

St Columba's Church

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24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 13th SEPTEMBER 2015

MASS TIMES:

Saturday Vigil Mass: 7.15 p.m.
Sunday: 9.15 a.m.
11.00 a.m.

Monday:

1.15 p.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 Mass:

7.15 p.m.

Sunday:

9.15 a.m.

11.00 a.m.

INTENTIONS:

The Murphy Family
Hannah Connolly
Robert Croft

NO MORNING SERVICE

REQUIEM, BOB KILLEN

Service of Word &
Holy Communion

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NO MORNING SERVICE

Mary O'Hora

Bernard & Joan Jones
(Diamond Wedding)

The Parish

FR. COOKE:

As this Newsletter went to press Fr. Cooke was continuing to convalesce at Curzon Park Abbey. He was scheduled to consult with his GP on Friday 11th September following up his hospital treatment. Further announcements will be made as information becomes available, in the meantime please continue to keep Father in your prayers.

Sunday Masses this week are celebrated by Spiritan (Holy Ghost) Fr. Terry Casey. We welcome him again and thank him for his support.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Christopher Dutton, Robert Marsden, Henry Morgan, Patricia Galvin, Arthur Peacock, Catherine White, Eileen Reynard, Susan Marie Beavan, Hannah Connolly, Jane Abbott, Gerald Tilston, Eileen Ardern, Anna Mary Wright, Ann McCarthy, Anthony Wolfe, Rev. John E. Williams, Joseph Ryan, Gloria Mary Durack, Sydney Bronley, Keith Wallis, Kevin Kavanagh, Wallawa Jalzabek, John Collins, Phyllis Mary Galvin, Peter McLean, John McLoughlin, Amelia Puzzuto, Joseph Jones, Catherine (Kitty) Kane, Thomas Anthony Chambers, Murial Williams, Arthur Newton, John McCabe, Ann Kettlewell, Frank Smith, Thomas McLoughlin, Charles McDonnell, Carrie Wells, Kathleen Green.

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 - Bob Killen:

Bob was a long standing and much loved member of our parish; please remember him in your prayers. Bob's Requiem on Monday will be followed by Committal at Blacon Crematorium. Family flowers only requested.

OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate: £494.97
Planned Giving: £432.00
Average Weekly Standing Orders: £683.00
Donations: Coffee Morning: £18.50

Many thanks for your generous support.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

13th Sept Catholic High School PTA Parish
20th Sept Margy & Jacque MacMillan
27th Sept Sewing Group WREN Bid
The next coffee rota is on the notice board in the Hall. There are some vacancies. If you would like to volunteer please add your name to the rota or contact Margaret Curtis, 318424.

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

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Daleside, Meadowsway and Queensway.
- Our Junior and Infant schools: Acresfield, Upton Heath, Mill View, Westlea, Dorin Park and St. Werburgh's & St. Columba's. Also schools in Newton, Guilden Sutton and Mickle Trafford. For the teachers and pupils that they will be open to the Christian teaching they receive.
- For our local clergy as they lead assemblies.

MUSIC AT 11.00 A.M. MASS:

The Music Group restarts this Sunday. To keep the Group going we do need more members (adults and young people). Do you play the flute, clarinet, recorder or guitar? Or do you enjoy singing? Please consider helping us to lead the singing at 11.00 a.m. Mass on alternate Sundays. Your only commitment is to come to the practice before Mass. Please come along, or phone Pauline Payne, 01244 350323.

RED MISSION BOXES:

Will those holding Red Mission Boxes please put them in the Sacristy for Margaret Curtis to process. You can reclaim your boxes from the table in the rear porch. Thank you for your continued support.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations to **Bernard and Joan Jones** on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding – married on 17th September 1955, and active parishioners at St. Columba's since its foundation.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES:

These classes are held in the Church Hall on Wednesday evenings in term time, from 5.00 to 6.00 p.m. They are for children who come to St. Columba's church but do not attend St. Werburgh's and St. Columba's Primary School. The preparation programme for First Sacraments starts when the children are in Year 2 at school (age 6 in September). Classes begin on **Wednesday 16th September**. Please ring Pauline Payne on 01244 350323 to enrol or for more information.

