

# St Columba's Church

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## **NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 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:**

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:**

The Parish.

Patrick O'Donovan.

Patricia Caldwell.

Anne Griffin. R.I.P.

Bill Bailey.

Special Intention.

### **HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION**

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

9.15 a.m. Gerry Walsh.

7.15 p.m. Private Intention

9.15 a.m. Mary Ellen Murphy. R.I.P.

9.15 a.m. Percy Chase.

7.15 p.m. Marie Terese Camillieri.

9.15 a.m. The Parish.

11.00 a.m. Paddy Folan.

### **LATELY DEAD:**

We pray for Percy Chase who died recently. May God give strength and support to his family.

### **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.

Congratulations to the family of Nicolas John and Carolina Jasmin Van Gordon Woods. The twins are to be baptised this Sunday. We welcome them to the Church with their family as they celebrate this happy event. Please remember them in your prayers.

### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Please remember in your prayers: 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) Harle, Beatrice Frances Dunne, 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, Evelyn Florence Bailey, Patrick Sheehan, Anne Patterson .

### **CONFESSIONS:**

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

### **OFFERTORY:**

Loose Plate: £539.42

Planned Giving: £473.46

Average Weekly SOs: £547.00

**Donation:** Social – Badminton Group

£172.50

Many thanks for your generous support.

### **UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:**

This week we pray for:

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

### **SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:**

11th Aug Mary Kilcoyne CWL Parish

18th Aug Chris & Elizabeth Nichols Tombola

25th Aug Elizabeth Wilson Parish

Tea and coffee are served in the hall after both

Sunday masses. All are very welcome.

### **CHURCH SURROUNDS:**

A big "thank you" to the people who took part in the gardening session on Saturday, when some good progress was made, the weather was kind, and the Hall was open for a welcome cuppa during our labours! The next monthly session will be on the first Saturday in September, September 8<sup>th</sup> from 9.45 until around noon. Additional helpers will be very welcome. Further information about the group from Bernard Payne, 01244 350323.

### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS:**

**Your new rota, which commenced last weekend, is available for collection.**

Also if you have an e-mail address, or have changed your e-mail address, please could you inform Carol Galvin. Thank you.



YEAR OF FAITH 2012  
2013

### YEAR OF FAITH

The Liturgy of the Word on Sundays usually begins with a reading from the Old Testament, which tells the story of how God nurtured his chosen people in preparation for the coming of the Messiah. We should remember that Christ was a man of the Jewish race and

for thirty years professed and practised the Jewish religion. Our Lady and St Joseph likewise with all the Apostles and early members of the Church were Jews. The fact that Our Lord lived the Jewish faith assures us that the revelations contained in the books of the Old Testament must be accepted as written by divine authority. The sacred books of Judaism have become our sacred books, so the faith we possess is rooted in the Jewish faith. Although the Jews of our own age reject Jesus as their Messiah, we should still respect them and treat them with love and friendship. During the years since the time of Christ the Church has not always treated Jews in a proper manner. In Rome, for example, for many centuries they were locked in a ghetto every night, and attitudes only changed after Blessed John Paul II visited the synagogue in the ghetto and apologised for the Church's attitude.

### FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

August 11<sup>th</sup> is the feast of **St. Clare of Assisi** (1194 - 1253) the founder 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.

August 14<sup>th</sup> is the feast of **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, eventually reunited with his family - and who was able to be present at Maximilian's canonisation ceremony in 1982.

### 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:

This will be compiled by Bernard Payne

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Items for inclusion can also 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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