

St Columba's Church

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY, 13th JULY 2014

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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INTENTIONS:

Sydney Hughes
Bernie Ashcroft
The Parish
Private Intention
Priest's Intention
Priest's Intention
Joanne Peppitt
SERVICE OF THE WORD AND COMMUNION
NO MORNING MASS
Private Intention
Eileen Beck
The Parish

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.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: 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, Theresa Condon, Joanne Peppitt, Arthur Clegg, Philip Clement Hodgkiss, Doreen Pock, John William Burton, Katie Riley, Margaret Clarke, Margaret Barrett, Ann Atkinson, Brian Henry Hall and Ray Bernie.

CONFESSIONS:

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

The parishes of Chester and Ellesmere Port have a new Dean, who begins his job in September for three years: Fr Niall Mullaley, Parish Priest of Our Lady's, Ellesmere Port.

Thank you for your offerings for our Golden Jubilee in September. We now have a refurbished Tabernacle, a Paschal Candle holder-stand, and a Processional Cross.

SVP COLLECTION: Last weekend's collection amounted to £267.80; thank you for your continued support.

OFFERTORY

Loose Plate:	£554.47
Planned Giving:	£438.90
Average Weekly SOs:	£510.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.

If you are interested in joining the Planned Giving and/or Gift Aid schemes, please ring David Savage on 01244 380626.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:

We pray for our young people putting themselves forward for the Sacrament of Confirmation. We pray for their families and friends that their preparation for the Sacrament this year will be a success. Also, remember our catechists and their schools as important influences on their spiritual growth.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

13th July	CWL	CWL
20th July	Badminton	Parish
27th July	Val, Brenda & Pat	Hospice

Teas, coffees and juices are served in the Hall after both Sunday Masses. All are very welcome.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

Please pray for:

- The residents of Dawpool Close, Ullswater Crescent and Orchard Close.
- The Upton Churches Together Monday Coffee Morning
- Churches Together in Upton Committee.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

Catholic Women's League invites you to attend the following events, all welcome!

- Social Bring & Buy evening, Monday the 14th of July at 19:30. at St Francis parish hall. The evening will consist of wine, nibbles and good times!
- Strawberry tea at the home of Marian Curtis. at 14:30 on Thursday 17th July. Proceeds to Brother Kimpton. The address is: 11 Boughton Hall Drive, Chester, CH3 5QG.

ANNIVERSARIES AND PRAYER PETITIONS:

- For a trial period, the parish **Anniversaries Book**, in its display cabinet, was located in the left hand corner of the church, along with the book for the recording of further requested entries. In the light of views received it has now been decided to return the Anniversaries Book to its original location: "St. Columba's Chapel", adjacent to the new Baptistry area. The **book for the recording of new entries** is now held in the left hand alcove of the front porch – now suitably furnished with table and chairs. Parishioners wishing an anniversary to be recorded can write the details there, and they will be transcribed into the formal Book.
- The **Prayer Petitions Book** is available for parishioners to write any intention or prayer they wish to be offered up. At Sunday Masses this book is taken up to the altar as part of the Offertory Procession, so at weekends the book is now located in the left hand alcove of the front porch. Throughout the week, when Masses are held in the Iona Chapel, the Petitions Book is displayed and available there.

Fr. Cooke and Lawrence hope these final arrangements are found to be convenient and meet with approval.

ST COLUMBA'S & ST WERBURGH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL PROJECT:

The school has decided to hold a music/creative arts week celebrating 50 years of St Columba's Parish Church. They will be creating art for the Church and school, and will also be working with a professional composer to write a unique song for the Parish to learn and sing with the children. They would like to invite parents/grandparents/older siblings etc to take part in the composing workshops with the children from 14-17th July. If you play an instrument, please bring it along, but please still join them if you have no musical experience! The event will also include creating a prayer tree and outside display, hoping that all in the community will help develop; and hold a Big Sing session on Friday, 18th July, at 9.30 a.m. If you want to take part in any of the activities please contact the school on 01244 981228. We hope this will be a wonderful celebration in which all our children and parish community can take part.

ASSISTED DYING BILL:

The Bill to legalise "assisted dying" - meaning assisted suicide - will be debated in the House of Lords on 18th July. There will be a free vote because it is not government legislation. If passed, this Bill would place vulnerable people at serious risk. Especially if you have direct experience of caring for a dying person, either as a family member or as a health or social care professional, please write before 18th July to a Peer to tell them your views. For more information, including details of how to write to a Peer, please visit: www.catholicchurch.org.uk/assisted-dying-bill

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO WRITE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND CERTAINLY BEFORE 18TH JULY.

GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS:

Lots of people offered help and we would now like to meet to put our plans into action. We will be in the Iona Chapel after both Masses on Sunday 20 July. Alternatively, ring Marie (340564), Anne (350939) or Sue (312892). We will also shortly be looking for greenery (conifer, ivy, bay etc) and hydrangeas. We are also looking for a golden Labrador (large soft toy or garden ornament) and a gent's cream summer jacket!! Can anyone oblige?

LICHFIELD TRIP FRIDAY, 25TH JULY:

The coach is now full, but if you would like to go on the reserve list, please contact Margaret Curtis on 01244 318414. If you have already registered for the trip, please contact either Margaret or Paul Wrigglesworth on 01244 382457 to arrange to pay. We remind you that the coach will be leaving St Columba's car park at 9am on 25th.

ST. JOHN PLESSINGTON:

We celebrate his feast next Saturday, 19th July, a saint closely associated with the Chester area. He was born near Blackburn, educated by the Jesuits and ordained a priest in Spain in 1663 - during England's penal times. The following year he returned to this country, working undercover as a missionary priest over a period of about 15 years, first at Holywell and then at Puddington. Finally arrested and charged with being a priest, in the wake of the "popish plot". He was imprisoned in Chester Castle and executed at Gallows Hill, now Barrel Well Hill, Boughton, on this day in 1679, his remains later buried in Burton churchyard.

WELCOME AND THANKS: We thank The Holy Ghost Fathers, (*Congregation of the Holy Spirit under the protection of the Immaculate Heart of Mary - C.S.Sp - a.k.a "Spiritans"*) for providing a celebrant for 9.15 am and 11 am Masses this Sunday. The Congregation has recently established a home for retired members in Chester, and so we welcome them to the City and to St Columba's.

"I + YOU = WE" WEEKEND RETREAT 26-27th JULY: A non-residential retreat for married couples, at St. Wilfrid's. Fr. Jay Szymczak will give a repeat of his popular course for the development of marital relations as part of the Diocese's programme for marriage. Fr. Jay has a wonderful gift for explaining spiritual truths in very human terms. This retreat will be enjoyed by couples of any age. See poster in the church porches, or on our parish website, or contact Canon Jonathan Mitchell (01606 42440; fjonmitchell@cantab.net) or Louise Kirk (01270 874078).

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 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. Website: www.stcolumbachester.org.uk