

# St Columba's Church

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## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY, 6<sup>th</sup> JULY 2014

### MASS TIMES:

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| Saturday Vigil Mass: | 7.15 p.m.               |
| Sunday:              | 9.15 a.m.<br>11.00 a.m. |
| Monday:              | 9.15 a.m.               |
| Tuesday:             | 9.15 a.m.               |
| Wednesday:           | 10.45 a.m.              |
| Thursday:            | 9.15 a.m.               |
| Friday:              | 9.15 a.m.               |
| Saturday:            | 9.15 a.m.<br>12.00 noon |
| Saturday Vigil Mass: | 7.15 p.m.               |
| Sunday:              | 9.15 a.m.<br>11.00 a.m. |

### INTENTIONS:

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| Charles Chase   |
| Priest's Intention  |
| The Parish  |
| Yolande Le Prince   |
| Priest's Intention  |
| <b>REQUIEM:</b><br><b>Patrick O'Sullivan</b>                                  |
| Bernard Gill  |
| Priest's Intention  |
| <b>NO MORNING MASS</b><br>Annual Mass of Thanks-<br>Giving for Planned Giving |
| Sydney Hughes   |
| Bernie Ashcroft   |
| The Parish  |

### 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: Elsie Ward, Gerald Doyle, Julian Birchall, Ann Evans, Harold Owens, William Stanton, Barbara Kealing, Edith Preedy, Doris Powell, Kay Hanratty, Maurice Townson, John Davies, 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, Edward Gibbons, Joyce Parker, Eileen Theresa Jones, Christopher O'Gorman, Mary Molly Jones

### LATELY DEAD:

Patrick O'Sullivan. His Requiem Mass is at 10.45 a.m. on 9<sup>th</sup> July.

### CONFESSIONS:

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

### SVP COLLECTION:

The monthly will be taken after all Masses this weekend. We thank you for your continued support.

### OFFERTORY

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| Loose Plate:        | £530.52 |
| Planned Giving:     | £466.50 |
| Average Weekly SOs: | £510.00 |
| Donations (coffee): | £ 10.00 |

*Thank you for your continued generosity.*

*If you are interested in joining the Planned Giving and/or Gift Aid schemes, please ring David Savage on 01244 380626.*

### NOTES FROM FR. COOKE:

- The parishes of Chester and Ellesmere Port have a new Dean, who begins his job in September for three years: Fr Niall Mullaley, Parish Priest of Our Lady's, Ellesmere Port.
- Thank you for your offerings for our Golden Jubilee in September. We now have a refurbished Tabernacle, a Paschal Candle holder-stand, and a Processional Cross.

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:

We pray for our young people putting themselves forward for the Sacrament of Confirmation. We pray for their families and friends that their preparation for the Sacrament this year will be a success. Also, remember our catechists and their schools as important influences on their spiritual growth.

### SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

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| 6th July  | SVP       | Parish |
| 13th July | CWL       | CWL    |
| 20th July | Badminton | Parish |

*Teas, coffees and juices are served in the Hall after both Sunday Masses. All are very welcome.*

### RED MISSION BOX HOLDERS:

Could those parishioners holding Red Mission Boxes please leave them in the Sacristy for Margaret Curtis to collect. *Thank you for your support.*

### UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

Please pray for:

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

### SHREWSBURY VOICE:

The Summer 2014 issue of the this magazine is now out, and makes interesting reading. It is on sale for £1.

### **CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:**

The theme for 7<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> July is **Respect** and the prayer is:

*Lord God, you have made us in your own image and likeness and you love all that you have made.*

*Jesus respected every person he met and showed his disciples how to do the same, encourage us to respect and value ourselves and others by following his example.*

*Amen*

### **FEASTS OF THE WEEK:**

Friday is the feast of **St. Benedict, 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, 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 an ordained 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".

### **PARISH COUNCIL:**

The Council meets next on **Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> July**.

### **COFFEE MORNING, WEDNESDAY, 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY:**

A coffee Morning will be held at 107 St James Avenue, 10.00-12 noon. Entrance £2.50, with proceeds going to the Chifundo Fashion projects, supporting and empowering the women of Malawi.

### **ST PIO PRAYER GROUP:**

The next meeting is on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July** in 10 Totland Grove, Newton, Chester CH2 2EY at 7.30pm.

### **ST COLUMBA'S & ST WERBURGH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL PROJECT:**

The school has decided to hold a music/creative arts week celebrating 50 years of St Columba's Parish Church. They will be creating art for the Church and school, and will also be working with a professional composer to write a unique song for the Parish to learn and sing with the children. They would like to invite parents/grandparents/older siblings etc to take part in the composing workshops with the children from 14-17<sup>th</sup> July. If you play an instrument, please bring it along, but please still join them if you have no musical experience!

The event will also include creating a prayer tree and outside display, hoping that all in the community will help develop; and hold a Big Sing session on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> July, at 9.30 a.m.

If you would like to take part in any of the activities please contact the school on 01244 981228. We hope this will be a wonderful celebration for all our children and parish community to take part in.

### **ASSISTED DYING BILL:**

The Bill to legalise "assisted dying" - meaning assisted suicide - will be debated in the House of Lords on 18th July. There will be a free vote because it is not government legislation. If passed, this Bill would place vulnerable people at serious risk. Especially if you have direct experience of caring for a dying person, either as a family member or as a health or social care professional, please write before 18th July to a Peer to tell them your views. For more information, including details of how to write to a Peer, please visit [www.catholicchurch.org.uk/assisted-dying-bill](http://www.catholicchurch.org.uk/assisted-dying-bill)

**IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO WRITE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND CERTAINLY BEFORE 18TH JULY.**

### **GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS:**

Lots of people offered help and we would now like to have a meeting to put our plans into action. We will be in the Iona Chapel after both Masses on Sunday 20 July. Alternatively, please ring Marie (340564), Anne (350939) or Sue (312892). We will also shortly be looking for greenery (conifer, ivy, bay etc) and hydrangeas. We are also looking for a golden Labrador (either large soft toy or garden ornament) and a gent's cream summer jacket!! Can anyone oblige?

### **LICHFIELD TRIP FRIDAY, 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY:**

The coach is now full, but if you would like to put your name on the reserve list, please contact Margaret Curtis on 01244 318414. If you have already registered for the trip, please contact either Margaret on the above number or Paul Wrigglesworth on 01244 382457 to arrange to make payment. We would remind you that the coach will be leaving St Columba's car park at 9am on 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **WEST CHESHIRE FOODBANK:**

We have had an email from the Foodbank organisers thanking parishioners for their generous response to the ongoing appeal. Our collections have been running since the beginning of February, and over that period a total of 747kg of food items have been delivered to the distribution centre. Thank you for your continued support for the Foodbank's work.

The organisers have recently updated the list of items currently in short supply: UHT milk, UHT fruit juice, meat/meat meals, jams and spreads, instant potato.

### **APP OF THE WEEK?**

If you find it hard to find time to pray, or would like to bring some freshness to your prayer life, you may like "PAYG" – a smart phone App free from the Jesuit Media Service. PAYG (short for Pray As You Go), can be downloaded from your App Store. It has a 10 minute reflective guided prayer based on one of the day's readings and some music. There is also a daily Examen – review of the day, to help in seeing where God is working in your life, and there's an Examen for Children and one for Young People as well.

### **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:**

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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. Website: [www.stcolumbachester.org.uk](http://www.stcolumbachester.org.uk)