

St Columba's Church

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ASSUMPTION OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SUNDAY 16TH AUGUST 2015

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 noon

Saturday: 9.15 a.m.

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Sunday: 9.15 a.m.

11.00 a.m.

INTENTIONS:

The Parish.

Special Intention (MK).

Bernard Leigh (Catenians).

Christabel Woulfe.

Mary Janet Davies.

Lily Laughlin.

Benedicta Trundle.

Irene Jones.

World Peace.

Peace & Justice.

The Sick.

The Parish.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations to Hannah Holland and Paul Harrison who married at St Columba's last week. We wish them every happiness and blessing for their future life together.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Brian Parkinson, Harry Colley, Helena Wilbraham, Isabel Jones, Margaret Kendal, Joan Margaret Pickmere, Bill Corley, Rose Jones, Evelyn Florence Bailey, Patrick Sheehan, Anne Patterson, Laura Louise Roberts, Steven Barlow, Duncan Webster, Dorothy Mary Cramp, Christina Evans, Louise Lynch, Michael Weston, Patricia Balty, Hilda Evans, Derek Beckett, Jane Ann (Ann) Melia, Mary Elizabeth Pendlebury, Betty Fletcher, Joseph Strong, May Strong, Lesley Strong, Rosa Carney, Philip McEnery and Bernard Lumby.

BAPTISMS:

By appointment. After speaking to Fr. Cooke to arrange a date, please contact Claire Graham on 01244 341287/ 0788 055 3830.

We welcome Zachary Oliver Nixon who was baptised on 9th August into our Parish. We ask for God's blessings on the family, please pray for them as they start their journey of faith together.

MORNING PRAYER:

Each morning at 9.00 a.m. in the Sacristy Office, Monday through to Saturday, except Wednesdays when Novena prayers are held at 9.15 a.m. before Mass commences.

CONFESSIONS:

Each Saturday, after morning Mass, and in the evening from 6.45 until 7.10 p.m.

OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate: £426.29

Planned Giving: £452.40

Average Weekly SOs: £683.00

Many thanks for your generous support.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

16th August CWL CWL

23rd August SPUC Parish

30th Aug

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. *Teas, coffees and juices 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 Caughall Road, Acorn Court, The Acorns, Rosedene Close, Endsleigh Gardens and Endsleigh Court.
- The PCC Members, Elders and all who hold Office in the Church. For strong leadership by those elected and appointed.

JOB VACANCIES WITH THE SPIRITANS:

The Spiritans at 60 Hoole Road, Chester are looking to employ two full time domestic assistants to clean and care for their elderly priests. A full job description and application form are available from:-

provincial@spiritans.co.uk

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN UPTON:

Churches Together in Upton has changed and evolved over the years. If you have any ideas about the future and/or would like to be involved you are very welcome to attend our informal AGM meeting on **Wednesday 9th September** at 7.30pm at the United Reformed Church, Heath Road.

HALL AVAILABILITY:

The Hall Bookings Calendar may now be viewed and printed out from a new section of the parish website – this will be useful for anyone possibly wishing to make a booking and needing to have a preliminary check on available dates. Please note that bookings are still to be made through Sue Carr, and that only Sue can make changes to the Calendar. Many thanks to Rebecca Vaughan for her technical help with this new facility.

ST. COLUMBA'S HALL BOOKINGS:

For all Hall bookings and enquiries please contact Sue Carr on 07553 114531

E-mail: columbashallbookings@gmail.com

CHARITY CONCERT FRIDAY 9th OCTOBER:

Chifundo UK and Soroptimist International of Chester are holding a Charity Concert featuring A Handbag of Harmonies and The Queen's School Chamber Choir. This is in aid of The SOKO Fund, an educational charity providing university scholarships for women in Malawi. The concert will be at 7.30 p.m. here in St. Columba's Church, with refreshments served in the Hall. Tickets: £12 Adults, £6 for under 18s including refreshments from:

Susan Flynn 01244 381490 or chair@chifundomalawi.org

Further information: www.chifundomalawi.org Posters on display in the porches and on the parish website.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

- Sunday: **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** The Assumption is not recorded in the Bible but, as explained in the Sunday Message, the feast comes from the Church's conviction that Mary, as the Mother of Our Lord, was uniquely chosen to share in the victory of Christ over death. The Assumption was defined in 1950 by Pope Pius XII.
- Thursday: **St. Bernard of Clairvaux** (1090 - 1153) the monk and abbot who pioneered the reform and expansion of the Cistercian Order – including more than 50 houses in England and Wales by the time of his death. He was a prolific writer on theology and spirituality, and adviser of popes and kings, and is remembered as the most influential churchman of his age.

UPTON VILLAGE WI MEETING:

Thursday 10th September 2015, at The Club House, Mannings Lane, Hoole Village, Chester, Cheshire CH2 4EU*. 7.30pm for 8pm start. (*Please note change of venue, which is permanent, thank you).

This month's meeting will be a presentation by "Animal Behavioural Referrals".

NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Harry Sweeney

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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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