



# 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 07880 553830.

## ELEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME, 12<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2016:

### 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.
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>7.00 p.m.</b>
Saturday	9.15 a.m.
Saturday Vigil Mass:	7.15 p.m.
Sunday:	9.15 a.m. 11.00 a.m.

### INTENTIONS:

Charles Trainor.
Special Intention - C&A.
The Parish.
Service of Holy Communion.
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Carmen Sanchez.
<b>NO MORNING MASS.</b>
Marie-Therese Camelleri.
Micheal Barratt.
John Cople.

### CONFESSIONS:

Each Saturday morning between 10.00-10.30 a.m. and in the evening 6.45 p.m. – 7.10 p.m. (before the Saturday Vigil Mass).

### MORNING PRAYER:

At 9.00 a.m. before the Blessed Sacrament in the Iona Chapel **each weekday when morning Mass is listed** - except Wednesdays, when Morning Prayer will commence at 8.50 a.m., followed by Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour at 9.10 a.m. prior to the Mass.

### BAPTISMS:

By appointment. After speaking to Fr. Brandon to arrange a date, please contact Claire O'Donnell 07743 704383 (text or 'phone). We welcome **Grace Susan Marie Goligher** who joins the family of St. Columba's parish on Sunday. Our congratulations to everyone and especially Grace's big brother Adam. Please pray for them as they begin their journey of faith together.

### LATELY DEAD:

Please pray for the family and friends of Bibby Quinn who died recently at the age of 102 years of age.

### MISSION BOXES:

Many members of our community have a Red Box in their homes. It's one way we support Missio, the Pope's official charity for overseas mission, and the Mill Hill Missionaries, Britain's own missionary society. Thank you to everyone who is a Red Box member. We're holding a special collection for those whose Red Box may not have been opened for a while. Maybe it's lurking on top of the fridge, or behind some books. If so, please bring it to Mass over the coming weekend and we will empty it. If you have any questions, contact Margaret Curtis 318424. Please visit [misio.org.uk/RedBox](http://misio.org.uk/RedBox) on-line for more information.

### MISSION TODAY:

The Summer issue of Mission Today are available in the Church front and rear porches.

### OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate:	£497.44
Planned Giving:	£467.65
Average Weekly Standing Orders:	£720.00
<b>Stipends:</b>	£100.00
<b>Donations:</b> Candles:	£45.88

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: James Whitcombe, Mary Elizabeth Green, Michael Mitchell, Edward Rogers, Thomas McGreavy, Mary O'Loughlin, Bernard McNicholas, Matthew Baker, Charles Francis Evans, Thomas Owain Christopher Arnold, Christopher Johnson, Winifred Roche, Maureen Mair, Percy John Tobin, Dieta Fairclough, George Shaw, Clare Walker, Jacqueline Ann Macdonald, Mary Walker, Patrick Green, Michael Reilly, Kerry Patricia O'Reilly, Michael Paul Marianus Farrugia, Theresa Maria Walmsley, Mary Kerr, Frank Tobin (Snr), Jez Loftus, Margaret Welch, Sarah Szostkiewicz, Len Barlow, Bryde Hill, Gerry Edwards, Terence Gibson, Frank McCaffery, Suzannah Hogan, Catherine Mary Martin, Vincent Ogg, Peter Grimes, Maresa Metcalfe, Margaret Sheard, Monica Carter, Mary Elizabeth Lindop, Ernest Erlam and Eric Wheatley.

### UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Cambridge Road, Devon Road and Yerburch Street.
- For our local Councillors and their work.
- For our Parish Council and this involved with the Arradon twinning.

### FIRST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING MASS:

All the parish children who made their First Holy Communions in May (26 children) come together at the 11.00 a.m. Mass this Sunday for a joint celebration. We thank their families, their teachers, the parish catechists and all who helped the children at this special time in their lives. This was a very happy and successful year for all concerned.

### FR. JONATHAN'S LETTER TO PARISHIONERS:

Copies of the letter from Fr. Jonathan to all parishioners are still available in both porches. The letter sets out proposed changes to Mass times at St. Columba's and St. Theresa's which would come into effect in September. **Fr. Jonathan is seeking comments on the proposals, by 20<sup>th</sup> June.**

With the two parishes needing to work more closely together, we will shortly be producing a **joint weekly newsletter**. This will be on a trial basis, starting on 19<sup>th</sup> June and continuing through to the end of July. Parishioners' comments will be very welcome – they will help us decide whether to make this a permanent arrangement.

### FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

- Monday: **St. Anthony of Padua**. Born in Lisbon in 1195 and died at Padua (Italy) on this day in 1231. He joined the Franciscans to be a missionary in N Africa but was thwarted by illness. He became a teacher and inspired popular preacher in southern France and Italy.
- Thursday: **St. Richard of Chichester**. He lived in the 13<sup>th</sup> Century, a time of strife between church and state - his election as Bishop giving rise to a rival appointment being made by King Henry III before finally being settled. He was the author of a well-known prayer, destined to become even more famous 700 years later when parts were set to music in **Godspell**: "*O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly and follow thee more nearly, day by day.*"

### FR. JOHN KIRWAN –FIRE GUTS HIS HOUSE:

We would like to send financial help to Fr. John, whose work in DR Congo this parish has supported over many years. The Third World wall boxes in both porches will be available for donations for about the next two weeks, and we will have a Coffee Morning on **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June**. Please remember Fr. John in your prayers.

### CHURCHES TOGETHER IN UPTON:

- Churches Together in Upton have recently extended the practice of praying for the residents of particular roads by encouraging individual prayer requests. These can be made in writing to: Prayer Meeting, Upton United Reformed Church, Heath Road, Chester, or by email: [info@uptonurc.org.uk](mailto:info@uptonurc.org.uk)
- Churches Together in Upton hold a Coffee Morning each Monday at The Pavilion, Wealstone Lane (next to the Library) from 10 a.m. to noon - an ideal opportunity to meet and make friends in a relaxed welcoming atmosphere. If anyone is interested in helping out, please come along on a Monday to find out more.

### ST. PIO PRAYER GROUP:

- The next meeting is on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June** at 7.30 p.m. in 10 Totland Grove, Newton Chester CH2 2EY.

### COACH TRIP TO WORCESTER 22<sup>ND</sup> JULY:

The coach is now full with several people on the reserve list if your circumstances change and you are unable to go please update the list ASAP or if you are still interested in going please contact Paul Wrigglesworth 07564286710 or Margaret Curtis.

### PARISH DIARY!:

If you wish to arrange meetings etc. in either the Church or the Iona Chapel, please can you check with Carol Galvin before booking to avoid double bookings, either by Tel. 01244 6224019 or by E-Mail: [stcolumbaschurch2016@outlook.com](mailto:stcolumbaschurch2016@outlook.com) Many Thanks.

### URSULINE CONVENT REUNION:

The Ursuline Convent Chester closed 40 years ago this year. A reunion is being organised for any girls who were at the school in its final years in the 1970s. The reunion will be at the Blossoms Hotel in St. John Street, Chester, on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June** between 2.30pm and 5pm. Afternoon tea will be served (cost £12.50). If you are a Chester Convent 'old girl' from the 1970s and would like to attend, please contact Catherine Jones by email: [catherinejones650@gmail.com](mailto:catherinejones650@gmail.com)

### ANNUAL BBQ:

Thanks to everyone for making this another success especially thanks to all the helpers.

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

- A games evening will follow the next meeting on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June** St. Francis Church Hall at 7.30 pm.
- Strawberry tea in aid of Bro Kimpton RTU will be held at Marian Curtis home on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June from 3 pm onwards. All Welcome.

### HANDBAGS IN HARMONY CONCERT:

Concert in the Church Hall **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June** - Doors open 7pm. Admission by ticket only £10.00 (Incl. light refreshment). Please Tel. Jackie 880606

### DIOCESAN VACANCIES:

- The Diocese seeks to recruit two Campaign Directors for a new fund-raising initiative. 35+ hours Monday to Friday, with significant evening work, working across the diocese. Salary £25k-30k per annum. **Closing date 24 June.**
- The Diocese also seeks an Administrator to work for Inter-Diocesan Fuel Management Limited, based at the Curial Office, Birkenhead. 35 hours, salary £16-17k. **Closing date 17 June.**

For further details of these vacancies and the job specifications go to the website:

[www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/aboutus/curia/vacancies](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/aboutus/curia/vacancies)

### DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO ROME FOR THE YEAR OF MERCY 17-21 OCTOBER:

There are still a few places available (double or twin rooms only left). Full details are available on the Diocesan Website, or contact Fr. David Long at St. Alban's, 30 Mill Lane, Wallasey CH44 5UD telephone 0151 638 1520.

### ST. COLUMBA'S HALL BOOKINGS:

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

E-mail: [columbashallbookings@gmail.com](mailto:columbashallbookings@gmail.com)

### NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

Will be compiled by Bernard Payne, 01244 350323

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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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