

# St Columba's Church

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## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 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:

Marie Terese Camillieri.  
The Parish.  
Paddy Folan.  
Gerry Galvin.  
Priest's Intentions.  
Brenda Sterling Snr.  
Mrs. Williams  
Gerry Walsh.  
Special Intention.  
Duncan Webster.  
Percy Chase. S.V.P.  
The Parish.

### LATELY DEAD:

Please remember Patricia Joan Shone. We pray for her family and commend her soul to God's mercy and love.

### 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.

Congratulations to the family of Nicolas John and Carolina Jasmin Van Gordon Woods. The twins were baptised last Sunday. We welcome them to the Church with their family as they celebrate this happy event. Please remember them in your prayers.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Bill Corley, Rose Jones, Evelyn Florence Bailey, Patrick Sheehan, Anne Patterson, Steven Barlow, Duncan Webster, Dorothy Mary Cramp, Louise Lynch, Michael Weston, Patricia Balty, Hilda Evans, Derek Beckett, Betty Fletcher, Joseph Strong, May Strong, Lesley Strong, Rosa Carney, Philip McEnery, Bernard Lumby, Patricia Carole Copeland, Mary Agnes Moore, Mary Steadman, Loretta Roberts, Paul McKenna.

### CONFESSIONS:

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

### OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate:	£491.50
Planned Giving:	£573.20
Average Weekly SOs:	£547.00
Donation, Coffee Morning:	£24.03

*Many thanks for your generous support.*

### UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Caughall Road, Acorn Court, The Acorns, Rosedene Close, Endsleigh Gardens and Endsleigh Close.
- For the PCC Members, Elders and all who hold Office in our churches. For strong leadership by those elected and appointed.

### SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

18<sup>th</sup> Aug: Chris & Elizabeth Nichols, Tombola  
25<sup>th</sup> Aug: Elizabeth Wilson, Parish  
1<sup>st</sup> Sept: Pat Wilkinson & John O'Connor, Parish

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

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS:

**Copies of the new rota, which commenced at the end of July, are still available for collection.**

Also if you have an e-mail address, or have changed your e-mail address, please could you inform Carol Galvin. Thank you.

## YEAR OF FAITH



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2013

The responsorial psalm of the Mass reminds us of the rich inheritance we have received from the years before the birth of Christ. The psalms formed the prayer book of the Jews. The Acts of the Apostles tells us that in the early days of

the Church the apostles and their converts continued to go to the synagogues for prayers but the breaking of bread took place in the homes of the faithful. As the Church flourished the psalms became an important part of the daily prayer of the Church and a familiar part of the life of every priest and religious through the recitation of the Divine Office.

The reforms of Vatican II introduced a psalm into the Mass in a fuller form than previously and gave us an insight to the riches we inherited. The translation into English from the Hebrew was the work of the Grail, a community of lay women then located at Pinner in Middlesex but now resident in Winchester. The original is usually regarded as the work of King David, but it is generally believed that there were many authors. They were written as poetry and covered all aspects of prayer, and the Grail has tried to follow the poetic tradition. In Old Testament times they were sung and we try to follow this by singing the responsorial psalm. The CTS publish a 282 page booklet price £2.95 about the psalms, if you enquire at the piety stall.

### FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

- August 20<sup>th</sup> is the feast of **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.
- August 23<sup>rd</sup> is the feast of **St. Rose of Lima** (1586 - 1617) the first saint of the Americas to be canonised, and is patron of South America and of the Philippines. She took a vow of virginity and joined the Third Order of St. Dominic, modelling herself on Catherine of Siena.
- August 24<sup>th</sup> is the feast of **St. Bartholomew, Apostle**. He is said to have preached the gospel in India and Armenia, where tradition indicates he was martyred.

### ST. COLUMBA'S HALL BOOKINGS:

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

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### CELEBRATORY MASS:

The Shrewsbury Diocesan  
Union of Catholic Mothers  
and Catholic Women's League

Will join together on the feast of their patron  
Saint Margaret Clitherow

To offer Mass at St. Columba's Church,  
Chester

**at 2.00 p.m. on Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> August 2013**

Celebrant Bishop Mark Davies

Light refreshments will be served in the hall  
afterwards.

You are all welcome to celebrate with us.

### SUNDAY AFTERNOON SALSA CLASS & DANCE:

In the Church Hall, **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August**,  
2.00 p.m. Complete beginners welcome.  
BBQ, weather permitting – bring your own  
food to cook. Drinks available, or bring your  
own. Fun for all the family – all ages  
welcome.

### NATIONAL JUSTICE & PEACE NETWORK MEETING:

The NJPN is holding an Open Meeting here  
in St. Columba's Hall on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>  
September**, 10.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. The  
day's proceedings include a talk by the well-  
known peace campaigner Vijay Mehta  
covering the themes of his recent book, on  
how the activities of the West fuel wars and  
poverty in the developing world. (This talk  
will be at 12.00 noon.)

### DIOCESAN HISTORY DAY:

This annual event is this year being held on  
**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October**, 11.00 a.m. to 4.00  
p.m. at St Mary of the Angels, Hooton. See  
posters in the church porches for further  
information (poster also included in the  
Notice Board section of our parish website).

### NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Ian Johnson

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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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