

St Columba's Church

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SUNDAY 18th JANUARY 2015 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS TIMES:

Saturday Vigil Mass:	7.15 p.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Burton and Baby Ann
Sunday:	9.15 a.m.	Wyn McSweeney
	11.00 a.m.	The Parish
Monday:	9.15 a.m.	Denis O'Donovan
Tuesday:	9.15 a.m.	Hannah Connolly
Wednesday:	9.15 a.m.	Eric Boardman
Thursday:	9.15 a.m.	David Beckett
Friday:	9.15 a.m.	David Alexander Gilbanks
Saturday:	9.15 a.m.	Chris & Steven Colgan
Saturday Vigil Mass:	7.15 p.m.	Hughie Middleton
Sunday:	9.15 a.m.	Eileen O'Driscoll
	11.00 a.m.	The Parish

INTENTIONS:

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.

CONFESSIONS:

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

BAPTISMS:

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

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Jack Cunniff, John Abbott, Veronica Martell, Edith Watkins, Ann Mahoney, John Joseph McLoughlin, Ian William Mylchreest, Bryan Burden, Reg Wells, Annie O'Loughlin, Margaret Holding, Eileen Coombes, Jason Monet, Siobhan McKenna, Elsie Rowlands, William Woods, Mgr. George Roger Leonard, Joan Connolly, Nora Margaret Connolly, David Noel Beckett, Bridget O'Malley, William Hope, Mary (Molly) Tallon, Monica Tweedle, Olivia Trotter, Tony Comerford, Richard Monet, James Kilcoyne, Florence Donnolly, Dorothy Tallon, Reginald Walpole, Anne Cunniff, Ivy Katherine Vickery, Mary McCallum, Michael Gritten, William Carter, Edward Halligan, John Mahoney, Robert Stephen Macdonald, Vicky Smith, Susan Pollock, Charles Dutton, Christine Elizabeth Colgan, Ann-Marie Loughlin, Gladys Lilian Shanley

OFFERTORY :

Loose Plate:	£456.69
Planned Giving:	£531.68
Average Weekly SOs:	£510.00
Donation:	
Sewing Group Coffee Morning	£33.31

Many thanks for your generous support.

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

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Newton Lane, Appleton Road and Handforth Road.
- For the Archive Group, Social Committee and fundraising groups.
- For the fellowship and sharing at social gatherings.

PRAYER CYCLE:

During Ordinary Time (Winter) and up to Lent we are asked to pray for these intentions: Peace on Earth; Christian Unity; the Sick and their Carers; Victims of Trafficking and those who work to combat it; Students & Teachers; the Unemployed.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

Jan 18 th	Annette Albuquerque	Ickle Pickles
Jan 25 th	Sue Carr	3 rd World
Feb 1 st	Scouts' Parade	

Ickle Pickles are the smallest and sickest babies who need intensive care in Neonatal Units.

If you would like to support a charity by making coffee in the Hall after Sunday morning Mass please contact Margaret Curtis, 01244 318424.

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

NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & READERS ROTAS:

Please pick up a copy of your new Rotas (which includes Holy Week) from the front porch. Please can I ask you to find a replacement should you be unable to carry out your duty - especially during Holy Week.

PEACE SUNDAY:

This Sunday is a **Day of Special Prayer for World Peace**. Each year, this day in January is set as an opportunity to reflect on the Pope's World Day of Peace message. This year, Pope Francis' message – *No Longer Slaves, but Brothers and Sisters* – is a strong personal plea for the end of modern-day slavery and human trafficking. He calls on governments, communities and individuals throughout the world to act and not to become complicit in these evils. (You can see the Pope's Message in full via a link on the parish website, Resources section.)

FEAST OF THE WEEK:

- Monday: **St. Wulstan** (1008-1095). A Benedictine monk who became Bishop of Worcester and was unusually successful in combining monastic and diocesan duties. As an Anglo-Saxon, he was also unusually successful in weathering the turmoil of the Norman Conquest. He played an active role in the abolition of the slave trade between Bristol and the Viking domains in Ireland, and lived to the venerable age of 87.
- Saturday: **St. Francis de Sales**, born in Savoy in 1567. He became Bishop of Geneva and played a major role in the renewal of French Catholicism in the 17th century. He was an early proponent of ecumenical dialogue.

JUSTICE & PEACE DAY OF REFLECTION:

Saturday 24th January, 10.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m., here in St. Columba's Hall. This event is arranged by the Diocesan Commission for the Promotion of Justice, Peace & Social Responsibility. It is for parish reps and for anyone who is interested or involved in justice and peace work or issues. See posters in the porches or on the parish website.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18th – 25th January, 2015:

Here in Upton, we will be marking the Week of Prayer at the alternative time, Pentecost. (17th -24th May). However, many parts of the county are coming together to celebrate the octave at its traditional January time. The service for Churches Together in Cheshire is being held at 6.00 p.m. on **Sunday, 25th January** at St. Mary's Parish Church, Nantwich, hosted by the Nantwich Christian Council. The preacher will be Bishop Mark. See poster in the porches and on the parish website.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN MASS CELEBRATING MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE:

This year the Mass for Marriage and Family Life with Bishop Mark will be celebrated at noon on **Saturday 14th February** here at St Columba's. All married couples and families are welcome, but if you are a couple celebrating a significant wedding anniversary (silver, pearl ruby, golden or platinum) and you wish to attend, then please let Fr. Cooke know by the 2nd of February and he will arrange for a special invitation to be sent you on behalf of the Bishop.

DIRECT HELP FOR SIERRA LEONE:

I am receiving daily requests from young people and families in Sierra Leone for direct help with food buying, non Ebola medical treatment etc. One Christian boy called Anthony still a teenager at school would like to start a small shop if he could get £100 investment because he wants to make a small profit to pay for his school fees.

If anyone would like or love the opportunity to give direct please ring Heather Lannin on 07840 621878, thank you.

ALTAR SERVERS' ENROLMENT INTO THE GUILD OF ST. STEPHEN:

Fr. Cooke will enrol six of our Altar Servers into The Guild at 11 a.m. Mass today.

Enrolment confirms them in their commitment to serve and encourages them to serve well. A handout for the Ceremony, which will take place after the Homily, is available for parishioners at Mass.

Our Altar Servers are an important part of parish liturgy, and boys and girls who have made their First Holy Communion are eligible to serve. Please speak with Fr. Cooke or Lawrence if you wish to know more.

ANTIQUÉ ITEMS:

The Church has four Prayer Chairs - in need of restoration. Would anyone like to give them a good home? If interested speak to Fr. Cooke or ring Sue Carr 312892.

ST COLUMBA'S HALL BOOKINGS:

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

E-mail: columbashallbookings@gmail.com

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.

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