

St Columba's Church

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

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 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:

Victims of War and Violence	
The Parish	
Mick Holland	
} Service of Word And Holy Communion	
	NO MORNING SERVICE
	The Murphy Family
Hannah Connolly	
Robert Croft	

FATHER COOKE:

Fr Cooke became unwell during 11 a.m. Mass last Sunday and was taken to hospital. He was diagnosed as having suffered a stroke but has since recovered and was discharged from hospital on Thursday. Father will be convalescing for a while outside the parish. Please keep him in your prayers.

In Father's absence Sunday Masses will be covered by priests of the Holy Ghost Fathers and St Francis' Church.

This Sunday Holy Ghost Fr Terry Casey will celebrate the 7.15 pm Vigil Mass. Morning Masses will be celebrated Fr Jarek Konopko of St Francis. We welcome them and thank them for their support.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Margaret Stevens, Kathleen Mary Douglas, Carole Joan Bowness, Elizabeth Martha Holdcroft, Eileen Mary Pealing, Molly Addison, Mary Wilde, Robert Charles Jones, Simon Sinclair Dolan, George Ogg, Lucy Maria Taylor, Brigid Brennan, Shelia Williamson, Dorothy Harrop, Lionel John Sheridan, Philomena Byrne, Dorothea Steiner, Dorothy Tierney, Jenny Harris, Joseph Reginald Dunne, Catherine Francis Hewitt, Mary McPherson, Norah Veronica Lester, Mary Margaret Pengelly, Donald John Reddy, Robert Marsden, Patricia Galvin, Arthur Peacock, Catherine White, Eileen Reynard, Susan Marie Beavan and Hannah Connolly.

BAPTISMS:

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

We welcome **Sebastian Charles James Stewart** who was baptised on 30th August into our Parish. We ask for God's blessing on the family, please pray for them as they start their journey of faith together.

CONFESSIONS:

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

LATELY DEAD - Bob Killen:

Bob was a long standing and much loved member of our parish; please remember him in your prayers. May Bob rest in peace, and may God comfort his family and all who mourn.

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.

OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate: £434.24

Planned Giving: £451.57

Average Weekly

Standing Orders: £683.00

Many thanks for your generous support.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

6th Sept	Chris & Elizabeth	Tombola
13th Sept	Catholic High School PTA	Parish
20th Sept	Margy & Jacque	MacMillan
27th Sept	Sewing Group	WREN Bid

The next coffee rota is on the notice board in the hall. There are some vacancies. If you would like to volunteer please add your name to the rota or contact Margaret Curtis, 318424.

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

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Lumley Road, Demage Lane and Willow Close.
- Our senior schools: Upton High School, The Catholic High School and Bishops High School.
- All teachers especially those working in R.E. departments.
- All young people attending these schools, especially those from our congregations.

MUSIC AT 11.00 A.M. MASS:

The Music Group restarts next Sunday, 13th September. To keep the Group going we need more members (adults and young people). Do you play the flute, clarinet, recorder or guitar? Or do you enjoy singing? Please consider helping us to lead the singing at 11.00 a.m. Mass on alternate Sundays. Your only commitment is to come to the practice before Mass. Please come along, or phone Pauline Payne, 01244 350323.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES:

These classes are held in the Church Hall on Wednesday evenings in term time, from 5.00 to 6.00 p.m. They are for children who come to St. Columba's church but do not attend St. Werburgh's and St. Columba's Primary School. The preparation programme for First Sacraments starts when the children are in Year 2 at school (age 6 in September). Classes begin on **Wednesday 16th September**. Please ring Pauline Payne on 01244 350323 to enrol or for more information.

