

St Columba's Church

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY 10th MAY 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 a.m.
Saturday:	9.15 a.m.
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	11.00 a.m.

INTENTIONS:

Nora & Stan Wynne.
The Parish.
Richard & Nina Curtis.
Ken. A.
Frank Stone.
Private Intention.
Rose Devlin RIP.
Private Intention
Priest's Intention.
Marie Terese Camilieri.
Holy Souls.
The Parish.

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:

Please pray for the soul of William Terence Walsh who died recently. We also pray for his wife and family

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: George Lavender, Wilfred Turner, John Ray Green, Patricia Westrom, Marie (Nancy) Dagger, George Gibbons, William Johnson, William Huxley, Mary Ellen McCorry, Mary Vivien Dagger, Dennis O'Gorman, Bertha Lofthouse, Anthony Wall, 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, Michael Joseph Barnett, William Walker, Thomas Patrick Dowd and Lillian Rachel Beswick.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS:

Family celebrations of the Sacrament continue throughout May. At the 11.00 a.m. Mass each Sunday some or all of the central benches are reserved for the children and their families (next Sunday only two will be needed). We pray for and congratulate those making their First Holy Communion this weekend: Ruben Abbott Beck, Joshua Borman, Saul Gaughan, Zachary Gooding, Aidan Higgins, George Jobins, Gerald Kalappurayil (Blessing), Luca Lampard, Harry Owens, Patrick Reddy (Blessing).

CONFESSIONS:

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

OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate:	£670.52
Planned Giving:	£476.68
Average Weekly SOs:	£683.00

Many thanks for your generous support.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

May 10 th Elizabeth & Christopher	Tombola
May 17 th Heather & Jackie	Sierra Leone
May 24 th Val & Marg	Hospice

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 Arley Close, Lincoln Drive and Grasmere Road
- The elderly and housebound
- All who prepare food and those who come and enjoy the fellowship enjoyed at church meals.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN UPTON:

This group, which includes St. Columba's, Holy Ascension and the United Reformed Church, has for many years organised ecumenical activities in Upton. It has always been well supported by St. Columba's parishioners. Two long-serving representatives from St. Columba's on the CT Upton committee are planning to stand down during the summer. This is a good opportunity for one or more people who might like to help the development of inter church activities in Upton. If you feel you might be one of those persons, or would like to know more, please ring Bernard Payne (350323) or David Savage (380626).

ST PIO PRAYER GROUP: The next meeting will be on Thursday, 14th May at 7.30pm at 10, Totland Grove, Newton, Chester. CH2 2EY. New members welcome

READERS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Inside each Newsletter last weekend was a leaflet inviting St. Columba's parishioners to consider whether they might contribute to the life of the parish as a Reader or Eucharistic Minister. Expressions of interest from any parishioner over the age of 16 would be very welcome – you'll find marked boxes in the porches for return of the forms.

ST COLUMBA'S PARISH SAFEGUARDING:

If any member of the parish community wishes to discuss safeguarding in relation to children/vulnerable adults please contact the Parish Safeguarding Representative: Claire Graham on 01244 341287 or 07880553830. Alternatively, the Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator, Andrew O'Brien, can be contacted on 01516529855 or cpva@DioceseOfShrewsbury.org

NEPAL EARTHQUAKE APPEAL:

The envelopes are still available for the CAFOD emergency appeal. Please return them at church via the normal offertory boxes. In addition, throughout May donations may be made via the Third World Wall boxes in either porch. CAFOD is a member of the Disasters Emergency Committee, the coalition of aid agencies who are working together on this emergency appeal, and donations can also be made online via www.cafod.org.uk or www.dec.org.uk

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION:

- **Twitter** – The Catholic High School Parents Association is now on Twitter. If you would like to be kept up to date on all events and fundraisers, then follow us @pa_chs Tell as many parents/people as you can to follow us too!

Thanks for all your support.

THE LAY VOCATION: *What is it? How can I live it?*

A day of reflection on this topic will be held on **Saturday 16th May**, 10.30am to 3.30pm at Ellesmere Port Catholic High School. It will be led by Fr. Christopher Jamison OSB (Director of the Dept. for Vocations of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales) as part of his 4-day visit to the diocese. He will lead a reflection on the living of the vocation of laity within marriage, or as a single person, of whatever age. ALL ARE WELCOME! £5 donation. Please bring a packed lunch. To register phone 0151 652 9855 or email pauline.mcculloch@dioceseofshrewsbury.org.uk

CALLED TO BE ...?

'Called to be ...?' is the question Fr. Christopher Jamison O.S.B will explore on **Friday 15th May** from 7 p.m. with young adults aged 16 to 30 years of age. Join Fr. Christopher at St. Werburgh's Parish Centre in Chester for food, drink and a chance to ask 'what kind of person does God want me to be?' For more details, please see the posters in the porches, or visit the Diocesan Website www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/youth

TOMATO PLANTS:

Will be on sale this Sunday and next, in the Church Hall after the morning Masses. Proceeds to Parish Third World Projects.

ST. COLUMBA'S HALL BOOKINGS:

For all Hall bookings and enquiries please contact Sue Carr on 07553 114531
e-mail: columbashallbookings@gmail.com

OUR LADY FATIMA DAY ON SUNDAY 10th MAY:

Our Lady Fatima Day at The Sacred Shrine of Peter, Paul & Philomena, Atherton Street, New Brighton on **Sunday 10th May**. Mass at 10.30am followed by Procession with statue, free hot lunch provided. Followed by Marian talk at 2pm, 3.15pm Exposition, Rosary Silent Adoration, Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. All are welcome! Contact Rachel on 07770266679 for further details.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, 10th – 16th MAY:

We are looking for volunteers to help play our local part the annual house-to-house collection. The envelopes are available this weekend, set out on the table in the rear porch. They are made up into bundles for each of the local streets we have been allocated. Each bundle contains all necessary details regarding collecting arrangements. If you are able to cover any of the local streets, please add your name to the list, indicating which street(s). Your help will be very much appreciated. Further information from Bernard Payne, 01244 350323.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

Thanks to all those who made the bingo night a success and also thanks to all the helpers. Look out for information on the following:

Sunday 7th June - Annual BBQ to celebrate the anniversary of St Columba

Friday 24th July - Coach trip to Lancaster

MUSIC THEATRE SHOWCASE:

St Columba's Hall will host a Music Theatre Showcase in aid of the Hospice of the Good Shepherd on Saturday 23rd May. This will be a fun night for all the family, and you are welcome to bring your own alcoholic refreshments! Soft drinks, teas and coffees and snacks will be served in the interval. Doors open 7.30pm for 8.00pm. Why not pop over after Mass? The event will finish around 10.15pm. Tickets £5 adults £4 kids. Contact Catherine chartseducation@gmail.com or 07840 114297

NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Bernard Payne
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Items for inclusion to be in the blue folder in the Sacristy by 9.00 a.m. on Thursday.

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