

# St Columba's Church

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## TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 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:	9.15 a.m.
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.
James Regan.
Richard Wright.
Frank Stone.
Paddy McGowan.RIP.
Patricia O'Gorman.A.
Meg Pendlebury.RIP.
Elizabeth Woolnough.
Charles Chase.
Marie Terese Camillieri.
The Parish.
Maureen Fynn.

#### 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: 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, 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, Edith Dale, Herbert Davies, Ermina Perruzza, Anne Rosario Mary Daly, Norman Swift, Frank Barlow, Georgina Benwell, Elizabeth Brouckshaw, Rose Makinson, Vera Smith, Pamela Kirby, Edward Byrne, George Gardner.

#### 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:	£487.84
Planned Giving:	£537.20
Average Weekly SOs:	£547.00

*Thank you for your continued support.*

#### SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

Oct 13th	Maggie Jarrett	OAKS
Oct 20th	Jackie Turvey	Sea Cadets & Parish
Oct 27 <sup>th</sup>	Sue Carr & Friends	McMillan Tea Party

Tea and coffee are served in the hall after both Sunday morning Masses. All are very welcome.

If you are unable to host your date, contact Margaret 318424, as it is important that we have someone to serve coffees every Sunday.

#### UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

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

#### MISSION TODAY MAGAZINE:

The Autumn issue of Mission Today is available in the two porches of the Church.

#### ST COLUMBA'S HALL BOOKINGS:

For all bookings/enquiries please contact Sue Carr on 07553 114531

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

#### DIOCESAN EVENTS:

Thanks to those of you who attended the two diocesan events held locally recently, the discussion of Vatican II and 'Ut unum sint' held here and the History Day held at St Mary's Hooton. Both were informative and enjoyable.

#### OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:

I will shortly be finalising the order for the 2014-15 envelopes. If your details have changed or if you wish to be added to or removed from the envelope list please contact David Savage on 380626 or [savage214@btinternet.com](mailto:savage214@btinternet.com)

#### 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 on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October. Please collect your service leaflets from your team leader.



YEAR OF FAITH 2013

### THE YEAR OF FAITH:

This weekend, October 12th and 13th, is an important one in Rome. Pope Francis has arranged for the statue of Our Lady of Fatima to be brought to Rome on Saturday and on Sunday in St Peter's Square he will consecrate the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Our own

Bishop Mark is following suit by consecrating our diocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on the same day. Pope Francis is following in the footsteps of his predecessor, Blessed John Paul II, who consecrated the world and Russia before the same statue on 25th March 1984. As a Carmelite sister and in obedience to her bishop, Lucia wrote about Blessed Jacinta Marto, her cousin and fellow visionary, who said to her before she died: "Tell everybody that God grants us graces through the Immaculate Heart of Mary; that people are to ask for them; and that the Heart of Jesus wants the Immaculate Heart of Mary to be venerated at his side." There are differences between devotion to the Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart. Devotion to the Sacred Heart is directed to a heart overflowing with love for all humanity, whereas in devotion to the Immaculate Heart the attraction is the love which Mary had for Jesus and for God, so that by uniting ourselves to her we may love God better. Let us follow the Pope's lead this weekend and consecrate ourselves to Mary's Immaculate Heart.

### FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> is the feast of **St. Teresa of Avila** (1515-1582), who 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.

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> is the feast of **St. Luke the Evangelist**, author of the third gospel and of the Acts of the Apostles. Almost certainly he was a Gentile, and in his gospel narratives the compassion of Christ is inclusive of all: Jew, Gentile, the poor and the rich, women and men, the outcast and the privileged.

### EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS:

Please will you pick up your new Rota from the front porch. If you have an e-mail address or have recently changed your e-mail address, will you kindly let Carol know (380197). It is so much easier to send the Rotas out by email. Many thanks.

### PARISH BUILDINGS COMMITTEE October 2013

Since our last report, various plans have come to fruition: a very good job was done painting the outside of the church; the hall lounge has been redecorated; the nine chairs which are sometimes used on the altar have been re-covered in a fabric which matches the carpet; 30 more chairs, matching those we received last year, have been delivered to the hall; uneven paving slabs at the rear of the church (a problem drawn to our attention by a parishioner) have been re-laid; we have begun to carry out some work on the garage so that it can be used as a store room. New, safe, votive candle stands should be in operation this week-end.

The next meeting will be on **Monday 18 November 2013 7.30 pm in the church office.**

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### ST COLUMBA'S PASTORAL COUNCIL:

This is the body which, through the Buildings Group, has brought you the new heating system, the outside and inside painting of the church, the carpet and the new kneelers to name but a few of our products!

The council also helps oversee the running of the hall, social activities, liaison with other churches etc. A number of long serving members, who have made a valuable contribution (many thanks to them) have retired from the committee. We are very keen to recruit new members to replace them.

If you feel you can offer a modest amount of time to join the group (it meets only half a dozen times a year) please talk to Fr. Cooke.

### UPTON CHURCHES FRIENDSHIP LUNCH:

This event takes place in St.Columba's Hall on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October** from 12.00 – 1.30pm. Further information via Jacqueline Worrall, 01244 380776.

### YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT: 18 – 20<sup>th</sup> OCT:

The ACTS (Adult Catholics Together Spiritually) annual retreat is taking place this October, and if you are aged 18 – 35 you are welcome to join us. It is at Sandymount Retreat Centre, Blundellsands (four minutes from the sea!). The cost is by anonymous donation (suggested contribution - £95). If you would like to join us or wish to know more about it please contact Siobhan at [siobhanbc@talktalk.net](mailto:siobhanbc@talktalk.net) or tel: 0161 477 2783/0776 113 8947

### SVP SPONSORED WALK:

The SVP sponsored walk raised £250.00. We would like to thank all who sponsored us. It will go a long way towards our final total from the other conferences.

Thanks once again.

### SVP COLLECTION:

The SVP collection amounted to £290.48. Many thanks for your continued support.

### NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Ann Siddall.

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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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