



St Columba's Church

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ASCENSION OF THE LORD SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8TH MAY 2016.

MASS TIMES:

Saturday Vigil Mass:	7.15 p.m.	The Parish
Sunday:	9.15 a.m.	Joan Wells
	11.00 a.m.	Derek Jones
Monday:	9.15 a.m.	Kathryn Sanson
Tuesday:	9.15 a.m.	Bill Browne
Wednesday:	9.15 a.m.	Frank Stone
Thursday:	9.15 a.m.	Michael Wolfe
Friday:	7.00 p.m.	Anne & Horace Rigby
Saturday:	NO MORNING MASS.	
Saturday Vigil Mass:	7.15 p.m.	Marie-Therese Camilleri
Sunday:	9.15 a.m.	Barbara Wall
	11.00 a.m.	The Parish

INTENTIONS:

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MORNING PRAYER:

Each morning at 9.00 a.m. before the Blessed Sacrament in the Iona Chapel, **Monday through to Thursday, except Wednesday**, when Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour are said at 9.15 a.m. prior to Mass. (Evening Mass on Friday, so no Morning Prayer)

CONFESSIONS:

Each Saturday morning between 10.00-10.30 a.m. and in the evening 6.45 p.m.-7.10 p.m. (before the Saturday Vigil Mass).

BAPTISMS:

By appointment. After speaking to Fr. Jonathan to arrange a date, please contact Claire O'Donnell 07743 704383 (text or 'phone). Congratulations to the Horbury family whose little daughter, Delilah Margaret, is to be baptised this Sunday. We wish them a very joyful day. Please pray for our latest addition to the St Columba's parish family.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Bernard Bownas, Alan Taylor, Helen Veronica Mack, Peter Concannon, Terence George Maloney, Bill Heenev, Ann Jane Harrison, Carolyn Thornton, Ken Hall, George Lavender, Wilfred Turner, John Ray Green, Patricia Westrom, Colin James Reynard, Marie (Nancy) Dagger, George Gibbons, William Johnson, William Huxley, Mary Ellen McCorry, Mary Vivien Dagger, Dennis O'Gorman, Bertha Lofthouse, Anthony Wall, Mary Elizabeth James, Fiona Stuart, Hugh McCafferty, James Edward Jones, Terence McNicholas, Cecil Arthur Baker, Joseph Stringer, Janet Evans, Joan Burton, Lionel Dean, Francis Gallagher, Mary McKay, Harry John Teague.

OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate:	£570.29
Planned Giving:	£502.96
Average Weekly Standing Orders:	£720.00
Candles:	£ 46.02
Stoles:	£ 41.35

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

8th May Elizabeth & Chris Tombola
15th May 17th Chester Guides Finjamboree Finland
22nd May Anybody like to volunteer?
Tea, coffee and juice are served in the hall after both Sunday Masses. All are welcome.

Coffee, cake and book stall on 15th May is to support Natasha, Sophia and Sasha from this Guides Group for their expedition to the Guide/Scout Camp "Finjamboree" <https://roihsu2016.fi/en> in July in Finland. Please show your support on 15th May after Mass. We look forward to seeing you!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS:

Family celebrations of the Sacrament continue throughout May. At the 11.00 a.m. Mass each Sunday (except 15th May) some or all of the central pews will be reserved for the children and their families.

- We pray for and congratulate those making their first Holy Communion this weekend: Julia Bartkowiak, Carina DeSouza, Conor DeSouza, Sophia Gutierrez, Nikodem Kras, Isaac Oates, William Conway.

CONFIRMATION:

Everyone who has put their name down to be Confirmed should have received a personal invitation to the parents and candidates' information meeting in the Iona Chapel, 7 p.m. on Monday. Please email stcolumbatheresaconfirmation@hotmail.co.uk if you want to be Confirmed and have not been contacted. Please come to this meeting if you are interested in being Confirmed.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

CWL will hold their next meeting on Monday, 9th May at 7.30 p.m. in St. Francis' Church Hall. Ann-Marie Curtis will give a talk on "St Werburgh's Great War Project". All welcome.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