THE BACKGROUND TO READING AT MASS:

A short talk will be given by David Savage at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 29th September in the Iona Chapel. Aimed at existing and potential readers but all interested parishioners are invited to attend. See the poster on the Notice Boards.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN UPTON:

Forthcoming events:

- **Monday Coffee Mornings** - Until now, these weekly Coffee Meetings have been held from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon at the Scout HQ in Weston Grove. Please note that from **Monday 7th September** they will be held in the brand-new Pavilion at the playing fields in Wealstone Lane (next to the Library).
- **Churches Together in Upton AGM** - CTU has changed and evolved over the years, and if you have ideas about its future activities, or would like to be involved in any way you are very welcome to attend our informal AGM meeting on **Wednesday 9th September, 7.30 p.m. at Upton URC**, Heath Road (next to The Wheatsheaf).
- **Quiz Evening Friday 16th October** - Over the last few years this annual Quiz has proved very popular and sociable. Again this year the Quiz is hosted by St. Columba's, and will be held in our Hall, starting at 7.30 p.m. Watch out for further details.

CHARITY CONCERT FRIDAY 9th OCTOBER:

Chifundo UK and Soroptimist International of Chester are holding a Charity Concert featuring A Handbag of Harmonies and The Queen's School Chamber Choir. This is in aid of The SOKO Fund, an educational charity providing university scholarships for women in Malawi. The concert will be at 7.30 p.m. here in St. Columba's Church, with refreshments served in the Hall. Tickets: £12 Adults, £6 for under 18s including refreshments from:
Susan Flynn 01244 381490 or chair@chifundomalawi.org Further information: www.chifundomalawi.org Posters on display in the porches and on the parish website.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

- Tuesday, **the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. Because of her importance in salvation history, Mary's birthday is celebrated as well as those of her Son Jesus, and of St. John the Baptist.
- Thursday, **St. Ambrose Barlow**. He was brought up in south Manchester, being baptised in Didsbury church in 1585. He was educated by the Benedictines at Douai, becoming a monk himself in 1617. He returned to England where "he laboured in South Lancashire with apostolic zeal and fervour." He was apprehended several times on suspicion of being a priest. On the fifth and last time he was arrested by the Vicar of Eccles on Easter Sunday, 1641. He was imprisoned for four months at Lancaster Castle before being tried, and he was executed on 10th September.

RED MISSION BOXES

Will those holding Red Mission Boxes please put them in the Sacristy for Margaret Curtis to process. You can reclaim your boxes from the table in the rear porch. Thank you for your continued support.

LIVERPOOL SEAFARERS CENTRE – JOB VACANCIES:

The Centre is run as an ecumenical partnership between the Anglican and Catholic dioceses. Two full time posts are being advertised: Deputy Chief Executive and Ship Visitor. Closing date: 21st September. For further information see posters in the front porch, or contact Louise Simms, Tel: (0151) 522 1090 E-mail: l.simms@rcaol.co.uk

FLOWER DEMONSTRATION

In the Hall, Thursday 1st October at 7.30pm with National Demonstrator Diane Fair. Proceeds in aid of Guide Dogs.

Tickets £8 available from Sue Carr 312892 or Frances 342959.

CHS - Record breaking Year 11

The latest round of GCSE results at The Catholic High School, Chester has seen records tumbling. As the students pick up their results the staff has been delighted to see records broken by the most successful Year 11 cohort ever.

'Our mission is to provide the best Catholic education for all our students,' said Head teacher, John Murray. 'We have young people who have secured straight A* and A grades, and others who will be delighted to have passed their examinations in English and Mathematics. I am really proud of all of them and what they have achieved.'

'As well as making for an excellent year at GCSE, we will now see a record level of recruitment to our Sixth Form,' said chairman of governors, Peter Devine. 'I am very confident that these students will now go on to achieve great things as they start their A levels, college courses and apprenticeships. After an excellent set of A level results last week, and now a record breaking round of GCSE results, I would like to congratulate the students and their parents, and thank their teachers for their very hard work.'

DANCE CLASSES:

The Ballroom is coming to St. Columba's Church Hall. From the 8th of September you can enjoy 'Beginners and Intermediate Ballroom and Latin' on Tuesday nights. For further details please see the notice board or ring Dawn Daniels On 01244-881092

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.

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