



St Columba's Church

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- ❖ Chester Hospitals' Chaplaincy: Tel: 01244 364543, answer phone available.
- ❖ Parish Safeguarding Representative: Claire Graham. Tel 01244 341287 or 07880 553830.

TENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME, 5th JUNE 2016:

MASS TIMES:

Saturday Vigil Mass:	7.15 p.m.
Sunday:	9.15 a.m.
	11.00 a.m.
Monday:	9.15 a.m.
Tuesday:	7.00 p.m.
Wednesday:	9.15 a.m.
Thursday:	9.15 a.m.
Friday:	7.00 p.m.
Saturday Vigil Mass:	7.15 p.m.
Sunday:	9.15 a.m.
	11.00 a.m.

INTENTIONS:

Mary James
The Parish
Bonifacio Sindol
Service of Holy Communion
Michelle McNicholas
Elizabeth Baker
Fred Lennon
Jack Byrne
Charles Trainor
Sp Intention for C&A
The Parish

CONFESSIONS:

Each Saturday morning between 10.00-10.30 a.m. and in the evening 6.45 p.m. – 7.10 p.m. (before the Saturday Vigil Mass).

MORNING PRAYER:

At 9.00 a.m. before the Blessed Sacrament in the Iona Chapel **each weekday when morning Mass is listed** - except Wednesdays, when Morning Prayer will commence at 8.50 a.m., followed by Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour at 9.10 a.m. prior to the Mass.

BAPTISMS:

By appointment. After speaking to Fr. Brandon to arrange a date, please contact Claire O'Donnell 07743 704383 (text or 'phone).

LATELY DEAD:

Please pray for the family and friends of **Caroline McMahon** whose funeral was held at St. Columba's on Thursday 2nd June 2016.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

5th June	ANNUAL BARBECUE	
12th June	CWL	Parish
19th June	Third World	Fr. John Kirwan
26th June	Margie & Jacquie	Fellowship Lunch

Tea, coffee and juice are served in the hall after both Sunday Masses. All are welcome.

MISSION BOXES:

Many members of our community have a Red Box in their homes. It's one way we support Missio, the Pope's official charity for overseas mission, and the Mill Hill Missionaries, Britain's own missionary society. Thank you to everyone who is a Red Box member. We're holding a special collection for those whose Red Box may not have been opened for a while. Maybe it's lurking on top of the fridge, or behind some books. If so, please bring it to Mass over the coming weekend and we will empty it. If you have any questions, contact Margaret Curtis 318424. Please visit www.missio.org.uk/RedBox on-line for more information.

- Copies of the Summer issue of Mission Today are now available in the front and rear porches of the Church.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Cornelius McNamara, Stan Benson, Edmund Rodgers, Hazel Marjorie Russell, Charles Trainor, Zygmunt Michalak, Thomas Moore, Joan Edwards, Stanley James Tilston, Nippy Coogan, Helen Maria Madden, Berti (Ian) McClellan, David Leslie Skinner, Catherine Lavelle, David Morgan, John Anthony Walmsley, Harry Underwood, John Cunningham, Mary Austin, Roy Anthony Duckers, Maureen Jamieson, Cyril Wilkes, Monica (Mary) Callow, Brian Harrison, Eileen Agnes Lunt, Doris Scott, Mary McGonagle, James Whitcombe, Mary Elizabeth Green, Michael Mitchell, Edward Rogers, Thomas McGreavy

OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate:	£555.30
Planned Giving:	£421.14
Average Weekly Standing Orders:	£720.00

Donations:

Candles :	£ 47.77
Piety Stall	£150.00

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Plas Newton Lane, Wealstone Court and Surrey Road.
- For the Deanery Synod Representatives.
- For all our joint services in our churches, schools and in the Cathedral.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS:

All the children who made their First Communions in May will come together for the Parish Thanksgiving Mass **next Sunday 12th June** at 11.00 a.m. Please continue to pray for them at this special time.

PAUSE FOR HOPE, SUNDAY 5th JUNE:

Here at St. Columba's at 3.00 p.m. An ecumenical service, led by Bishop Mark, for families and friends who have been affected by Cancer. An opportunity for prayer and reflection accompanied by hymns.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO ROME FOR THE YEAR OF MERCY 17-21 OCTOBER:

There are still a few places available (double or twin rooms only left). Full details are available on the Diocesan Website, or contact Fr. David Long at St. Alban's, 30 Mill Lane, Wallasey CH44 5UD telephone 0151 638 1520.

