

St Columba's Church

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THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. SUNDAY 17th NOVEMBER 2013

MASS TIMES:

Saturday Vigil Mass:	7.15 p.m.	John Barrett. SVP.
Sunday:	9.15 a.m.	Dennis Healey.
	11.00 a.m.	Frank O'Donnell.
Monday: REQUIEM	9.30 a.m.	Peg Walker.
Tuesday	9.15 a.m.	Mike Kiernan.
Wednesday:	9.15 a.m.	Holy Souls.
Thursday: REQUIEM	12.00 noon	Frank Devine.
Friday: REQUIEM	1.30 p.m.	Michael Wolfe.
Saturday:	9.15 a.m.	Holy Souls.
Saturday Vigil	7.15 p.m.	Holy Souls.
Sunday:	9.15 a.m.	The Parish.
	11.00 a.m.	Martin Keating. A.

PLEASE NOTE THURSDAY AND FRIDAY NO 9.15 MASS.

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:

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

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: John Carroll, George Pickering, Doreen Faulkner, Patricia Treacy, Teresa Devane, John Francis Rigby, Phillip McMullan, Joseph Ferri, Dennis Healey Gertrude Buddery, Mary (May) O'Neill, Micheal Kiernan, Fred Rowlands, William Pollock, John North, Joseph Smith, Margaret Theresa Dennon, Margaret Mary O'Grady, Joseph Desmond McCartney, Mary Catherine Hopkins, Alan (Tony) Trotter, Margaret Bird, Annie Keegan, Patricia Madden, Alan Banks, Kathleen Heffernan, Nora Hughes, Margaret Henderson, Patricia McNicholas, Anne Bowes, Sam Tierney, Michael Leon Delaney, Thomas Ledsham.

CONFESSIONS:

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

LATELY DEAD: Peg Walker, Frank Devine, Michael Wolfe.

We pray for them and their families and friends at this time, and we pray also for all the Holy Souls.

FIRST SACRAMENTS ENROLMENT MASS:

On **Sunday 24th November**, Feast of Christ the King, the children in our Parish who are preparing to receive First Sacraments this school year will be enrolled at the 11.00 a.m. Mass. Please pray for the children and their families

OFFERTORY

Loose Plate:	£526.69
Planned Giving:	£445.61
Average Weekly SOs:	£547.00

THE BARRETT FAMILY:

Ruth Barrett and all the family would like to say how much the support, prayers, kindness and love shown by all the parishioners over the time of John's illness and passing has been so welcomed. We are truly privileged to be part of such a loving Christian community.

Thank you.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Longfield Avenue, Iver Road and Iver Close.
- For the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children.
- For all those who are not able to attend church.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

Nov 17th St Werburgh & St Columba PTA The Parish.

Nov 24th Autumn Fayre

Dec 1st Pat & John

SPUC.

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

CHESTER & ELLESMERE PORT DISTRICT

SVP WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE 2014:

The pilgrimage will take place from Monday 28th April to Thursday 1st May. The cost (assuming 43 including driver on pilgrimage) will be approximately £170 per person including coach travel, accommodation and meals in Walsingham and gratuities. For more details and to arrange to join the pilgrimage, please contact Brian Forrest – 01244 318863 for the application forms.

PHILIPPINES TYPHOON APPEAL:

This weekend and next there will be a special collection after Mass for CAFOD's emergency response to the extensive damage and suffering caused by Philippines Typhoon Haiyan. CAFOD is working with local Church partners to provide emergency shelter, food and water. You can also donate online at cafod.org.uk/typhoon, or by calling CAFOD on **0500 85 88 85**. CAFOD is a member organisation of the Disasters Emergency Committee, who have been running TV and radio appeals this week.



YEAR OF FAITH:

As the year of Faith draws to a close, it is an appropriate time to reflect on what we hoped to achieve. Our intentions were to increase our Faith and personal sanctification, to bring knowledge of the Faith to others, particularly those with no faith, and to help the young adults of our parish. These weekly notes have

concentrated on personal sanctification. Helping younger members of our parish was thwarted when a planned diocesan rally at St Columba's was cancelled. Bringing our Faith to others can be achieved collectively as a parish or individually. As a parish we are members of Churches Together in Upton, along with the United Reformed Church in Heath Road and the Anglican Church of Holy Ascension in Church Lane. All of us share the basics of the Christian Faith, so that we are able to share services of readings, prayers and hymns. These services are likely to increase in number next year with the introduction of joint evening services when there is a fifth Sunday in the month. In 2014 Church Unity Week is being moved from January to June, in the hope that summer weather and light nights will encourage more to attend, particularly from our parish as we are playing hosts.

