

St Columba's Church

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 14th JULY 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 REQUIEM	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:

Christopher O'Gorman A.
Return to Good Health The Parish
Frank Robert Cherry RIP
KAY HANRATTY
Joanne Peppitt
10 th Wedding Anniv
Mary Bristow A.
Eileen Beck
Marie Terese Camillieri
The Parish
Dot Powell

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:

After speaking to Fr Cooke to arrange a date, please contact Claire Graham on 01244 341287 / 07880553830.

LATELY DEAD

Doris Powell died recently. We offer our condolences to Christine and the family. Also Kay Hanratty. We remember them both in our prayers.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Edward Gibbons, Joyce Parker, Eileen Theresa Jones, Christopher O'Gorman, 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, Mary Logan, Christopher Logan, Catherine Logan, Margaret Mary Patten

CONFESSIONS:

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

OFFERTORY w/e 7th July:

Loose Plate:	£469.05
Planned Giving:	£460.93
Average Weekly SOs:	£547.00

THANK YOU

Saying a massive thank you on behalf of the orphan children I know and love in Sierra Leone who benefitted from the very generous donations at our coffee morning on June 30th in the Hall. And especially thanks to all who spontaneously helpedyou know who you are . Some of the money is also being used to make soap for prisoners in Bo Prison who would otherwise have nothing to wash with. With thanks and love Heather.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

14 th July	Mary Kilcoyne (CWL)	CWL
21 st July	Sue Carr (3rd World)	3rd World
28 th July	Badminton Group	Parish

Teas and coffees are served in the hall after both Sunday morning Masses.

Coffee and Cakes after both Masses next Sunday, 21st July. Proceeds to Parish Third World Group. All are very welcome.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

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

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:

The theme in this, the final week of the current school year, is **Live Life to the Full** and the prayer is:

Dear Lord,

Jesus came to let us have life and live it to the fullest.

This year we have tried to take advantage of every opportunity given to us.

Help us to continue this and never take our lives for granted. Amen

PASTORAL COUNCIL:

St. Columba's Pastoral Council next meets on **Monday 15th July**, 7.30 p.m. in the Church Office.

"SHREWSBURY CATHOLIC VOICE":

The Summer 2013 issue of the diocesan quarterly magazine is now available, price £1.



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After the entrance antiphon the Mass begins with the Sign of the Cross, which recurs in different forms during the course of the Eucharist. The Sign of the Cross goes back to the early years of the Church and is a reminder to us of the sacrifice made by Christ for our salvation. It also reminds us of our belief in the Holy Trinity by signing ourselves from head to heart and shoulder to shoulder while saying the names of the Three Persons in the One God. Later it takes a different form at the beginning of the Gospel when we make a cross with our thumbs on our foreheads, lips and heart, signifying that we believe with our minds, proclaim with our lips and love with our hearts the Word of God. During the course of the Mass the priest uses different forms of the Cross, for example before the Words of Consecration he. Then at the end of Mass the priest gives us a final blessing invoking the Holy Trinity, before we depart to proclaim to others by the way we live our lives the beauty and fullness of our Catholic Faith. Let us resolve that, as we bless ourselves with the names of the Three Persons in the Holy Trinity, we will try to concentrate on the meanings of the words we are saying and love the one true God.

FEAST OF THE WEEK:

We celebrate the feast of **St. John Plessington** (1637-79) on Friday, 19th July. He is a saint very 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. He was 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 19th July 1679, his remains later buried in Burton churchyard.

Last week, our week-early mention of St. John Plessington led us to omit reference to the very significant **St. Benedict** whose feast was on 11th July. He was born around the year 480 in Umbria. He studied in Rome but left before completing his studies to become a hermit. He spent many years in solitude before establishing a number of small communities of monks. In 529 he founded and directed the monastery of Monte Cassino, and there wrote the final version of his "Rule". This was simple and profound: a "school of the Lord's service, in which we hope to order nothing harsh or rigorous". He was not a priest, but his achievement was to produce a monastic way of life which was complete, orderly and workable, and for which he is known as the "Father of Western Monasticism". He is named as a Patron of Europe.

STRAWBERRY CREAM TEA IN AID OF CAFOD:

This is being held at Ann McCarthy's, 49, St Chad's Road, Blacon, CH1 5LF on **Sunday 21st July** from 3.00 – 5.00. Tickets £2.00 and £1.00 for children. Contact Bernard Payne for tickets, 01244 350323 (Ann needs to know how many scones to bake!).

PARISH TRIP TO LUDLOW 26th JULY:

The coach will leave St Columba's car park 09.15 with a comfort break at Dobbies Nurseries, Shrewsbury. The coach is a 51 seater, people will be allocated places on a first come first served basis with, if necessary, a reserve list. Any queries contact Margaret Curtis 01244-318424 or by email marg.curtis@btinternet.com. Cost-£12.50pp, all monies to be paid to Margaret Curtis **by Friday 19th July**. Cheques to be made payable to Newton Catholic Social Fund.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

Catholic Women's League invite you to a Strawberry Tea on **Wednesday 17th July** from 3pm at the home of Marian Curtis. Proceeds for Brother Kimpton. All are welcome. For further details please phone Marian on 341307.

Catholic Women's League have arranged a Guided Tour of Chester Cathedral on **Saturday 20th July** at 2pm followed by refreshments. This is our special visit for the Year of Faith. If any ladies (or gentlemen!) would care to join us you would be most welcome. For further details please phone Hilary on 400220.

CHAPLAINCY ASSISTANT AT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:

The Catholic High School, Chester is seeking to appoint an enthusiastic practising Catholic as a Chaplaincy Assistant on a one-year fixed term contract. The successful applicant will assist in the running of school liturgies, chapel based activities, retreats, displays and charity projects, under the direction of the Head of RE. For further information please contact the Headteacher, John Murray on 0124 981600 or by e-mail murrayj@christofidelis.org.uk **by Wednesday 17th July**.

NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS ROTA:

Your new Rota is ready for collection in the front porch. In the event of illness and holidays, please can I ask you to ensure that a replacement is found should you be unable to carry out your duty on the day specified. It will also be very helpful if you could let me have an e-mail address to send your rota if you have one.

NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Ian Johnson
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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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