

St Columba's Church

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY, 17TH AUGUST 2014

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:	12.45 p.m.
Thursday:	9.15 a.m.
Friday:	9.15 a.m.
Saturday:	9.15 a.m.
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Sunday:	9.15 a.m.
	11.00 a.m.

INTENTIONS:

Private Intention. S.Cherry.
Holy Souls.
The Parish.
Sebastian Francesco Vitalli. (for good health)
Private Intention. (J)
REQUIEM FOR MARY ELIZABETH GREW.
Ellie Barnes.
Youell Family.
May Walsh.
Joseph Murphy.
Chris Broome. RIP
The Parish.

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.

CONFESSIONS:

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

BAPTISMS:

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

LATELY DEAD:

Sylvia Mullen, sister of Anne Reid died recently, please remember her in your prayers.

Please remember in your prayers Bep Le-miere and her family; there will be a service at St Columba's - 12.30 p.m. next Thursday 21st August.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Isabel Jones, Margaret Kendal, Joan Margaret Pickmere, Bill Corley, Rose Jones, Evelyn Florence Bailey, Patrick Sheehan, Anne Patterson, 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, Bernard Lumby, Patricia Carole Copeland, Mary Kathleen Hanna.

OFFERTORY

Loose Plate:	£523.09
Planned Giving:	£410.80
Average Weekly SOs:	£510.00
Donation from Piety Stall:	£160.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.

If you are interested in joining the Planned Giving and/or Gift Aid schemes, please ring David Savage on 01244 380626.

'THE FUND' MASSES:

'The Fund' Masses, offered for priests who have recently died are part of a tradition; when a Priest joins the Diocese they are asked to join 'The Fund' and make a commitment to pray for Priests when they die, encourage all of us to remember them at Mass and support the Priests by making an offering for their Priests.

DECLINING MASS INTENTIONS:

Recently the number of Mass Intentions has dipped a lot: So please support this great Catholic tradition of offering Masses for the living and the dead, not forgetting the needs of our families and the wider family of the Church.
Many thanks to all of you for your constant support.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- Pray for the residents of Acres Lane, Alwyn Gardens and Brooke Avenue.
- For the clergy of the Churches in Upton.
- For their congregations.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

17th August	CWL	CWL
24th August	Pat & John	SPUC
31st August	Jackie Turvey	Sea Cadets & Parish

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS ROTA:

Your new Rota is now ready for collection in the front porch.

Please can I remind everyone to get a replacement should you be away for any reason, particularly during the holiday season. Many thanks.

A CAFOD PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST:

"They will hammer their swords into ploughshares and their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, no longer will they learn how to make war." Isaiah 2:4

God of peace, bearer of hope,
we seek your help for the peoples of the Middle East.
Quiet the clamour of war and guide us towards peace.

Where there is hatred and division

sow seeds of calm and openness.

Where there is destruction help us to rebuild.

Where children are crying bring an end to tears.

Shelter your peoples and protect them

Guide them and keep them from harm.

Show us how to break down the barriers of history and fear
and breathe whispers of hope.

Amen.

- Go to www.cafod.org.uk for more information about CAFOD's appeals in support of their work with partner agencies in Gaza and Iraq.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

- Wednesday: **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.
- Saturday: **St. Rose of Lima** (1586 – 1617) the first saint of the Americas to be canonised. Born in Lima to Spanish parents she became a lay member of the Dominican Order, modelling herself on Catherine of Siena. She suffered many adversities but was active in her care for the sick poor, Indians and slaves. She is named patron saints of South America and the Philippines.

GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION:

The Flower Festival will be in Church from Thursday 4th to Sunday 7th September. The Church will be open from 10.30 to 6.30.

During this time we will require 3 or 4 Stewards in the Church at all times. Can you help? Please check calendars – lists for volunteers will be available next week – or ring Sue 312892. We will also require help with refreshments in the Hall during this period.

We are also looking for a 'dressmaker's dummy' to borrow for this period.

UPTON CHURCHES "5th SUNDAY" SERVICES:

Churches Together in Upton have recently revived their earlier tradition of holding a joint service on those occasions when a calendar month includes a 5th Sunday. The next such Sunday will be 31st August, when St. Columba's will be hosting the service at 7.00 p.m. This particular service will celebrate the roles of the great northern saints, Aidan, Cuthbert and Bede – Aidan's feast being 31st August, Cuthbert 4th September. Posters in the porches and on our website.

SIDE ALTAR KNEELERS

Having set about giving away the individual kneelers we found that they are used by some parishioners to put on top of the kneelers in the benches to raise the height. Two of the original kneelers have therefore been returned to the side altars until we get two new ones made (which will be left on the side altars) which match the new ones. Further information from: Pauline Rourke (372392).

CATECHIST DAYS:

Fr. Chris Matthews from the diocese has provided advance notice of forthcoming Catechist Days. All the events below will take place here at St. Columba's. Further details, including times and booking forms, will be available over the summer. While each of the series of three Catechist Days can stand alone, each day will build on the previous session(s) together building a course, and attendance at all three is recommended:

- **Saturday 27th September** - day one for new and existing catechists;
- **Saturday 15th November** - day two for new and existing catechists;
- **Saturday 6th December** - day three for new and existing catechists.

Also:

- **Saturday 11th October** - Annual Day for RCIA catechists.

Dates for the autumn diary!!!

TEA AND CAKES:

This **Thursday (21st August) from 2.30pm to 4.00pm** in St. Columba's church hall, organised by some of our teen parishioners in aid of the charity 'This star won't go out'; a charity which supports teenagers with cancer and their families. Please come, have a nice cup of tea, cake and a chat and help us raise money for this great charity.

CALLING ALL GOLFERS!

The diocesan Catholic Children's Society is holding a fundraising Charity Golf Tournament on **Monday 22nd September** at Wirral Ladies Golf Club. Each team of 4 can be made up of Ladies, Men's and mixed groups. Golf and buffet cost £160.00 per group. Your support would be very much appreciated to make this a wonderful day. For further details see poster on parish website or the Society's webpage www.cathchildsoc.org.uk

CHESTER CAFOD SUPPORT GROUP:

The group is 25 years old this year. They have an exciting event planned for Friday 26th September, 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 available soon!**

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:

This will be compiled by Rebecca Vaughan

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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. Website: www.stcolumbachester.org.uk