

St Columba's Church

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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY, 14th SEPTEMBER 2014

MASS TIMES:

Saturday Vigil Mass:	7.15 p.m.	Maureen Grew
Sunday:	9.15 a.m.	George Joyce R.I.P.
	11.00 a.m.	The Parish
Monday:	9.15 a.m.	Service of Word & Communion
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.	NO SERVICE
Saturday Vigil Mass:	7.15 p.m.	Jane O'Hora A.
Sunday:	9.15 a.m.	The Murphy Family R.I.P.
	11.00 a.m.	The Parish

INTENTIONS:

OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate:	£819.29
Planned Giving:	£432.70
Average Weekly SOs:	£510.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.

PLANNED GIVING & GIFT AID:

Mike Russell from the Planned Giving & Gift Aid Service of the Diocese will be speaking at each Mass this weekend about Offertory giving and the benefits of Gift Aid to the Parish.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

14th Sept: Catholic High PTA	Parish
21st Sept: Pat & Friends	Hospice
28th Sept: Sewing Group	Royal British Legion

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

WELCOME:

Welcome and thanks to The Holy Ghost Fathers, with us to celebrate the Vigil and 9.15 and 11.00 a.m. Masses, on this and the following two Sundays, during Fr. Cooke's holiday break.

- Should you need to make contact while Fr. Cooke is away please phone Deacon Lawrence on 01244 342048 or 07960 517463.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Daleside, Meadowsway and Queensway.
- For 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 school assemblies.

CONFESSIONS:

This week, Confessions will be heard before the Saturday Vigil Mass, from 6.45 p.m. – 7.10 p.m.

MORNING PRAYER:

9.00 a.m. in the Sacristy Office each weekday morning, except on Wednesday, when Novena prayers are held at 9.15 a.m. before the Service of Word & Holy Communion commences.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Arthur Peacock, Catherine White, Eileen Reynard, Susan Marie Beavan, 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 Puzuto, 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, Jane Anne Sherwood, Kathleen Lockhart, Jane Ann (Ann) Melia, Mary Elizabeth Pendlebury

BAPTISMS:

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

FRIENDS OF ST. THÉRÈSE :

A prayer group under the patronage of St. Teresa of Lisieux is starting on her Feast, **Wednesday 1st October**, at 7.30 p.m. in the Iona Chapel. The prayer intentions include our parish, the lapsed, our young adults, the foreign missions and vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. The monthly meeting will focus on the 'Little Way' of St. Thérèse, devotion to Our Lady and the Passion of Christ, and will contain readings, meditations and prayers with perhaps a hymn or two. Mother Prioress at Birkenhead Carmel has helped with various gifts and is lending us one of the two relics of St. Thérèse which they hold. Future meetings will be arranged to suit those attending. For further details telephone Bill Baker on 01244 376701.

RED MISSION BOXES:

Those parishioners holding Red Mission Boxes please leave them in the Sacristy for Margaret Curtis to collect. Thank you for your continued support.

**50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS –
“THANK YOU” FROM FR COOKE:**

Fr. Cooke wishes to say a heartfelt “Thank you” to all who made last weekend’s celebrations such an outstanding success: to St Columba’s “Flower Team”, their helpers from other churches and flower clubs in our area, and everyone who contributed in any way to the Flower Festival and its stunning presentation; to all who joined Bishop Mark for our Thanksgiving Mass, particularly to our school children for their tribute to St Columba; not least to the many visitors from the parish and all quarters, for their interest and support. Thank you for the great contribution all this has made to our witness to Christ in our area.

MASS INTENTIONS – AN EXPLANATORY NOTE:

To arrange for a Mass to be celebrated for a particular intention you will need to provide Fr. Cooke with:

- The intention e.g. (deceased) person's name, occasion/ event/ thanksgiving/ anniversary etc.
- The number of Masses requested.
- The date(s) and time(s) for the Mass(es) to be celebrated, if you have a specific requirement.
- The stipend for the Mass; £5.00 for one Mass is acceptable.

