

St Columba's Church

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- ❖ Chester Hospitals' Chaplaincy: Tel: 01244 364543, answer phone available.
- ❖ Parish Safeguarding Representative: Claire Graham. Tel 01244 341287 or 0788 055 3830.

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 11th OCTOBER 2015

MASS TIMES:

Saturday Vigil Mass:	7.15 p.m.	INTENTIONS: Austin & Margot Pinnington
Sunday:	9.15 a.m.	The Parish.
	11.00 a.m.	Ann McIntyre.
Monday:	9.15 a.m.	Eileen Jones.
Tuesday:	9.15 a.m.	Private Intention.
Wednesday:	12.00 noon.	REQUIEM Fr Alan Collins
Thursday:	9.15 a.m.	Eric Gerrard.
Friday:	9.15 a.m.	Joan Wilkinson.
Saturday:	9.15 a.m.	NO MORNING MASS.
Saturday Vigil Mass:	7.15 p.m.	Jane O'Hora.
Sunday:	9.15 a.m.	Mary & James Regan.
	11.00 a.m.	The Parish

TUESDAY 13th OCTOBER at 5.30pm – Reception of body of Fr Alan Collins

NO CONFESSIONS ON SATURDAY.

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.

LATELY DEAD:

Please pray for Fr Alan Collins who has died; he was a retired Holy Ghost Father and had recently come to live at the Retired Priests' Residence on Hoole Road. We give thanks to God for his faithful ministry, may God's Mercy and Love be eternally with him.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: William (Billy) Harrison, Eric Hill, Josephine Fitzpatrick, Charles Patrick Creighton, Esther Veronica Thomas, Olive Joyce Pascall, Gerald Fergus Patrick Doran, Michael Jones and Maureen Fynn, Amy Harris, Doris Jobson, Ann Jane Williams, Jack Millington, Joan Logan, Rev J. J. O'Loughlin, Joseph Daniel Douglas, Margaret Frickel, Joseph Connelly, Paul V Mouritz, William Francis Davies, Peter Wilkinson, Edward (Ted) Andrew Patterson, Kitty Knox, John Desmond Barrett, Margaret Dunfoy, Catherine Bissett, Beatrice (Trixie) Barlow, Catherine Reade, Mary Heffernan, Aileen Mary Griffiths, Joan McHugh, Esther Woods, Rose Turnbull, Elizabeth Woolnough, Mary Lilian Davenport, Margaret Houston.

VESTMENTS:

Very many thanks for the generous gift to the Parish of two sets of Mass vestments – one white and one green. It is very generous and much appreciated.

OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate:	£405.20
Planned Giving:	£441.90
Donation (Candles)	£ 44.13
Average Weekly Standing Orders:	£683.00

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

11 th Oct.	Lisa Gornell	Parish
18 th Oct	21 st Guides Group.	Parish
25 th Oct	Sue Carr	Chernobyl Children

The coffee rota is on the notice board in the Hall.
Tea, coffee and juice are served in the hall after both Sunday morning Masses. All are welcome.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING:

Thank you all for supporting this nationally important cancer support campaign. We made £140.50!!! A fantastic contribution from St. Columba's yet again. A special thank you to those who baked and donated. Mary Berry would have been proud.

THANK YOU:

To St. Columba's Brownies & Guides who recently held a very successful Bring & Buy and Social Evening and as a result raised almost £200 towards Parish funds. Well done to all concerned.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Garth Drive, Liverpool Road and Ennerdale
- Church Hall Secretaries and Electoral Roll Secretary.
- Those who come to our church halls, that they will find fellowship.

NEW MOHC AND READERS ROTA:

Please will you pick up your copy of the new Rota from the front porch. This Rota goes up to and includes Advent. The Christmas Rota will follow later on. If you have an email address please will you let Carol Galvin have it. It is so much easier than paper copies. Many thanks.

PARISH CATECHISTS:

All Parish Catechists involved in preparation programmes for Baptism, First Sacraments, and Confirmation and the Children's Liturgy team are invited to renew their commitment at the 11.00 a.m. Mass **this Sunday, 11th October.**

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

Entertainment evening with comedienne June Finney at St Francis Church Hall on **MONDAY 12 OCTOBER** at 8pm. Tickets £1 including refreshments. Tickets available from Elizabeth on 01244 346772 or pay on door.

QUIZ EVENING FRIDAY, 16TH OCTOBER:

Over the last few years, this Quiz Evening, arranged on behalf of Churches Together in Upton, has proved very popular and sociable. The Quiz is hosted by St. Columba's and will be held in our Hall, starting at 7.30 p.m. Tables of six, admission on the door £1 adults, 50p children. Further information on posters and flyers.

YOUNG ADULTS WEEKEND RETREAT – 23-25 OCTOBER:

The annual retreat of ACTS (Adult Catholics Together Spiritually) is taking place this October and if you are aged between 18 – 35 you are welcome to join us. Mgr. Paul Groghan, (until recently chaplain at Trinity University, Leeds) will lead us prayerfully through the weekend. The retreat will take place at Sandymount Retreat Centre, Blundellsands (four minutes from the sea!), near Liverpool. The cost is £120 but we will ask for **an anonymous donation so people give what they can!** If you would like to join us or wish to know more about it, please contact Siobhan at siobhanbc@talktalk.net or tel: 0161 477 2783 or mobile 07761 138947.

