. Please see poster in the porch or on the parish website.

CHARITY CONCERT 9TH OCTOBER:

Chifundo UK and Soroptimist International of Chester are holding a concert featuring A Handbag of Harmonies and the Queen’s School Chamber Choir in aid of the SOKO Fund, an educational charity providing university scholarships for women in Malawi, on **Friday, 9th October at 7.30 pm** in St. Columba’s Church. Tickets £12 Adults, £6 under 18s, including refreshments. Carol Galvin has a supply of tickets or you can phone Susan Flynn 01244 381490 or email chair@chifundomalawi.org Further information: www.chifundomalawi.org

ST. PIO PRAYER GROUP:

The next meeting is on 8th October at 7.30pm at 10, Totland Grove, Newton, Chester CH2 2EY. New members welcome.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY:

The Fast Day envelopes can be returned via the offertory baskets this weekend. If you have forgotten your envelopes, don’t worry, next weekend will be fine! *Many thanks for your support.*

The Harvest sale of produce raised £43.74 for CAFOD’s work with people who have fewer material blessings than us. Thank you for your support

CHILDREN’S LITURGY:

Children’s liturgy takes place in the Church Hall on Sundays during 11 o’clock Mass. We listen to the gospel in an easy format and do some art or craft activity. Children and parents of any age are welcome to come and try it out. You can leave your children in the Hall with the helpers or stay with them if you prefer. We all come back into church in time for the Offertory. Please assure your children that they won’t have to read in church if they don’t want to. If anyone is interested in helping with Children’s Liturgy once every seven weeks, please contact catherine.green@care4free.net/tel. 01244 383866.

DIOCESAN VACANCIES:

Three posts have become available in the Diocesan Education Department based at the Curial Offices in Birkenhead. Closing date for applications: 14th October 2015. For further information, please see the poster on the notice-board in the front porch, or on the diocesan website:

www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/education/vacancies/diocesan

“LAUDATO SI”

St. Agnes, West Kirby, Justice & Peace group have arranged a study day on **21st November** from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on *Laudato Si: the Imperative to Change*. Ellen Teague, Tablet journalist and member of the Columbans’ JPIC team, will speak on Pope Francis’ encyclical *Laudato Si*’, and Paul Kelly, member of the Lancaster Diocese Faith and Justice Commission, will speak on climate change. No charge, and a light lunch is included. Registration essential for catering purposes: mgmcook@aol.com 0151 625 6512.

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 Muriel Green
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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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