

St Columba's Church

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY, 10TH AUGUST 2014

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.
7.15 p.m.
Saturday: 9.15 a.m.

INTENTIONS:

Special Servite Intention
Anne Reid
The Parish
Linda & Lee Parker
Private Intention
Private Intention
Sr. Angela O.S.M.
Holy Souls
Holy Souls
Private Intention

Saturday Vigil Mass: 7.15 p.m. Private Intention-S. Cherry
Sunday: 9.15 a.m. Holy Souls
11.00 a.m. The Parish

TO CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ON FRIDAY 15TH AUGUST THERE WILL BE A MASS AT 9.15 a.m. AND 7.15 p.m.

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.

CONFESSIONS:

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

BAPTISMS:

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

LATELY DEAD:

Please remember in your prayers Mary Elizabeth Grew who died recently. Her requiem mass is on Wednesday 20th August at 12.45 p.m. we pray and remember her with great affection and love.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Mary Alice Lennon, Elizabeth Harvey, Hodkinson, Winifred McCaffery, Teresa Howard, Jenny Harris, 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, 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, Bill Corley, Rose Jones and Evelyn Florence Bailey.

OFFERTORY

Loose Plate: £465.37
Planned Giving: £474.70
Average Weekly SOs: £510.00
Donation from the Badminton Group £150.00
Thank you for your continued generosity.

If you are interested in joining the Planned Giving and/or Gift Aid schemes, please ring David Savage on 01244 380626.

SVP COLLECTION:

Many thanks for the collection of last week £253.12.

'THE FUND' MASSES:

'The Fund' Masses, offered for priests who have recently died are part of a tradition; when a Priest joins the Diocese they are asked to join 'The Fund' and make a commitment to pray for Priests when they die, encourage all of us to remember them at Mass and support the Priests by making an offering for their Priests.

DECLINING MASS INTENTIONS:

Recently the number of Mass Intentions has dipped a lot: So please support this great Catholic tradition of offering Masses for the living and the dead, not forgetting the needs of our families and the wider family of the Church.
Many thanks to all of you for your constant support.

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.
- The congregations of the Churches in Upton.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

10th August Elizabeth & Christopher Tombola
17th August CWL Parish
24th August Pat & John SPUC

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS ROTA:

Your new Rota is now ready for collection in the front porch. Please can I remind everyone to get a replacement should you be away for any reason, particularly during the holiday season. Many thanks.

UPTON CHURCHES "5th SUNDAY" SERVICES:

Churches Together in Upton have recently revived their earlier tradition of holding a joint service on those occasions when a calendar month includes a 5th Sunday. The next such Sunday will be 31st August, when St. Columba's will be hosting the service at 7.00 p.m. This particular service will celebrate the roles of the great northern saints, Aidan, Cuthbert and Bede – Aidan's feast being 31st August, Cuthbert 4th September. Posters in the porches and on our website.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

- Monday: **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 preaching, 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.
- Thursday: **St. Maximilian Kolbe** (1894 - 1941) who, like Edith Stein, 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.
- Friday: **Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, commemorating the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven--a foretaste of our own bodily resurrection at the end of time.

CALLING ALL GOLFERS!

The diocesan Catholic Children's Society is holding a fundraising Charity Golf Tournament on **Monday 22nd September** at Wirral Ladies Golf Club. Each team of 4 can be made up of Ladies, Men's and mixed groups. Golf and buffet cost £160.00 per group. Your support would be very much appreciated to make this a wonderful day. For further details see poster on parish website or visit the Society's webpage www.cathchildsoc.org.uk

GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION:

The Flower Festival will be in Church from Thursday 4th to Sunday 7th September. The Church will be open from 10.30 to 6.30. During this time we will require 3 or 4 Stewards in the Church at all times. Can you help? Please check calendars – lists for volunteers will be available next week – or ring Sue 312892. We will also require help with refreshments in the Hall during this period. We are also looking for a 'dressmaker's dummy' to borrow for this period.

SIDE ALTAR KNEELERS:

You will notice that, as part of the 50th Anniversary improvements, the kneelers on the two side altars have been replaced. The four old individual kneelers are available should anybody want them. Contact Pauline Rourke (372392) or David Savage (380626) if you are interested.

CATECHIST DAYS:

Fr. Chris Matthews from the diocese has provided advance notice of forthcoming Catechist Days. All the events below will take place here at St. Columba's. Further details, including times and booking forms, will be available over the summer. While each of the series of three Catechist Days can stand alone, each day will build on the previous session(s) together building a course, and attendance at all three is recommended:

- **Saturday 27th September** - day one for new and existing catechists;
- **Saturday 15th November** - day two for new and existing catechists;
- **Saturday 6th December** - day three for new and existing catechists.

Also:

- **Saturday 11th October** - Annual Day for RCIA catechists.

Dates for the autumn diary!!!

CHESTER CAFOD SUPPORT GROUP:

The group is 25 years old this year. They have an exciting event planned for Friday 26th September, 7.30 p.m. here at St. Columba's Church Hall, featuring The Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service Choir, finalists in BBC's "The Choir: Sing while you work". **Tickets available soon!**

ST COLUMBA'S HALL BOOKINGS:

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

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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. Website: www.stcolumbachester.org.uk