ST WERBURGH'S GREAT WAR DISPLAY: 7 - 15TH NOV:

Display in the church, with the emphasis on the effect of war on parish families. Biographies of 115 parishioners who fell in this war are in an interim Memorial Book in the Great War Memorial Chapel. History of this unique chapel and copies of recently published book, "We Shall Remember Them" also available.

Church open 1.0pm-4.0pm. from Sat.7th to Sun.15th Nov. Visitors very welcome. Party bookings taken and can be "tweaked" to fit particular interests. Contact cheshire.historian@fsmail.net tel: 01244 851717

"LAUDATO SI" – 21ST NOVEMBER:

St. Agnes, West Kirby, Justice & Peace group have arranged a study day on **21st November** from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on *Laudato Si: the Imperative to Change*. Ellen Teague, Tablet journalist and member of the Columbans' JPIC team, will speak on Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'*, and Paul Kelly, member of the Lancaster Diocese Faith and Justice Commission, will speak on climate change. No charge, and a light lunch is included. Registration essential for catering purposes: mamacook@aol.com 0151 625 6512.

WALSINGHAM 2016:

The annual trip to Walsingham will take place on **4th April 2016**. The cost will be £185, £85 deposit payable before Christmas – cheques to David Farrell. We will be using Carvers Travel. The spiritual leader, Fr Forshaw from St Anne's, New Ferry, will possibly bring 10 people from his parish. Anyone interested, please contact Brian Forrest 01244 318863 ASAP.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE:

A Pilgrimage for the Jubilee Year of Mercy, **November 21st – December 1st 2016**. Fr. Sharrocks, from St Peter's Hazel Grove is organising this pilgrimage. Staying in Jerusalem and Tiberias by Lake Galilee the pilgrimage will follow in the footsteps of the Master and visit the major places of the life, ministry, death and resurrection of the Lord. There will be Mass each day and opportunities for quiet prayer. The cost is £1695 which includes flights from Manchester direct to Tel Aviv, half board accommodation at the Gloria Hotel in Jerusalem and the Ron Beach Hotel in Tiberias. Single room supplement is payable as well as travel insurance and gratuities. Further details from Fr. Sharrocks at St. Peters 0161 483 3476

petersharrocks@stpetershazelgrove.org.uk

Or Lightline Pilgrimages 01992576065 www.lightline.org.uk

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

- Tuesday, **St. Edward the Confessor** (1004-1066). He was King of the English for a period of 24 years prior to the Norman Conquest. He was declared a saint in recognition of his religious devotion and his generosity to the poor and infirm. He was buried in Westminster Abbey, which he had re-founded and endowed in such a way that

destined it to become the place of coronation and burial of the long line of Kings and Queens of England.

- Thursday, **St. Teresa of Avila** (1515-1582). She founded a total of seventeen convents up and down Spain dedicated to the discalced, or stricter, order of Carmelites. She is famous for her teaching and range of writings on prayer and the spiritual life. In 1970 she was declared a Doctor of the Church, the first woman saint to be so honoured.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

Children's liturgy takes place in the Church Hall on Sundays during 11 o'clock Mass. We listen to the gospel in an easy format and do some art or craft activity. Children and parents of any age are welcome to come and try it out. You can leave your children in the Hall with the helpers or stay with them if you prefer. We all come back into church in time for the Offertory. Please assure your children that they won't have to read in church if they don't want to. If anyone is interested in helping with Children's Liturgy once every seven weeks, please contact catherine.green@care4free.net/tel. 01244 383866.

DIOCESAN VACANCIES:

Three posts have become available in the Diocesan Education Department based at the Curial Offices in Birkenhead. Closing date for applications: 14th October 2015. For further information, please see the poster on the notice-board in the front porch, or on the diocesan website:

www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/education/vacancies/diocesan

SHREWSBURY DIOCESE REFUGEE RESPONSE:

The Catholic Children's Society has been named as the Diocesan point of contact on Refugee issues. To enable information sharing, links to useful websites and opportunities for parishes and groups to inform / involve others in fundraising activities, collection points, offers of accommodation, volunteering time and skills, a Facebook page has been opened. In order to gain access please do the following: Connect to the website www.cathchildsoc.org.uk, click on the **Facebook** icon (top right hand corner of home page) and scroll down the page to click onto the **Shrewsbury Diocese Logo** and you are in. Or please enter the following URL: www.facebook.com/CathChildSociety

CAR OWNERS:

If you park around the Church grounds, please remember that access is important. Please allow adequate space and be sensitive to people on foot, ensuring safety and security for all.

ST. COLUMBA'S HALL BOOKINGS:

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

E-mail: columbashallbookings@gmail.com

NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Bernard Payne
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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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