

St Columba's Church

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TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 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
The Parish
Jim & Mary Davis
Private Intention
Eileen Beck
Priest's Intention
Priest's Intention
Private Intention
Priest's Intention
Marie Terese Camillieri
The Parish
Hughie Middleton

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.

Warm congratulations and welcome to **Finnian Osian Gordon** and **Jacob Lewis Goff** who were baptised on Sunday 1st September. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Eileen Mary Pealing, Molly Addison, Mary Wilde, Robert Charles Jones, Simon Sinclair Dolan, George Ogg, Lucy Maria Taylor, Brigid Brennan, Sheila Williamson, Dorothy Harrop, Lionel John Sheridan, Philomena Byrne, Dorothea Steiner, Dorothy Tierney, Jenny Harris, Joseph Reginald Dunne, Catherine Frances Hewitt, Mary McPherson, Norah Veronica Lester, Mary Margaret Pengelly, Donald John Reddy, Christopher Dutton, Robert Marsden, Henry Morgan, Patricia Galvin, Arthur Peacock, Catherine White, Eileen Reynard, Susan Marie Beavan, Jane Abbott, Gerald Tilston, Eileen Ardern, Anna Mary Wright, Ann McCarthy, Anthony Wolfe, Rev. John E. Williams, Joseph Ryan, Gloria Mary Durack.

CONFESSIONS:

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

ST. PIO PRAYER GROUP:

The next meeting will be on Thursday, 12th September at 7.30 p.m. in 10 Totland Grove, Newton, Chester. CH2 2EY.

OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate:	£534.82
Planned Giving:	£532.00
Average Weekly SOs:	£547.00
Coffee Morning:	£ 17.70
SVP Collection:	£276.41

Thank you for your continued support.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

Sept 8th Guides Parish
Sept 15th Jackie Turvey Sea Cadets/Parish
Sept 22nd Heather Lannin Sierra Leone
Tea and coffee is served in the hall after both the Sunday morning Masses. All are very welcome.

RED MISSION BOXES:

Could those parishioners holding Red Mission boxes please leave them in the Sacristy for Margaret Curtis to collect. Once the boxes are emptied they can be collected from the rear porch. *Thank you for your continued support.*

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

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

MISSION TODAY MAGAZINES:

The Autumn issue of this magazine is available in the two porches of the Church. Thank you for your continued support.

UPTON CHURCHES QUIZ:

The annual quiz for the Upton Churches will be held in the Hall on Friday, 11th October. See the notice board for more information.

ST COLUMBA'S HALL BOOKINGS:

For all bookings/enquiries please contact

Sue Carr on 07553 114531

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YEAR OF FAITH:

The Liturgy of the Word ends with the Creed, the Homily and the Bidding Prayers. The Creed is only said on Sundays and major feasts and is a subject in its own right, too lengthy to be treated here, and the Homily is not always given by the

Celebrant and is his personal thoughts. The Bidding Prayers, also known as the Prayers of the Faithful or the Universal Prayer or General Intercessions, ceased to be part of the Mass around the Seventh Century until restored by Vatican II. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM)* states that the Bidding Prayers are the response of the faithful to the Word of God, which they have just received, and, exercising the office of their baptismal priesthood, offer prayers to God for the salvation of all. *GIRM* suggests that the order of the prayers should be: for the needs of the Church, for public authorities and the salvation of the whole world, for those burdened with difficulty and for the local community. *GIRM* states that the intentions should be sober, be composed with a wise liberty in few words and be expressive of the prayer of the whole community. The Bidding Prayers are a fitting way for all of us to conclude the Liturgy of the Word. (It is appropriate at this time to say a special thank-you to the authors who compose our Bidding Prayers.)

UNIVERSAL DAY OF FASTING & PRAYER FOR PEACE 7TH SEPTEMBER 2013

We echo Pope Francis' call for a worldwide day of fasting and prayer "invoking God's great gift of peace upon the beloved nation of Syria and upon each situation of conflict and violence around the world." Although this special day was 7th September, we should continually pray for lasting peace in our troubled world.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES:

These classes are held in the Church Hall on Wednesday evenings in term time, from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. They are for the children who come to St. Columba's Church but are unable to attend St. Werburgh's & 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 18th September. Please ring Pauline Payne on 01244 350323 to enrol or for more information.

DIOCESAN MASS, SATURDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER:

A Healing Mass will be celebrated for families affected by mental health issues and those that work in this area. The Mass will be at 12 noon at the church of the Sacred Heart & St. Peter, Southmoor Road, Baguley, M23 1HP. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered and all are welcome. Afterwards, there will be an opportunity to find out about support groups for both those that suffer and their carers. In addition, Sr Jo Bird will lead an afternoon of reflection in the club attached to the church. For more information please contact Mark & Liz Dutton: 01625 428498

DIOCESAN ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG CATHOLICS:

Please note that the launch event originally to take place at St Columba's on Sunday, 8th September has had to be postponed. We will be advised of a new date.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:

Back in action for the new School Year! The theme this week and next is **Respect** and the prayer is:

Lord God, you have made us in your own image and likeness and you love all that you have made. Jesus respected every person he met and showed his disciples how to do the same.

Encourage us to respect and value ourselves and others by following his example. Amen

MUSIC GROUP AT 11.00 a.m. MASS:

The Music Group restarts next week, on Sunday 15th September. To keep the group going we need more members, both players and singers. Can you help us lead the singing at 11.00 a.m. Mass on alternate Sundays? The only commitment is to come to the practice before Mass. Please come along, or phone Pauline Payne on 01244 350323.

FROM "NAZARETH TO NORWICH":

A service to celebrate the role of women in our faith. This special service, for the fifth Sunday of the month and organised by St. Columba's on behalf of Churches Together in Upton, will be held here at 6.00 p.m. on Sunday, 29th September. See the poster on the notice board. All welcome.

S.V.P. HOLIDAY HOME:

The Bebington Dramatic Society is performing a psychological thriller called "Dead Reckoning" and SVP have been given tickets for Wednesday, 11th September at 7.30 p.m. for £5/ticket. See notice board for further details; tickets from B. Forrest 01244 318863.

S.V.P. SPONSORED WALK:

The S.V.P. sponsored walk this year will take place on Sunday, 22nd September, from St. Winifred's, Neston, with all proceeds going for the upkeep of the Holiday Home. Sponsored forms will be at the front and back of Church, if you would like to sponsor Val-Brian, or if anyone else would like to take part.

NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Brian Webster
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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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