



St Columba's Church

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- ❖ Parish Safeguarding Representative: Claire Graham. Tel 01244 341287 or 07880 553830.

PENTECOST SUNDAY - 15TH MAY 2016.

MASS TIMES:

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

11.00 a.m.

Monday: 9.15 a.m.

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Thursday: 9.15 a.m.

Friday: 7.00 p.m.

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INTENTIONS:

Marie-Therese Camilleri

Barbara Wall

The Parish

Joan Jones

Edward Clarke

Sr Hilda Wilkinson

Dr Ron McClure

Dave Beatty

NO MORNING MASS.

Marie-Therese Camilleri

John Shanley

Carolina Lasangre

MORNING PRAYER:

Each morning at 9.00 a.m. before the Blessed Sacrament in the Iona Chapel, **Monday through to Thursday, except Wednesday**, when Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour are said at 9.15 a.m. prior to Mass. (Evening Mass on Friday, so no Morning Prayer)

CONFESSIONS:

Each Saturday morning between 10.00-10.30 a.m. and in the evening 6.45 p.m.-7.10 p.m. (before the Saturday Vigil Mass).

BAPTISMS:

By appointment. After speaking to Fr. Jonathan to arrange a date, please contact Claire O'Donnell 07743 704383 (text or 'phone).

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Janet Evans, Joan Burton, Lionel Dean, Francis Gallagher, Mary McKay, Harry John Teague, Michael Joseph Barnett, William Walker, Thomas Patrick Dowd, Lillian Rachel Beswick, John Bennett, Mary Ellen Rodgers, James Hoyland, Gerard Barrow, Margaret Veronica McClellan, Gillian Anne Knowles, Michael Finan, Angela Bird, Sam O'Reilly, Margaret North, Brenda Cawley, David Beatty, Marie Therese Camilleri, Albert Edward Hutfield, William Lumley, Rachel Buckley, Rosaline Ives, Nora Elizabeth Reilly, Henry Sweeney, Eileen Bridget Bryne, Evelyn Siddall, Glyn Roberts, Thomas Martin.

OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate:	£638.59
Planned Giving:	£493.27
Average Weekly Standing Orders:	£720.00
Anniversary Mass Offering	£ 10.00
Candles	£ 51.10

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

15th May 17th Chester Guides Finjamboree

22nd May Anybody like to volunteer?

29th May Jackie Turvey Zimbabwe

5th June Annual Barbecue celebrating St.

Columba's anniversary

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

Coffee, cake and book stall is to support Natasha, Sophia and Sasha from this Guides Group for their expedition to the Guide/Scout Camp "Finjamboree" <https://roi.hu2016.fi/en> in July in Finland. Please show your support this Sunday after Mass. We look forward to seeing you!

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Churchward Close, The Wiend and Mickle Trafford.
- The hospitals in this area; the Countess and Wirral & West Cheshire Trust. For doctors and nurses and all who work in the NHS.
- For the patients and those who are addicted to drugs or alcohol, or who are mentally ill. Also for those we know at this time who are ill.

CONFIRMATION:

If you would like to be Confirmed this October and have not yet signed up, please email stcolumbatheresaconfirmation@hotmail.co.uk asap.

TOMATO PLANTS:

Tomato plants are **on sale in the Hall this Sunday and next**. Sales are in aid of our Third World projects. Thank you to everyone who responded to my request for pots. I now have a good supply - perhaps some left over for next year! Pauline Payne.

CHRISTIAN AID LUNCH:

A lunch for Christian Aid will be held on **Wednesday, 18th May**, from 12-1.00pm at Holy Ascension Church, Upton. All are welcome to attend.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 22ND – 29TH MAY:

This year URC Upton (Heath Road) are hosting the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

The service times are as follows:

Day 1	Sunday 22 nd May	6.30pm-7.15pm
Day 2	Monday 23 rd May	6.45pm-7.15pm
Day 3	Tuesday 24th May	6.45pm-7.15pm.
Day 4	Wednesday 25th May	6.45pm-7.15pm
Day 5	Thursday 26 th May	6.45pm-7.15pm
Day 6	Friday 27 th May	6.45pm-7.15pm
Day 7	Saturday 28 th May	6.45pm-7.15pm
Day 8	Sunday 29 th May	6.30pm-7.15pm

The 3 churches take turns to lead the services and **St Columba's parish will lead Days 3 and 4 (24th and 25th May).**

All parishioners are cordially invited to attend any of the services.