But what do we do as individuals to bring our Faith to others? We simply live: live our Faith. Jesus taught us to love one another: this includes the Moslem family three doors away, the Jehovah's Witnesses who ring our bells, the elderly person we sit next to on the bus, the cheery shop assistant at the One-Stop. There is an old saying: 'God loves a cheerful giver'; we should also remember: "Smiles Last Miles".

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:

The theme this week and next is **Anti-Bullying** and the prayer is: *Dear Lord, let us always remember that our words and actions can hurt people. Let us remember that we are all special in God's eyes. Help us to treat people as we would like to be treated. Amen.*

QUESTIONNAIRE ON MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY:

The Vatican is inviting Catholics all over the world to answer questions on family life ahead of an extraordinary council called by Pope Francis next year. The Vatican is wishing to find out what Catholics think about matters surrounding the family – issues like divorce, cohabitation, same-sex relationships, contraception and the raising of children. A wide-ranging questionnaire has been drawn up, **for completion by quite a tight deadline: 13th December**. Copies of the questionnaire, tailored for Shrewsbury Diocese, are available in both porches at St. Columba's, with further information available from the Diocesan website www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org or the parish website (see Pastoral Letters & Resources tab).

DIOCESAN COURSE ON "NEW EVANGELISATION":

The Diocese is setting up a course designed to serve as a resource to prepare lay people to meet the challenges of preaching the Gospel in 21st century British society. The one-year programme focuses on the four areas of the parish, the family, the sick and youth and can lead to either a certificate or a diploma. Not intended to be heavily academic, the course will involve three to five hours of study from home each week and also three study days to take place at St Ambrose College, Hale Barns, Cheshire, on Saturdays in January, June and September 2014. For more information please see the pamphlets in either porch, or look on the Diocesan website www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org or the parish website (where the tab "Pastoral Letters & Resources" provides the link to a detailed description of the course).

For sale - surplus to requirements: wooden frame chairs with woven raffia seats. On view in the Hall after Mass on Sunday. Make us an offer! Ring Sue on 01244 312892.

FEAST OF THE WEEK:

Friday 22nd November is the feast of **St. Cecilia**. Though a late 4th century Church in Rome was named after her, and she is the patron of Albi cathedral in France, nothing is known for certain of Cecilia's life or death. Popular legends were written about her in the late 5th century, and in the 16th century she was named the Patron of Music – an association which survives to this day.

PARISH AUTUMN FAYRE:

This year's Autumn Fayre will be held on **Sunday 24th November**. Come and join us for hot dogs homemade soups and a bottle tombola plus stalls etc. If you have any bottles to donate for the tombola please leave them at the back of the Church. See posters in the hall and Church porches for further information.

OVER 50s CHRISTMAS PARTY:

We will be holding a Christmas Party for the over 50's and invited guests, free food and drinks on Sat. 7th Dec. More information will be available shortly in the newsletter and posters in the Hall and Church.

SIERRA LEONE – HEATHER LANNIN:

I return to Sierra Leone for 3 weeks from Nov 27th until Dec 18th to visit 30 orphan young people all of whom grew up in St. Mary's Roman Catholic Children's Home. I'm also catching up with ones who moved - some into very poor situations.

I am self funding but short of cash to spend on them. Any inspired donations welcomed: 2nd hand lap tops would be gratefully received; while a 2nd hand PSP completely make Christmas for a boy called Matha. There is also a local prison pastor called John Kamara who would dearly love a 2nd hand digital camera if one is available.

I have purchased 5 top quality solar torch lights to take at £13 each if anyone would like to sponsor one of these, but I have too much physical stuff to carry unless I take excess baggage so money donations are appreciated generally over physical gifts. Thank you in anticipation.

I will organise a birthday party for December 13th in the children's home to celebrate the birthdays of all the children, as often they have no money to celebrate their own throughout the year.

Thank you and warm regards.
Heather. 0784 062 1878.

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 Muriel Green
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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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