

St Columba's Church

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD SUNDAY 17th MAY 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 a.m.
Saturday:	9.15 a.m.
Saturday Vigil Mass:	7.15 p.m.
Sunday:	9.15 a.m.
	11.00 a.m.

INTENTIONS:

Marie Therese Camilleri.
Holy Souls.
The Parish.
Frank Stone.
Private Intention.
Terry Walsh RIP.
Priest's Intention.
Frank Stone SVP.
Anne Wilkinson L.D.
Marie Therese Camilleri.
Frank Stone.
The Parish.

BAPTISMS:

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

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.

LATELY DEAD:

Mary Elizabeth Jones. Please remember her in your prayers. A very loyal and regular Mass-goer. Please pray for her family. Her Requiem Mass will be on **Monday 1st June** at 12 noon.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: 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, William Lumley, Rachel Buckley, Rosaline Ives, Nora Elizabeth Reilly, Henry Sweeney, Eileen Bridget Bryne, Evelyn Siddall, Glyn Roberts, Thomas Martin, Elizabeth Baker, Dolly Cooper, Ronald Alfred Wells, Eileen Hughes, Thomas Patrick Nicholls, Godfrey Z Mullins, Frederick McGhee, William A J Davies.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS:

Family celebrations of the Sacrament continue throughout May. At the 11.00 a.m. Mass each Sunday some or all of the central benches are reserved for the children and their families. We pray for and congratulate those making their First Holy Communion this weekend: Brendan Caton (9.15 a.m. Mass), Ella McLoughlin (Blessing) and Grace Wilkinson-Perez (11.00 a.m. Mass).

CONFESSIONS:

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

OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate:	£491.46
Planned Giving:	£458.00
Average Weekly SOs:	£683.00

Many thanks for your generous support.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

May 17 th Heather & Jackie	Sierra Leone
May 24 th Val & Marg	Hospice
May 31 st Anybody willing?	

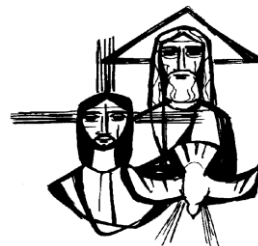
The next coffee rota is on the notice board in the hall. There are some vacancies. If you would like to volunteer please add your name to the rota or contact Margaret Curtis 318424.

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 Churchward Close, The Wiend, and Mickle Trafford.
- For 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.



UPTON CHURCHES 5th SUNDAY SERVICE:

For a number of years the three Upton churches have in turn organised an evening service when there is a fifth Sunday in the month, this being a day when the other two churches do not have a scheduled service. The next such occasion is **Sunday 31st May, Trinity Sunday**, and it is St. Columba's turn to organise and host the service. It will take place at 6.30 p.m. and will be a short service of scripture readings prayers and hymns based around the theme of the Trinity. There will be tea and coffee available afterwards in the Hall. You are warmly invited to attend.

UPTON'S WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY, 18 – 23 MAY:

The annual Week of Prayer is usually held in January, but in some places it is held in the week leading up to Pentecost – and that is the case here in Upton. Over the years the three Upton Churches have taken it in turns to host the daily prayer services. This year it is the turn of Holy Ascension Parish Church.

A short prayer service will be held at 6.30 p.m. each evening from **Monday 18th through to Saturday 23rd**, in the Kempe Room attached to Holy Ascension, Church Lane Upton.

The Week of Prayer is an international initiative, and this week's prayer services follow the booklet "The Well is Deep", prepared by the churches of Brazil. All are very welcome – whether attending each evening, or for one or two.

READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Recent newsletters contained an invitation to consider contributing to the life of the parish as a Reader or Eucharistic Minister. Many thanks to those who have already responded. Expressions of interest would still be welcome by emailing your name, address and phone number to Carol Galvin gerryandcarol.galvin@gmail.com or Lawrence Hordley lhordley@btinternet.com Thank you.

MUSIC THEATRE SHOWCASE:

St. Columba's Hall will host a Music Theatre Showcase in aid of the Hospice of the Good Shepherd on Saturday 23rd May. This will be a fun night for all the family, and you are welcome to bring your own alcoholic refreshments! Soft drinks, teas and coffees and snacks will be served in the interval. Doors open 7.30pm for 8.00pm. Why not pop over after Mass? The event will finish around 10.15pm. Tickets £5 adults £4 kids. Contact Catherine chartseducation@gmail.com or 07840 114297

FLOWER FESTIVAL & SERVICE:

Our City Centre Churches are having a Flower Festival & Service hosted by the Salvation Army, St. Anne's Street, Newtown, on **Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th May**. The aim is to bring members of the churches together in a joint celebration. The theme is "The Parables of Jesus". The Church will be open on Saturday 10 – 4 p.m. and Sunday 3 – 6 p.m. The Sunday evening service will be at 6 p.m. and all are welcome.

"SONGS OF PRAISE" SUNDAY 7th JUNE:

3.00 p.m. at St. Mark's C of E Church, St. Mark's Road, Saltney, Chester CH4 8DF. You are warmly invited to join this celebration of the work of Christian Aid, CAFOD and Tearfund. Homily by Canon Dr Trevor Dennis, retired Vice-Dean of Chester Cathedral. Posters in the porches and on the parish website.

HEALING MASS, SATURDAY 13th JUNE:

A Healing Mass will be held at noon on **Saturday 13th June**, celebrated for families affected by mental health issues and those that work in this area. It will be at St Patrick's, King Street, Wellington, Shropshire TF13AP. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered and all are welcome.

Healing Masses are organised by the Diocesan Marriage and Family Life Commission as part of the Commission's pastoral support of families. For more information please contact: Mark & Liz Dutton on 01625 428 498.

NEPAL EARTHQUAKE APPEAL:

Thank you very much for your response to this appeal. A total of £592 was sent to CAFOD during the week. Nepal was hit by another earthquake last week, so the national appeals have added urgency.

The CAFOD appeal envelopes are still available in both porches. Please return them at church via the normal offertory baskets. In addition, donations may be made via the Third World Wall boxes in either porch, throughout May.

Donations can also be made online via www.cafod.org.uk or www.dec.org.uk

PAUSE FOR HOPE, SUNDAY 21st JUNE:

Here at St. Columba's, 3.00 p.m. An ecumenical gathering 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.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION:

The Catholic High School Parents Association is now on Twitter. If you would like to be kept up to date on all events and fundraisers, then follow us @pa_chs Tell as many parents/people as you can to follow us too!

Thanks for all your support.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

Look out for information on the following:

Sunday 7th June - Annual BBQ to celebrate the anniversary of St Columba.

Friday 24th July - Coach trip to Lancaster.

TOMATO PLANTS:

These will be on sale again this Sunday, in the Church Hall after the morning Masses. Proceeds to Parish Third World Projects.

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 Harry Sweeney

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Items for inclusion to be in the blue folder in the Sacristy by 9.00 a.m. on Thursday. Please include a phone number in case of queries.

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