

St Columba's Church

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CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY 7th JUNE 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:	12.30 p.m.
Friday:	9.15 a.m.
Saturday:	9.15 a.m.
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Sunday:	9.15 a.m.
	11.00 a.m.

INTENTIONS:

Fr. Courell
David Joyce
The Parish
Elizabeth Carbery A.
REQUIEM Albert Hutfield
Eric Gerrard
NUPTIAL MASS – PETER CONNOLLY AND JANE EMILY HARRIS
Tony Allingham
Bernard Wilkinson RIP.
Marie Teresa Camilieri
Mary James
The Parish

No 9.15 Mass on Thursday 11th

BAPTISMS:

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

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.

LATELY DEAD: Albert Hutfield; Ged McEnergy

Please remember them in your prayers:

May they rest in peace and God give comfort to those who mourn.

The Requiem Mass for Ged McEnergy will be at St. Columba's on **Wednesday 17th June** at 12 noon.

Christine McEnergy would like to thank everyone who kindly helped her with visit and transport arrangements over the period Ged was in hospital in Walton, and latterly in the Countess of Chester.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers:, Nippy Coogan, Eileen Burton, Helen Maria Madden, Berti (Ian) McClellan, David Leslie Skinner, Catherine Lavelle, David Morgan, 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, Mary O'Loughlin, Bernard McNicholas, Matthew Baker, Charles Francis Evans, Thomas Owain Christopher Arnold, Christopher Johnson, Winifred Roche, Maureen Mair, Percy John Tobin.

CONFESSIONS:

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

OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate:	£499.20
Planned Giving:	£401.34
Average Weekly SOs:	£683.00

Many thanks for your generous support.

SVP MONTHLY COLLECTION:

The monthly collection will be taken after each of the Masses this weekend. Thank you very much for your continued support.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

June 7th	BBQ	Social Committee
June 14th	Marg & Jacque	Poor Clares
June 21st	CWL	Parish

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

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS:

All the children who made their First Communions in May will come together for the Parish Thanksgiving Mass **next Sunday 14th June**, at 11.00 a.m. Please continue to pray for them at this special time.

UPTON CHURCHES FIFTH SUNDAY SERVICE:

Thanks to all of you who attended the 5th Sunday service last weekend and those who helped in any way.

UPTON CHURCHS PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

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

RED MISSION BOXES:

Those holding Red Mission Boxes please leave them in the Sacristy for Margaret Curtis to collect. The empty boxes can be collected from the table in the rear porch of the Church. Thank you for your continued support.

FR COOKE'S 40th ANNIVERSARY:

The 40th Anniversary of Fr. Cooke's ordination to the priesthood is on Sunday 5th July 2015. We are sure that parishioners will want to mark that significant date and so a collection has been organised for a presentation to be made after a special Mass at 11.00 a.m. on that Sunday. Special envelopes are available in the porches for you to make a gift should you so wish. Although the envelopes are out today they will not be collected until the weekends of 13/14 June and 20/21 June when collecting boxes will be available in the porches. Cheques should be made payable to *Newton Catholic Social Fund* (to avoid Fr Cooke having to write a cheque to himself) and not to the parish. Any problems or questions please contact David Savage 380626.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

- Tuesday, **St. Columba, Abbot.** Born in Donegal in 521 into a royal family, he trained as a monk and founded a number of monasteries in Ireland. He went into voluntary exile in 565, supposedly in repentance for his part in a violent, bloodletting disagreement over possession and copying of sacred manuscripts. With 12 companions he sailed for Scotland, setting up a new monastery on the island of Iona, from where he and his followers and successors had great influence on the course of Christian history. He died in 597, the same year as the arrival of St. Augustine to the Kentish shore.
- Thursday, **St. Barnabas, Apostle.** A Jewish Cypriot and a Levite, one of the first converts in Jerusalem, becoming a Christian disciple. Though not one of the Twelve, it was Barnabas who introduced Paul to the other apostles, and he accompanied Paul on his first missionary journey which began in Cyprus. He played a prominent part in the development of the early church.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

This Sunday 7th June - Our annual BBQ to celebrate the anniversary of St Columba, after 11am Mass in the Church grounds.

Friday 24th July - Coach trip to Lancaster.

"SONGS OF PRAISE" THIS SUNDAY 7th JUNE:

3.00 p.m. at St. Mark's C of E Church, St. Mark's Road, Saltney, Chester CH4 8DF. You are warmly invited to join this celebration of the work of Christian Aid, CAFOD and Tearfund. Homily by Canon Dr Trevor Dennis, retired Vice-Dean of Chester Cathedral. Posters in the porches and on the parish website.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE - Dates for Diary:

Monday 8th June 7.30 at St Francis Church Hall. A short meeting followed by a Marbling demonstration. Members and non-members welcome.

Friday 19th June: Marian Curtis will be holding her annual Strawberry Tea from 2 pm at her home (341307). Proceeds to Brother Kimpton.

Monday 13th July: A social evening, bring and buy stall and craft skills.

ST PIO PRAYER GROUP:

The next meeting is on Thursday, 11 June, starting at 7.30pm at 10, Totland Grove, Newton, Chester CH2 2EY.

CHARITY CONCERT, 13th JUNE:

See posters in the porches (and on the parish website) about a concert featuring the Chester Songsmiths. 7.30 p.m. at Heswall URC, raising money for a charity that helps provide Malawi university scholarships.

FUNDRAISER FOR 3RD WORLD HOPE:

Saturday 20th June, 7-12pm at St Columba's Church Hall. Tickets £10 from Janet Cottrell on 07812 695904. Food and disco included. There will also be a bar, a charity auction and a raffle.

PAUSE FOR HOPE, SUNDAY 21st JUNE:

Here at St. Columba's, 3.00 p.m. An ecumenical gathering for families and friends who have been affected by Cancer. An opportunity for prayer and reflection accompanied by hymns. See poster in the porches or on the parish website.

PASTORAL COUNCIL:

The Pastoral Council last met on 11th May and the minutes are displayed on the notice board. Please take the time to read them. The next meeting will be on 22nd June.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION:

A Day of Recollection will be held in St. Columba's Church Hall on Saturday 5th September 2015 for all Ministers of Holy Communion and Ministers of The Word. Please bring a packed lunch with you. Further details can be found in both porches. Please will you either email carolgalvin1944@sky.com, or put a tick on the forms at the front and back of the Church.

CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY:

Those holding collection boxes, please leave them in the Sacristy for Anne to collect. The empty boxes can be collected from the table in the rear porch of the Church. Thank you for your continued support.

GIFT AID:

The Gift Aid scheme is expected to recover for the parish more than £12,000 of income tax from HMRC for 2014-15 - all this at no cost to the donor. If you are an income tax payer and would like to know more, contact David Savage on 380626.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:

Please be careful to "peel and seal" your envelope otherwise your offering could fall out. Also, as the holiday season approaches, and if you take your holiday in the Euro zone, please take care not to put leftover Euros in your envelope.

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:

This will be compiled by Ann Siddall
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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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