

St Columba's Church

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14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 5TH JULY 2015.

MASS TIMES:

Saturday Vigil Mass:	7.15 p.m.	The Parish
Sunday:	9.15 a.m.	Tony Allingham
	11.00 a.m.	Fr. Cooke's 40 th Anniversary
Monday:	9.15 a.m.	Thanksgiving (DRS)
Tuesday:	9.15 a.m.	Ged McEnery
Wednesday:	9.15 a.m.	Private Intention
Thursday:	9.15 a.m.	Communion Service
Friday:	9.15 a.m.	Communion Service
Saturday:	9.15 a.m.	No Service
	7.15 p.m.	The Parish
Sunday	9.15 a.m.	Private Intention
	11.00 a.m.	Irene Jones

INTENTIONS:

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 when Novena prayers are held at 9.15 a.m. before Mass commences.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Madge Kirkham, Frank Robert Cherry, William Thomas Russell, Margaret Smith-Fisher, Elizabeth Ann Colley, Barney McLoughlin, Robert George Midgley, Elsie Ward, Gerald Doyle, Julian Birchall, Ann Evans, Harold Owens, William Stanton, Barbara Kealing, Edith Preedy, Maurice Townson, John Davies, Kay Hanratty, Anne Hynes, Robert Cleary, Florena Clement, Eileen Mary Gray, Lilian Simmonds, Mary Sadler, Kenneth Lloyd, Angela Byron (Fr. Cooke's Cousin), Goronwy Williams, Alwyn Dolan, Thomas Dowd, Arthur Robert Turner, Kathleen Tobin, Peggy Tobin, Peggy Harrison, Sean Terence Hughes, Thomas Christian.

CONFESSIONS:

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

MUSIC AT THE 11.00 a.m. MASS:

Both the Music Group and Rob will start their summer break from next weekend and will be back again in September. We thank all the singers and players for the part they play so regularly in leading the music in the liturgy at Mass.

OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate:	£430.40
Planned Giving:	£501.14
Average Weekly SOs:	£683.00
Donations: - Coffee Morning	£28.29
- Badminton	£150.00

Many thanks for your generous support.

CONGRATULATIONS:

We offer our congratulations to Christopher Pendlebury and Emma Joynson, married yesterday at St. Columba's. We wish them every happiness in their married life.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

July 5th 9.15 Mass, Jacque & Margy	Parish
11.00 Mass, Fr. Cooke's 40th Anniversary	Buffet
July 12th Badminton Group	Parish
July 19th CWL	CWL

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

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Kingsmead, Linksway, The Oakes Drive and Penfold Hey.
- The church secretaries and those who help with administration.
- For good communication links in our churches.

ST. PIO PRAYER GROUP:

The next meeting is on Thursday, 9 July at 10, Totland Grove, Newton, Chester CH2 2EY starting at 7.30pm.

YOUTH 2000 SUMMER PRAYER

FESTIVAL:

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

www.youth2000.org

FR COOKE'S 40th ANNIVERSARY:

We give Fr. Cooke all our thanks and very best wishes on this the 40th Anniversary of his Ordination, 5th July 1975.

All are very welcome to join in the celebrations, marking Fr. Cooke's years of service in the priesthood – a Presentation and buffet lunch, in the Hall after the 11.00 a.m. Mass.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

- Saturday, 11th July: **St. Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe.** He was born around the year 480 in Umbria. He studied in Rome but left before completing his studies to become a hermit. He spent many years in solitude before establishing small communities of monks. In 529 he founded and directed the monastery of Monte Cassino, in the mountains of southern Italy, and there wrote the final version of his "Rule". His rule was simple and profound: a "school of the Lord's service, in which we hope to order nothing harsh or rigorous". He was not a priest, but his achievement was to produce a monastic way of life which was complete, orderly and workable, and for which he is known as the "Father of Western Monasticism".

FR. JOHN KIRWAN CELEBRATION:

Fr. John is home on leave from the Democratic Republic of Congo and will be celebrating 50 years anniversary of ordination at his home parish of Christ the King, Bromborough on Friday 10th July. There will be a Thanksgiving Mass at 7.00 p.m. followed by a reception in the Church Hall, to include refreshments and a talk about his work in the Congo. If you would like to attend please contact Terry and Deena Parkin, 0151 334 2946 or email terrytrk@aol.com

ST. COLUMBA'S PARISH SAFEGUARDING:

Safeguarding in the church is about ensuring children, young people and vulnerable adults remain safe within our Catholic community: creating environments where every person is encouraged and enabled to enjoy the fullness of life in Jesus Christ through prayerful, caring, nurturing, supportive and protective behaviours. Each Diocese has a Safeguarding Coordinator and every Parish has a Parish Safeguarding Representative. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative has special responsibility for promoting good and safe practices in all activities involving children, young people and vulnerable adults within the parish.

Parish Safeguarding Representative: Claire Graham (01244 341287 / 07880553830)

Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator: Andrew O'Brien (0151 652 9855 / cpva@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

PARISH BUILDINGS COMMITTEE:

We reported at the end of last year that the committee had been seeking to find ways to improve the effectiveness of the heating in the Hall which, as many of you know, is cold in the winter. To be comfortably warm the Hall needs very much better insulation to the walls, windows and roof. Professional advice is that in order for the heating to be adequate the size of the main windows should be reduced. For some users this will be a considerable advantage, others will miss looking out at the roses. However, the Hall is used for a wide range of activities and unfortunately no solution will be perfect for everyone. The diocesan architect has drawn up plans for the window wall which also includes a remodelled and improved entrance. The top two window sections in the wall will be retained.

One section can be opened, and both sections will be fitted with blinds. Both blinds and window opening will be electrically operated. The plans will be made available for parishioners to see. The diocese (as owners of the hall) will apply for planning permission.

As the improvements to the heating of the hall are too expensive for the parish or the diocese to bear the committee will apply for external funding at the end of the year.

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JOB OPPORTUNITY WITH CAFOD:

Community Participation Co-ordinator - Permanent full time post working with volunteers in parish and school communities helping to inspire and resource Catholics to participate in the Church's mission to overcome poverty and injustice overseas in partnership with CAFOD. **Closing date 10th July 2015.** <http://www.cafod.org.uk/Work-with-us/UK-Jobs/CPC>

Note: This vacancy arises following CAFOD's strategic review of all their operations, including their arrangements within Dioceses throughout England and Wales. Consequent upon the review, Sue Bownas and Liz Aiello leave CAFOD on 31st July. The CAFOD office at St. Clare's remains open for the time being, pending future decisions on the location of a CAFOD Volunteer Centre serving Shrewsbury Diocese. We thank Sue and Liz for all their dedicated service over many years.

PARISH SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

This year's trip is to Lancaster on **Friday 24th July**, the cost is £10. There is a list in the front porch of Church for names and providing more details. All monies to Margaret Curtis or Paul Wigglesworth by Friday 17th July.

CATHOLIC SINGLES:

Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, either one to one or through social events. Please tel. 0161 941 3498, visit the website www.catholicsingles.org.uk or email info@catholicsingles.org.uk

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 Harry Sweeney

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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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