

# St Columba's Church

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## ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 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:	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:

Mary & Ray Green A.
The Parish
Alan Whitaker. R.I.P..
Gerry Galvin
Holy Communion Service
Jackie McDonald A.
Private Intention
Isobel Jones A.
Eileen Beck
Private Intention
The Parish
Peter & Rose Rosario

### 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.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Dieta Fairclough, George Shaw, Clare Walker, Jacqueline Ann Macdonald, Mary Walker, Patrick Green, Michael Reilly, Kerry Patricia O'Reilly, Michael Paul Marianus Farrugia, Theresa Maria Walmsley, Mary Kerr, Frank Tobin (Jnr), Jez Loftus, Margaret Welch, Sarah Szostkiewicz, Len Barlow, Bryde Hill, Gerry Edwards, Terence Gibson, Frank McCaffery, Suzannah Hogan, Catherine Mary Martin, Vincent Ogg, Peter Grimes, Margaret Sheard, Monica Carter, Mary Elizabeth Lindop, Ernest Erlam, Eric Wheatley, Mary Newman, Agnes Blagg, Lena Williams, Zelimir Vrlec, Christine Owens, Isabel Jones, Harold Jones, John Evans, Margaret Wall and Christopher Brian Joseph Hughes.

### CONFESSIONS:

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

### SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

16th June	Jacque & Ruth	Parish
30th June	Heather Lannin	Sierra Leone

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

### OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate:	£458.69
Planned Giving:	£443.15
Average Weekly SOs:	£547.00
Hall Hire	£480.00

### UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Cambridge Road, Devon Road and Yerburch Street
- Local Councillors and the work they do
- Our Parish Council and those involved with the Arradon twinning.

### CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:

This week's theme is **Community** and the prayer is:

*Lord, You gave us the model of the community in the Trinity.*

*Father, Son and Holy Spirit are all one, but each is different and distinct and together they are the perfect community.*

*Encourage, support and help us to work together to create a welcoming, loving, inclusive and faithful community. Amen*

### ST. COLUMBA CELEBRATIONS:

A big "Thank You" to everyone who helped organise and support the celebrations at St. Columba's last weekend – the special Masses, and the notably fine-weather BBQ!

Did you see reports of the City of Culture celebrations in Derry last weekend? A pageant, scripted by Frank Cottrell Boyce (who penned the London Olympics opening ceremony), based on the life of Columba, who is equally honoured by the Catholic and Protestant communities in Derry City.

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS:

If you have an e-mail address, or have changed your e-mail address, please could you let me have it. It is so much easier e-mailing the rotas. Thanks very much for your help. My e-mail is: [gerryandcarol.galvin@btinternet.com](mailto:gerryandcarol.galvin@btinternet.com) or my telephone number is (01244) 380197.



## YEAR OF FAITH

The recent feast of Corpus Christi serves to remind us of the institution of the Blessed Sacrament at the Last Supper. The Apostles had all been brought up in the Jewish Faith and were well aware of the history behind the sacrifices of the Old Testament. The

victim in these sacrifices was an animal in bloody sacrifices or food or wine in clean ones. The purpose of sacrifice was to acknowledge the supremacy of God, in expiation for the sins of men and as a means of petitioning God. The sacrifice was offered by a priest. These elements are also present in the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. He died according to the will of his Father (“thy will not mine be done”), in expiation for the sins of all of us. Christ was both the priest and the victim. As St Paul write to the Hebrews: “The blood of goats and bulls.....restores the holiness of outward lives...how much more effectively the blood of Christ can ....purify our inner self.”

*In future weeks we shall consider more aspects of the Holy Mass.*

## FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

- 20<sup>th</sup> June is the Feast of **St. Alban**, venerated as Britain’s first saint. Alban became the first Christian Martyr in Britain. The Emperor Diocletian ordered that all Christians should be persecuted. Alban, a recent convert to Christianity, changed places with a local priest who was wanted by the Romans. When he was discovered he was executed at Verulamium (St Albans), 304 AD.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> June is the Feast of **Sts. John Fisher and Thomas More**. John Fisher was Bishop of Rochester, Thomas More was Lord Chancellor to Henry VIII. Both were drawn into conflict with the King over his divorce of Catherine of Aragon and the wider issue of papal supremacy. Both were imprisoned for treason, and beheaded in 1535.

## FIRST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING MASS:

The Parish Thanksgiving Mass for all the children who made their First Holy Communion in May will be celebrated **next Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June**, at 11.00 a.m.

## A PROMISE OF SUMMER:

St Werburgh's & St Columba's Primary School PTA are holding their Summer Fair on Saturday 22nd June & extend a warm invitation to you all! Come & enjoy various stalls, grand raffle, bottle tombola, cakes & refreshments, bouncy castle, children's craft activities & lots more.... 1 - 3pm. Entry for adults £1 & children free! We are currently raising funds towards a new mobile classroom. We look forward to seeing you there!

## COACH 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](mailto:marg.curtis@btinternet.com). Cost-£12.50pp all monies to be paid to Margaret Curtis by Friday 19th July. Cheques made payable to Newton Catholic Social Fund.

## DAY OF REFLECTION, 22<sup>nd</sup> JUNE:

The Diocesan group “Adult Catholics Together Spiritually” (ACTS) is running a Day of Reflection at Wistaston Hall, Crewe, on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**. The guest speaker is Fr Paul Standish, providing a prayerful look at The Sacraments. It will run from 9.30-4.00 p.m. Cost £20. More information from Siobhan on 0776 113 8947 or [siobhanbc@talktalk.net](mailto:siobhanbc@talktalk.net) See also the posters in the porches or on the St. Columba website.

## CHURCHES TOGETHER IN UPTON:

You are invited to our special **STRAWBERRIES, SCONE & COFFEE MORNING**, being held on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June**, 10.00 to 12 noon at the District Scout HQ in Weston Grove, next to Westlea School. There will be a Bring & Buy Stall. All welcome.

## ACROSS JUMBULANCE (Chester Group):

On Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> June following a special mass at 10:30 a.m. at St Columba’s church, the ACROSS JUMBULANCE will leave from the car-park, for Lourdes carrying ten seriously ill VIPs and fourteen helpers. The return will be around midday on 29<sup>th</sup> June.

## ST.VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:

The Chester & Ellesmere Port SVP Furniture Unit is extending its collection of furniture, household effects and SCRAP metal to St Columba’s parish. Funds raised this way are used to purchase our holiday home (caravan) when it needs replacing and costing about £50,000 to replace after ten years service. Without the furniture unit, we would have no holiday home. Offers of furniture can be made by ringing 0151-355-0689 (if no reply, please use answer-phone). If all else fails contact a member of your parish SVP.

## NEXT WEEK’S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Harry Sweeney  
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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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