

St Columba's Church

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15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 12th JULY 2015.

MASS TIMES:

Saturday Vigil Mass:	7.15 p.m.	The Parish.
Sunday:	9.15 a.m.	Private Intention.
	11.00 a.m.	Irene Jones.
Monday:	9.15 a.m.	Communion Service.
Tuesday:	9.15 a.m.	Communion Service.
Wednesday:	9.15 a.m.	Communion Service.
Thursday:	9.15 a.m.	Communion Service.
Friday:	9.15 a.m.	Communion Service.
Saturday:	9.15 a.m.	NO MORNING SERVICE.
	7.15 p.m.	John Anthony Walmsley.
Sunday	9.15 a.m.	The Parish.
	11.00 a.m.	Irene Jones.

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.

ANNIVERSARIES: Alwyn Dolan, Thomas Dowd, Arthur Robert Turner, Kathleen Tobin, Peggy Tobin, Peggy Harrison, Sean Terence Hughes, Thomas Christian, Edward Gibbons, Joyce Parker, Eileen Theresa Jones, Christopher O'Gorman, Mary Molly Jones, Stephan O'Gorman, Carmen McNeill, Sarah Collins, Marisa Theresa Filon, Annie (Anne) Hickey, Irene McEnery, Margaret Wilkes, Dr Lawrence Edward Garrett, Eugene Madden, Stephen Kirby, Donald Creedon, Joanne Peppitt, Arthur Clegg, Philip Clement Hodgkiss, Doreen Pock, John William Burton.

CONFESSIONS:

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

THANK YOU FROM FR. COOKE:

Fr. Cooke would like to warmly thank Parishioners for their kindness and Generosity at last week's Fortieth Anniversary celebration. Also, those involved in preparing for the day and just how well it went. To everyone many thanks.

THANK YOU:

Thank you to Canon Peter Walton who will be Celebrating all Masses with us this weekend.

OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate:	£500.94
Planned Giving:	£485.07
Average Weekly SOs:	£683.00

Many thanks for your generous support.

MUSIC AT THE 11.00 a.m. MASS:

Both the Music Group and Rob will start their summer break from this weekend and will be back again in September. We thank all the singers and players for the part they play so regularly in leading the music in the liturgy at Mass.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

July 12th Badminton Group	Parish
July 19th CWL	CWL
July 26th	

The next coffee rota is on the hall notice board. 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 very welcome.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- Pray for the residents of Dawpool Close, Ullswater Crescent and Orchard Close.
- For the Upton Churches Together Monday Coffee Morning.
- For the Churches Together in Upton Committee.
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YOUTH 2000 SUMMER PRAYER

FESTIVAL:

See the posters in the porches and on the parish website about this Festival for young adults 16-35. **27 – 31 August** at Walsingham.

www.youth20

M.O.H.C. AND READERS:

Your copy of the new Rota is in the front porch for collection. If I have an E-Mail address for you I will E-Mail it to you.

We welcome Michael Forber, Mary Williams and Santiago Reilly to the team.

ST. COLUMBA'S PARISH SAFEGUARDING:

Safeguarding in the church is about ensuring children, young people and vulnerable adults remain safe within our Catholic community: creating environments where every person is encouraged and enabled to enjoy the fullness of life in Jesus Christ through prayerful, caring, nurturing, supportive and protective behaviours. Each Diocese has a Safeguarding Coordinator and every Parish has a Parish Safeguarding Representative. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative has special responsibility for promoting good and safe practices in all activities involving children, young people and vulnerable adults within the parish.

Parish Safeguarding Representative: Claire Graham (01244 341287 / 07880553830)

Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator: Andrew O'Brien (0151 652 9855 / cpva@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

PARISH BUILDINGS COMMITTEE:

We reported at the end of last year that the committee had been seeking to find ways to improve the effectiveness of the heating in the Hall which, as many of you know, is cold in the winter. To be comfortably warm the Hall needs very much better insulation to the walls, windows and roof. Professional advice is that in order for the heating to be adequate the size of the main windows should be reduced. For some users this will be a considerable advantage, others will miss looking out at the roses. However, the Hall is used for a wide range of activities and unfortunately no solution will be perfect for everyone. The diocesan architect has drawn up plans for the window wall which also includes a remodelled and improved entrance. The top two window sections in the wall will be retained. One section can be opened, and both sections will be fitted with blinds. Both blinds and window opening will be electrically operated. The plans will be made available for parishioners to see. The diocese (as owners of the hall) will apply for planning permission.

As the improvements to the heating of the hall are too expensive for the parish or the diocese to bear the committee will apply for external funding at the end of the year.

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CATHOLIC SINGLES:

Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, either one to one or through social events. Please tel. 0161 941 3498, visit the website

www.catholicsingles.org.uk or email info@catholicsingles.org.uk

A CAFOD CELEBRATION:

"CAFOD Shrewsbury would be delighted if you can join us to celebrate and to give thanks for our abundant blessing at **A Summer Evening Gathering and Mass of Thanksgiving**." This will be on **Friday 24th July** at 7.00 p.m. at St. Clare's, Downsfield Road, Chester CH4 8HH. There will be a gathering and light refreshment afterwards in St. Clare's School. For further details please contact Sue or Liz 01244 677594 email: shrewsbury@cafod.org.uk

Note: as mentioned in our Newsletter last week, Sue Bownas and Liz Aiello end their many years' work for CAFOD on 31st July, so the Mass and Gathering at St. Clare's will be an excellent opportunity to thank them and wish them well.

CHESTER AID TO THE HOMELESS:

The coffee morning in aid of CATH raised £70.00. Thank you for your generous donation.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

The next meeting is on **Monday 13th July** at 7.30 p.m. at St Francis Church. Bring and Buy and Craft Skills. **All Welcome.**

PARISH SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

This year's trip is to Lancaster on **Friday 24th July**, the cost is £10. There is a list in the front porch of Church for names and providing more details. All monies to Margaret Curtis or Paul Wrigglesworth by Friday 17th July.

THE URSULINE SISTERS ARE MOVING SOUTH:

A Mass of Thanksgiving to celebrate the dedicated work of the Ursuline Sisters (before they move south), will be held at St Werburgh's Church

Chester on **Sunday September 27th** at 10.45 .

Mass will be followed by a light lunch and get together at St Werburgh's Parish Centre Chester .

The Sisters moved from Crewe to Chester in 1925 to begin their work in education . More recently they have worked for Justice and Peace and supported their local communities in three houses in the North West, always faithful to their motto "Serviam". We hope that many of you will be able to join us.

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CHESTER MALE VOICE CHOIR CONCERT:

To be held at the Holy Ascension Church, Upton, Chester CH2 1DJ on **Saturday 25th July** at 7.30 p.m.

Reserve Seating: Tickets Adults £7.00, Children £2.00 – Tickets From William Wheldon 07903 585381 or Sue Burgess 01244 380340. E-Mail: events@holylascension.org.uk.

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.

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