

St Columba's Church

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 7th JULY 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: 10.00 a.m.

Friday: 9.15 a.m.

Saturday: NO MORNING MASS

Saturday Vigil 7.15 p.m.

Sunday: 9.15 a.m.

11.00 a.m.

INTENTIONS:

Thomas Daly A.

The Parish

Tom Lawler R.I.P.

Lauren Heywood

Vincent Balfe R.I.P.

Isobel Woulfe

SCHOOL MASS IN CHURCH

Eileen Beck

Christopher O'Gorman A.

Return to Good Health

The Parish

*PLEASE NOTE: NO 9.15 a.m. MASS ON THURSDAY.
THERE WILL BE A 10.00 a.m. SCHOOL MASS IN CHURCH.*

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:

After speaking to Fr Cooke to arrange a date, please contact Claire Graham on 01244 341287 / 07880553830.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Julian Birchall, Ann Evans, Harold Owens, William Stanton, Barbara Kealing, Edith Preedy, John Davies, Anne Hynes, Robert Cleary, Florena Clement, Eileen Mary Gray, Lilian Simmonds, Mary Sadler, Kenneth Lloyd, Angela Byron, Goronwy Williams, Alwyn Dolan, Thomas Dowd, Arthur Robert Turner, Kathleen Tobin, Sean Terence Hughes, Thomas Christian, Ted Gibbons, Edward Gibbons, Joyce Parker, Eileen Theresa Jones, Christopher O'Gorman, Stephan O'Gorman.

CONFESSIONS:

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

PASTORAL COUNCIL:

St. Columba's Pastoral Council next meets on **Monday 15th July**, 7.30 p.m. in the Church Office.

OFFERTORY w/e 30th June:

Loose Plate: £539.35

Planned Giving: £470.64

Average Weekly SOs: £547.00

Donations: Badminton Group £150.00

Coffee Morning £42.70

Many thanks for your generous support.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

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

The next meeting of the Upton Churches Together committee is on **Wednesday 10th July**, 7.30 p.m. at Upton URC.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:

This week's theme is **How We Made a Difference** and the prayer is:

Lord,

This year we had the aim to follow Jesus' example and make a difference to others.

We have done lots of things big and small in your name.

Although we can't do everything, thank you for the opportunity to do something.

Amen

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

7th July Catholic High PTA Parish

14th July Mary Kilcoyne (CWL) CWL

21st July Sue Carr (3rd World) 3rd World

Teas and coffees are served in the hall after both Sunday morning Masses. All are very welcome

ST. PIO PRAYER GROUP:

The next meeting is on **Thursday 11th July**, 7.30pm at 10 Totland Grove, Newton, Chester CH2 2EY



YEAR OF FAITH

Before looking at the Mass, let us examine what the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says about the place where Mass is celebrated. The church should be a house

of prayer in which the Eucharist is celebrated and reserved and where the presence of the Son of God is worshipped. It should be in good taste and a worthy place for prayer and ceremonial. The harmony of the signs which make it up should show Christ to be present and active in our church. The altar is the focal point, as it represents both the sacrifice made by Christ for us and the table of the Lord from which we receive Holy Communion. The tabernacle should be situated in a most worthy place with the greatest honour. The sacred oils now have a new repository alongside the new baptismal area and confessional, emphasising the importance in our lives of Baptism and the other sacraments. The chair on which the priest sits expresses his office of presiding over us and directing our prayer, and the lectern, or ambo, is the place for announcing the dignity of the Word of God during the Liturgy of the Word.

FEAST OF THE WEEK:

We celebrate the feast of **St. John Plessington** (1637-79) on Friday, 19th July. He is a saint very closely associated with the Chester area. He was born near Blackburn, educated by the Jesuits and ordained a priest in Spain in 1663 - during England's penal times. The following year he returned to this country, working undercover as a missionary priest over a period of about 15 years, first at Holywell and then at Puddington. He was finally arrested and charged with being a priest, in the wake of the "popish plot". He was imprisoned in Chester Castle and executed at Gallows Hill, now Barrel Well Hill, Boughton, on 19th July 1679, his remains later buried in Burton churchyard.

“SHREWSBURY CATHOLIC VOICE”:

The Summer 2013 issue of the diocesan quarterly magazine is now available, price £1.

PILGRIMAGE TO PANTASAPH, 13th JULY:

A Pilgrimage of Reparation and Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary is being held on **Saturday 13th July**, 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. at the National Shrine of St. Pio, Pantasaph. Full details are set out on the posters in both porches – and also on the Notice Board section of the St. Columba website.

PARISH TRIP TO LUDLOW 26th JULY:

The coach will leave St Columba's car park 09.15 with a comfort break at Dobbies Nurseries, Shrewsbury. The coach is a 51 seater, people will be allocated places on a first come first served basis with, if necessary, a reserve list. Any queries contact Margaret Curtis 01244-318424 or by email marg.curtis@btinternet.com. Cost-£12.50pp, all monies to be paid to Margaret Curtis by Friday 19th July. Cheques to be made payable to Newton Catholic Social Fund.

STRAWBERRY CREAM TEA IN AID OF CAFOD:

This is being held at Ann McCarthy's, 49, St Chad's Road, Blacon, CH1 5LF on **Sunday 21st July** from 3.00 – 5.00. Tickets £2.00 and £1.00 for children. Contact Bernard Payne for tickets, 01244 350323 (Ann needs to know how many scones to bake!).

NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Muriel Green.

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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.

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