The liturgy each day, has been prepared by the churches of Latvia.

LOURDES GROUP FUNDRAISING EVENT:

There will be a Social Evening in St. Columba's Hall on **Saturday 4th June** after the evening Mass, to raise funds for the Ellesmere Port and Chester Lourdes Youth Group. Music will be provided by 'Nuns and Rosaries'. Please bring your own drinks. Tickets are £5 and are available from Anthony Hunt (07714 160 268), Deacon Tony Hunt (0151 339 9684), members of the Youth Group or from The Catholic High School (01244 981600).

PAUSE FOR HOPE, SUNDAY 5TH JUNE:

Here at St. Columba's at 3.00 p.m. An ecumenical service, led by Bishop Mark, for families and friends who have been affected by Cancer. An opportunity for prayer and reflection accompanied by hymns. See poster in the porches or on the parish website.

ST. COLUMBA'S SOCIAL EVENTS DIARY:

Sunday, 5th June:

Annual BBQ after 11.00 a.m. Mass to celebrate St. Columba's Anniversary - Burgers and Hot Dogs £1 each.

Friday, 22nd July:

Trip to Worcester; the list is now up in the front porch for people's names, and the coach will leave St Columba's car park at 09:00 returning at approx 7:30 pm, The cost is £12:50 per person.

DIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS:

The Annual Day for Catechists, previously arranged for Saturday, 11th June has now been postponed until **Saturday 12th November**. All further details including registration arrangements to follow.

CALLING ALL DOCTORS, NURSES AND CARERS:

Bookings are well under way for the 2016 Diocesan Pilgrimage (**26th July-3rd Aug**) and we would welcome volunteers who are willing to work with our medical team in caring for our registered sick pilgrims. If you are able to join us, or know anyone who would like to serve those who need care during the week in Lourdes, please call the medical office on 07970 943940 or email info@shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk Please also support and encourage those who are sick or in need of assistance to join the diocese in this special year of Pilgrimage.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN UPTON:

- Churches Together in Upton have recently extended the practice of praying for the residents of particular roads by encouraging individual prayer requests. These can be made in writing to: Prayer Meeting, Upton United Reformed Church, Heath Road, Chester, or by email: info@uptonurc.org.uk.
- Churches Together in Upton hold a Coffee Morning each Monday at The Pavilion, Wealstone Lane (next to the Library) from 10 a.m. to noon - an ideal opportunity to meet and make friends in a relaxed welcoming atmosphere. If anyone is interested in helping out, please come along on a Monday to find out more.

POPE'S YOUTH CONFERENCE IN KRAKOW:

St Theresa's parishioners are raising funds in support of their young parishioner Jake Maguire who will be taking part in the Pope's Youth Conference in Krakow this July. Chester Catenians have donated £200.00 in support of their fund raising effort.

PARISH BUILDINGS COMMITTEE:

The committee is very pleased to report that our bid to the Community Action Fund of WREN (Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd) for external funding for the improvements to the hall was successful. We have been granted the sum of £48,057. We have also been granted £3,250 from local councillors, specifically to help fund the improvements to the main entrance to the hall. Hall users and parishioners contributed an additional generous £969, achieved over only three months of fundraising.

Making the bid took much hard work over a lengthy period of time - thanks to all who contributed to (happily) a successful bid.

The work is the responsibility of the Diocese. We will inform you of details of the work and the time frame as soon as they are known to us.

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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:

Will be compiled by Alison Wrigglesworth

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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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