- Sunday: **The Ascension of the Lord.** The Ascension, which occurred 40 days after Jesus rose from the dead at Easter, is the final act of our redemption that Christ began on Good Friday. On this day, the risen Christ, in the sight of His apostles, ascended bodily into Heaven.
- Friday: **Our Lady of Fatima.** The Feast celebrates the appearance of Our Lady to three Portuguese children Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco six times from May 13th to October 13th in 1917. The message of Fatima is repentance so that the world may be transformed into a place of peace.
- Saturday: **St. Matthias, Apostle** – A companion of Jesus and witness to the resurrection, Matthias was chosen by lot to take the place of Judas and so to share the apostolic ministry of the twelve (Acts 1:15-26). He is named in Eucharistic Prayer I (Roman Canon).

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The Residents of Arley Close, Lincoln Drive. & Grasmere Road.
- The elderly and housebound.
- For all who prepare the food and who come and enjoy fellowship at church meals.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN UPTON:

- A new vicar has been appointed to Holy Ascension Parish Church. He is the Reverend Paul Newman, currently Vicar of Christ Church, Barnton near Northwich. His induction service will take place in September.
- Churches Together in Upton have recently extended the practice of praying for the residents of particular roads by encouraging individual prayer requests. These can be made in writing to: Prayer Meeting, Upton United Reformed Church, Heath Road, Chester, or by email: info@uptonurc.org.uk.
- Churches Together in Upton hold a Coffee Morning each Monday at The Pavilion, Wealstone Lane (next to the Library) from 10 a.m. to noon - an ideal opportunity to meet and make friends in a relaxed welcoming atmosphere. If anyone is interested in helping out, please come along on a Monday to find out more.

DIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS:

The Annual Day for Catechists, previously arranged for Saturday, 11th June has now been postponed until **Saturday 12th November**. All further details including registration arrangements to follow.

ST PIO PRAYER GROUP:

The next meeting is on **Thursday, 12th May**, starting at 7.30 p.m. in 10 Totland Grove, Newton, Chester. CH2 2EY.

CALLING ALL DOCTORS, NURSES AND CARERS:

Bookings are well under way for the 2016 Diocesan Pilgrimage (**26th July-3rd Aug**) and we would welcome volunteers who are willing to work with our medical team in caring for our registered sick pilgrims. If you are able to join us, or know anyone who would like to serve those who need care during the week in Lourdes, please call the medical office on 07970 943940 or email info@shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk Please also support and encourage those who are sick or in need of assistance to join the diocese in this special year of Pilgrimage.

CHRISTIAN AID LUNCH:

A lunch for Christian Aid will be held on Wednesday, 18th May, from 12- 1.00pm at Holy Ascension Church, Upton. All are welcome to attend.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 22ND – 29TH MAY:

This year **URC Upton (Heath Road)** are hosting the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The week commences at **6.30 p.m. on Sunday, 22nd May, closing at 7.p.m.** and continuing every day, **Monday to Saturday, (23rd-28th May) at 6.45 until 7.15 p.m.** The closing day, **Sunday, 29th May, is at 6.30 p.m. closing at 7.15 p.m.**

The three churches take turn to lead the services and **St Columba's parish will lead Day 3 and Day 4 (24th and 25th May).**

All parishioners are cordially invited to attend any or all of the services. The liturgy each day has been prepared by the churches of Latvia.

PAUSE FOR HOPE, SUNDAY 5TH JUNE:

Here at St. Columba's, 3.00 p.m. An ecumenical service, led by Bishop Mark, 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.

ST. COLUMBA'S SOCIAL EVENTS DIARY:

Family Bingo Night:

Thanks to everyone who came along to make this another successful evening. Thanks to all the helpers and those people who donated prizes.

Sunday, 5th June:

Annual BBQ after 11.00 a.m. Mass to celebrate St. Columba's Anniversary.

Friday, 22nd July:

Trip to Worcester; the list is now up in the front porch for people's names and also providing more details about the trip.

TOMATO PLANTS:

Tomato plants will be on sale in the Hall on Sundays 15th and 22nd May, sales in aid of our Third World projects. If anyone has any 3 inch pots (black or brown) they do not need I would be grateful for them. Thank you. Pauline Payne 01244 350323.

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:

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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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