

St Columba's Church



1 Newhall Road, Plas Newton, Chester CH2 1SA

Parish Priest: Fr. Russell Cooke

Tel: 01244 400873 E-mail: st.columba@btinternet.com

Deacon: Rev. Lawrence Hordley: Tel: 01244 342048, Mobile 0796 051 7463

Parish website: www.stcolumbachester.org.uk

Diocese of Shrewsbury, Registered Charity 234025

Chester Hospitals' Chaplaincy Tel: 01244 364543, answer phone available

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 6th OCTOBER 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:

Priest's Intention.
Frank Queenan
The Parish
Terence Trainor
Meg Pendlebury (SVP)
Charles Chase
Carole Bowness RIP
Monica Wafford
Thanksgiving O'Sullivan
The Parish
James Regan
Richard Wright

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: 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, Eric Hill, Josephine Fitzpatrick, Charles Patrick Creighton, Esther Veronica Thomas, Olive Joyce Pascall, Gerald Fergus Patrick Doran, Michael Jones, Maureen Flynn, Amy Harris, Doris Jobson, Ann Jane Williams, Jack Millington, Joan Logan

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:	£469.69
Planned Giving:	£490.80
Average Weekly SOs:	£556.00

Thank you for your continued support.

Congratulations to Carlo and Lina Safina on their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:

The SVP monthly collection will take place this weekend.

We thank you very much for your continued support.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

Oct 6th Scouts & Guides Parade. For Themselves
Oct 13th Maggie Jarrett OAKS
Oct 20th Jackie Turvey Sea Cadets & Parish
Tea and coffee are served in the hall after both Sunday morning Masses. All are very welcome.

If you are unable to host your date, contact Margaret 318424, as it is important that we have someone to serve coffees every Sunday.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

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

HARVEST FAST DAY:

Please return your Fast Day envelopes via the offertory baskets this weekend – or next weekend if you have forgotten them! Thank you very much for your support for the work of CAFOD.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:

The theme for this week is **New Opportunities**, and the prayer is:

Lord, help us to take advantage of the many opportunities available to us inside and outside of school. Encourage us to try new things and appreciate opportunities to enrich our lives. Amen

MISSION TODAY MAGAZINE:

The Autumn issue of Mission Today is available in the two porches of the Church.

ST COLUMBA'S HALL BOOKINGS:

For all bookings/enquiries please contact Sue Carr on 07553 114531

E-mail: columbashallbookings@gmail.com



YEAR OF FAITH 2013

THE YEAR OF FAITH:

The month of October has traditionally been associated with the Holy Rosary, and on Monday 7th of October we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. This devotion was endorsed by the Mother of God during her appearances at Lourdes and Fatima, where she taught the children to add another prayer at the end of each decade. During the 1950's Fr Patrick Peyton, an American priest, toured Britain as part of his worldwide Rosary Crusade, holding rallies in football stadiums, which were attended by thousands of people. The local rally in this area was held in Birkenhead, again attended by thousands of people. He encouraged families to pray the rosary together with the slogan *the family that prays together stays together*. Successive popes have encouraged the faithful to say the rosary, Blessed John Paul II adding a further five mysteries of light. The full twenty mysteries cover the major events associated with our faith and are a rich source of prayer. To help you to make the rosary, or even a decade, a part of your daily prayer life, why not pay a visit to our piety stall, where you will find prayer cards to help you in this great devotion of the Church. If you always use the back entrance, why not try the front this week? You may be pleased you did!

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

Wednesday 9th October is the Memorial of **Blessed John Henry Newman** (1801-1890), received on this day in 1845 into the Catholic Church, after many years as 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, giving many public lectures and publishing numerous writings. 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.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS:

Please will you pick up your new Rota from the front porch. If you have an e-mail address or have recently changed your e-mail address, will you kindly let Carol know (380197). It is so much easier to send the Rotas out by email. Many thanks.

ST PIO PRAYER GROUP:

The next meeting is on **Thursday 10 October** at 7.30pm - 10, Totland Grove, Newton Park, Chester, CH2 2EY.

UPTON CHURCHES QUIZ ON FRIDAY WEEK:

The annual quiz for the Upton churches will be held in the Hall on **Friday 11th October** at 7.30 p.m. This is always an enjoyable family event and all are welcome. See the Notice Board for more information.

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 13th October**. Please collect your service leaflets from your team leader.

UPTON CHURCHES FRIENDSHIP LUNCH:

This event takes place in the Hall on **Thursday 17th October**.

YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT: 18 – 20th OCT:

The ACTS (Adult Catholics Together Spiritually) annual retreat is taking place this October, and if you are aged 18 – 35 you are welcome to join us. It is at Sandymount Retreat Centre, Blundellsands (four minutes from the sea!). The cost is by anonymous donation (suggested contribution - £95). 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 2783/0776 113 8947

FROM NAZARETH TO NORWICH:

Many thanks to all of you who helped to make last Sunday evening's service such a success.

THANK YOU:

Mrs May Merchant would like to thank all the people who helped her when she fell outside church last Sunday. She would especially like to mention Fr. Cooke, the lady who phoned for an ambulance, Claire the nurse, Sue Carr, Dr. Judge, Cathy Murphy, a gentleman who got the cushions, and the many people who said prayers and sent good wishes. She is now on the road to recovery. God bless you all.

FLOWERS:

Is anyone interested in helping with Church flowers? No previous experience needed. We are hoping to organise some classes for anyone who wishes to join the rota. Lots of support will be available. Further info call Marie 340564 - Sue 312892 - Anne 350939 or come across to the Hall after 11am Mass for a chat.

RECOMMENDED READING:

Fr Cooke has recently read a very good book on Pope Francis called Untying the Knots by Paul Valleley, pub Bloomsbury – excellent and informative on the Pope's background in Argentina.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP:

Has bereavement affected you? Do you feel the need to talk in confidence? The Parish Bereavement Group provides support and care to the bereaved and their families. All members have been fully trained and would like to invite people to contact the group by ringing Ruth on 01244 380300.

NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Ian Johnson.

Tel: 01244 351022

Email ian.johnson7@tiscali.co.uk

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.

Website: www.stcolumbachester.org.uk