

St Columba's Church

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19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 9th AUGUST 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 noon
Saturday: 9.15 a.m.
Saturday Vigil Mass: 7.15 p.m.
Sunday: 9.15 a.m.
11.00 a.m.

INTENTIONS:

Mary & Jack Byrne.
Anne & Alan Siddall.
Golden Wedding.
Irene Jones.
Catherine Herbert.
Robert Cherry.
World Peace.
Ged McEnery.
Ed & Anne Schofield.
Irene Jones.
The Parish.
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LATELY DEAD:

Please remember in your prayers Brigitte Wilhelmina Dowling. Her funeral will be at Chester Crematorium on **Wednesday 12th August** at 3.20 p.m.

Also Ronald Francis Oldfield whose funeral is on **Wednesday 12th August** at 10.40 a.m. at Chester Crematorium.

We pray for those who mourn and we ask you to give comfort and strength to their families.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:

Congratulations to Anne and Alan Siddall celebrating their golden wedding anniversary. We wish them every happiness and blessings.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Mary Alice Lennon, Elizabeth Harvey, Hodkinson, Bep Le Miere, Winifred McCaffery, Teresa Howard, Jenny Harris, May Walsh, Gerry Hynes, Gordon Edward Townson, Nancy Corley, Michael Hanratty, Bertha Cummings, Barbara Knight, Ellen Joan Astbury, Catherine Josephine Foster, Jane Wilbraha, John Edward (Jack) Harley, Beatrice Frances Dunne, Patricia Joan Shone, Bill Bailey, Ian Bullough, William Roberts, Marjorie Howarth, Margaret Newsham, June Anna Mary Smith, Brian Parkinson, Harry Colley, Helena Wilbraham, Isabel Jones, Margaret Kendal, Joan Margaret Pickmere.

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.

CONFESSIONS:

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

OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate: £475.92
Planned Giving: £412.06
Average Weekly SOs: £683.00

Many thanks for your generous support.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

9th August -----
16th August CWL CWL
23 August SPUC Parish

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.

Teas, coffees and juices 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 Acres Lane, Alwyn Gardens and Brooke Avenue.
- The clergy of the Churches in Upton.
- For their congregations.

ST PIO PRAYER GROUP:

The next meeting is on **Thursday 13th August** at 7.30pm in 10 Totland Grove, Newton, Chester CH2 2EY.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN UPTON:

Churches Together in Upton has changed and evolved over the years. If you have any ideas about the future and/or would like to be involved you are very welcome to attend our informal AGM meeting on **Wednesday 9th September** at 7.30pm at the United Reformed Church, Heath Road.

HALL AVAILABILITY:

The Hall Bookings Calendar may now be viewed and printed out from a new section of the parish website – this will be useful for anyone possibly wishing to make a booking and needing to have a preliminary check on available dates. Please note that bookings are still to be made through Sue Carr, and that only Sue can make changes to the Calendar. Many thanks to Rebecca Vaughan for her technical help with this new facility.

ST. COLUMBA'S HALL BOOKINGS:

For all Hall bookings and enquiries please contact Sue Carr on 07553 114531

E-mail: columbashallbookings@gmail.com

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

- Monday: **St. Laurence**, martyred in AD 258 by the Roman Emperor Valerian. Little is known for certain about his life but tradition has it that he provoked the displeasure of the Roman prefect in the days following the execution of Pope Sixtus II. He was the first of seven deacons to be appointed by Pope Sixtus, and for this reason was sometimes known as "the Pope's Archdeacon." He was entrusted with the "care of the treasury and riches of the church, and the distribution of its revenues among the poor."
- Tuesday: **St. Clare of Assisi** (1194 - 1253) the foundress of the order of nuns that came to be known as the "Poor Clares", a reflection of their commitment to personal poverty and austerity. She was just a few years younger than St. Francis and was much moved by his preachings, and her order closely followed the Franciscan ideals. St. Clare herself never left her Assisi convent, but her order spread to many countries throughout Europe.
- Friday: **St. Maximilian Kolbe** (1894 - 1941) who, like Edith Stein (St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross), perished in the concentration camp at Auschwitz. Maximilian was a Polish Franciscan priest who, after spells in Rome and Japan, became superior of a Franciscan community in Poland. After the German invasion of Poland the monastery became a major refugee camp, but Maximilian continued with his previous publishing activities, conveying a fiercely critical line. He was arrested and sent to Auschwitz, and met his end when he volunteered to take the place of another prisoner, who was spared and eventually reunited with his family - and was able to be present at Maximilian's canonisation ceremony in 1982.

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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