Fr. Cooke can provide a special envelope for this, or you may use your own, to be handed in preferably at the Priest's Sacristy but at the Presbytery if necessary.

All requests are entered in the parish Intentions Register and Fr. Cooke endeavours to celebrate the Masses on or about the date and the time requested. Where there is no date/time specified, requests are met in order of date of receipt. One Mass each Sunday is celebrated for the intention of the parish generally. During the month of November Masses are celebrated for Holy Souls and your written intentions are placed before the Altar; special envelopes are provided for this also.

You should consult the Mass Intentions listed in the parish Newsletter to check when your request is to be fulfilled.

HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME:

A list of Ministers who take Holy Communion to parishioners at home is now displayed in the Sacristy. Please will the Ministers concerned help keep the list up to date by checking their details and informing Fr. Cooke or Rev. Lawrence Hordley of any future changes.

Fr. Cooke encourages all parishioners to inform us of anyone they know of who is in need of either Holy Communion or the Sacrament of the Sick at home, so that necessary arrangements can be made.

Thank you.

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 the children who come to St. Columba’s church but are unable to 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 17th September**. Please ring Pauline Payne on 01244 350323 to enrol or for more information

MUSIC GROUP AT 11.00 A.M. MASS:

The Music Group restarts this week, on **Sunday 14th September**. Two of our players have now gone to university, and to keep the Group going we need more members. 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.

CD OF 11.00 A.M. COMMUNION MUSIC:

If you would like a copy of our "Dove of Peace" CD of flute, clarinet and organ music - as played during the Flower Festival - please add your name to the list on the notice board, or email

robert.h.green@btinternet.com Price is £5 with the proceeds going to the school in Bo and the Catholic High School PTA.

BUZZ SAYS THANK YOU!

Many thanks to all who supported the coffee morning last Sunday in aid of the Buzz Youth Activity Group. The total raised was a fantastic £190.80!

Buzz is a local, weekly youth group which enables disabled children & young people, to take part in social & leisure activities. Fundraising like this really does make a difference!

For more information, please contact Cheshire Centre for Independent Living on 01606 331853 or www.cheshirecil.org

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

St. Columba's Church is very proud to be holding a MacMillan Coffee Morning on **Friday 26th Sept.** in the hall 10am--1pm. All parishioners are invited together with family, friends and neighbours. We would appreciate cake donations on the day. If you can help in any way contact Margaret Allmark 399624 or Margaret Curtis 318424.

CHESTER CAFOD SUPPORT GROUP:

The group is 25 years old this year. They have an exciting event planned for **Friday 26th Sept.**, 7.30 p.m. here at St. Columba's Church Hall, featuring The Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service Choir, finalists in BBC's "The Choir: Sing while you work". Tickets are now available for this event. Contact CAFOD office on 677594 or 375606. See posters in the porches or website for more details.

“FRANCIS THE HOLY JESTER”:

Written by Dario Fo and monologue performed by Mario Pirovano, featuring four episodes about the life of St. Francis, will be held in the Church of St. Francis of Assisi, Chester on **Wednesday 1st October** at 6.30 p.m. More information on Parish website www.stfranciscatholicchurchchester.co.uk Entrance by ticket only. £5 Adults, £3 Under 12s.

ACCOMMODATION WANTED:

A French catholic student arrives in Chester at the end of September in order to teach French in different local primary schools. She is facing difficulties finding accommodation: could there be some families willing to rent a room, or students looking for roommate? Her name is Élisabeth de Calbiac. If you may be able to help please contact her by email, elisabeth2calbiac@gmail.com

ST COLUMBA’S HALL BOOKINGS:

For all Hall bookings and enquiries please contact Sue Carr on 07553 114531
E-mail: columbshallbookings@gmail.com

NEXT WEEK’S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Alison Wrigglesworth, 01244 382457 or alison.wrigglesworth@o2.co.uk

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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