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 please contact catherine.green@care4free.net or phone 01244 383866.

THE BACKGROUND TO READING AT MASS:

A short talk will be given by David Savage at 7.30 p.m. on **Tuesday 29th September** in the Iona Chapel. Aimed at existing and potential readers but all interested parishioners are invited to attend. See the poster on the Notice Boards.

HOLY ASCENSION PARISH CHURCH:

The Vicar, Revd. David Sayle is on the move. His last service at Holy Ascension is on 20th September. From October he will be looking after 6 rural parishes in South Devon. We send our good wishes for his move, and also to Holy Ascension Parish as they move to appoint his successor.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN UPTON:

- **Monday Coffee Mornings** - Until now, these weekly Coffee Meetings have been held from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon at the Scout HQ in Weston Grove. Please note that they are now held in the brand-new Pavilion at the playing fields in Wealstone Lane (next to the Library).
- **Quiz Evening Friday 16th October** - Over the last few years this annual Quiz has proved very popular and sociable. Again this year the Quiz is hosted by St. Columba's, and will be held in our Hall, starting at 7.30 p.m. Watch out for further details.
- **CTU Committee** – At the AGM last week the Churches Together Committee was re-formed. Stella Lunney has joined as a member from St. Columba's. Look out for further news from the Committee.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

The next meeting is on **Monday 14th September** at 7.30 p.m. at St. Francis' Church Hall. John Ebo will be giving a talk on the Historic Chester Churches Preservation Trust (HCCPT). All welcome.

DIOCESAN EVENTS:

- **Saturday 26th September:** Diocesan History Day, St. Mary of the Angels, Hooton CH66 1QJ.
- **Saturday 26th September:** Caritas Roadshow "Being a Church for the Poor", Ellesmere Port Catholic High School, CH65 7AQ.
- **Saturday 3rd October:** RCIA Formation Day for Catechists and Clergy, St. Columba's Hall.
- **Saturday 3rd October:** Vigil of Prayer for the Pope's Synod on the Family, Shrewsbury Cathedral, SY1 1TE.

Further details of all these events on posters in the porches, and also on the parish website.

REFUGEE CRISIS:

The English and Welsh Bishops have issued a Statement on the Refugee Crisis, following on from the Pope's call for generosity and solidarity to recognise and act upon our common humanity. The Bishops undertake that the Catholic Church in England and Wales will work alongside the government and local authorities to offer welcome and support to those in need. Every diocese is going to have a contact nominated to coordinate parish/individual responses, liaising with the local authority and other faith groups to match offers of time, talents and accommodation with the pressing needs of the local area. Our diocese has nominated as contact Mary Kilcoyne, who is Director of the Children's Society. Further information will follow.

DEMENTIA AWARENESS:

Holy Ascension Church are hosting two Dementia Awareness sessions as part of their new initiative to create a Dementia Friendly Church and Community. They aim to raise awareness of Dementia and understand how our community can help people to 'Live well with Dementia':

- **Tuesday 15th September**, 7.30 p.m. in the Kempe Room, Holy Ascension Church, Church Lane, Upton, CH2 1DJ.
- **Thursday 24th September**, 10 a.m. at The Community Hall, Demage Lane, Upton, CH2 1EL.

All are welcome to attend one of these FREE sessions to find out more. Further information also available from Ali or Margaret on:

families@holyascension.org.uk

FLOWER DEMONSTRATION

In the Hall, **Thursday 1st October** at 7.30pm with National Demonstrator Diane Fair. Proceeds in aid of Guide Dogs.

Tickets £8 available from Sue Carr 312892 or Frances 342959.

DANCE CLASSES:

The Ballroom has come to St. Columba's Church Hall. From the 8th of September you can enjoy 'Beginners and Intermediate Ballroom and Latin' on Tuesday nights. For further details please see the notice board or ring Dawn Daniels On 01244-881092

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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