FR. JONATHAN'S LETTER TO PARISHIONERS:

Copies of the letter from Fr. Jonathan to all parishioners are still available in both porches. The letter sets out proposed changes to Mass times at St. Columba's and St. Theresa's which would come into effect in September. **Fr. Jonathan is seeking comments on the proposals, by 20th June.**

With the two parishes needing to work more closely together, we will shortly be producing **a joint weekly newsletter**. This will be on a trial basis, starting on 19th June and continuing through to the end of July. Parishioners' comments will be very welcome – they will help us decide whether to make this a permanent arrangement.

FEAST OF THE WEEK, ST. COLUMBA:

The Feast of St. Columba is on Thursday, but as he is our Patron Saint we celebrate the Feast this Sunday (not least with our Barbecue as well as the special hymn!). From the base of Iona, St. Columba and his followers and successors had enormous influence on the course of Christian history throughout Scotland, and in NE England through the foundation of Lindisfarne. He died in 597, the same year as the arrival of St. Augustine to the Kentish shore.

ST. COLUMBA – SPECIAL HYMN AT 11.00 A.M. MASS:

*From Ireland's shores Columba came/ To preach and teach and heal,
And found a church which showed the world/ How God on earth was real.*

*In greening grass and reckless wave,/ In cloud and ripening corn,
The Celtic Christians traced the course/ Of grace through nature borne.*

*In hosting strangers, healing pain,/ In tireless work for peace,
They served the servant Christ their Lord/ And found their faith increase.*

*In simple prayer and alien land,/ As summoned by the Son,
They celebrated how God's call/ Made work and worship one.*

*God grant that what Columba sowed/ May harvest yet more seed,
As we engage both flesh and faith/ To marry word and deed.*

FR. JOHN KIRWAN – FIRE GUTS HIS HOUSE:

We have received an email from Fr. John (copy on notice board in the front porch) telling us of a fire at his house in Basankusu, DR Congo, on 23rd April. A paraffin-fired fridge exploded and the fire spread to engulf the whole house. Thankfully no-one was in at the time, but Fr. John has lost most of his personal possessions, clothes, equipment, medication, and the Mill Hill archives. We would like to send financial help to Fr. John, whose work in DR Congo this parish has supported over many years. The Third World wall boxes in both porches will be available for donations for the next few weeks, and we will have a Coffee Morning on **Sunday 19th June**. Please remember Fr. John in your prayers.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN UPTON:

- Churches Together in Upton have recently extended the practice of praying for the residents of particular roads by encouraging individual prayer requests. These can be made in writing to: Prayer Meeting, Upton United Reformed Church, Heath Road, Chester, or by email: info@uptonurc.org.uk
- Churches Together in Upton hold a Coffee Morning each Monday at The Pavilion, Wealstone Lane (next to the Library) from 10 a.m. to noon - an ideal opportunity to meet and make friends in a relaxed welcoming atmosphere. If anyone is interested in helping out, please come along on a Monday to find out more.

SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN – URGENT ACTION:

SPUC leaflets "Say No to Buffer Zones" are available in both porches this weekend. Please take one to read, and sign the **On-Line Petition** against "Buffer Zones". More information in the leaflets.

THANK YOU:

Breda would like to thank parishioners for their prayers and good wishes when she was ill. Thank God, she is now doing well.

URSULINE CONVENT REUNION:

The Ursuline Convent Chester closed 40 years ago this year. A reunion is being organised for any girls who were at the school in its final years in the 1970s. The reunion will be at the Blossoms Hotel in St. John Street, Chester, on **Saturday 25th June** between 2.30pm and 5pm. Afternoon tea will be served (cost £12.50). If you are a Chester Convent 'old girl' from the 1970s and would like to attend, please contact Catherine Jones by email: catherinejones650@gmail.com

DIOCESAN VACANCIES:

- The Diocese seeks to recruit two Campaign Directors for a new fund-raising initiative. 35+ hours Monday to Friday, with significant evening work, working across the diocese. Salary £25k-30k per annum. **Closing date 24 June.**
- The Diocese also seeks an Administrator to work for Inter-Diocesan Fuel Management Limited, based at the Curial Office, Birkenhead. 35 hours, salary £16-17k. **Closing date 17 June.**

For further details of these vacancies and the job specifications go to the website:

www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies

IONA CHAPEL – MEETINGS:

The Iona Chapel at the rear of the church is becoming well used for a variety of small-scale meetings, prayer groups etc. If you wish to use the Iona Chapel for such a meeting or gathering, please make a booking with Carol on the Office number, 01244 624019 or the Office email address

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ST. COLUMBA'S HALL BOOKINGS:

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

E-mail: columbashallbookings@gmail.com

NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

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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