



St Columba's Church

1 Newhall Road, Plas Newton, Chester CH2 1SA

Parish Priest: Fr. Russell Cooke

Tel: 01244 400873 E-mail: st.columba@btinternet.com

Deacon: Rev. Lawrence Hordley: Tel: 01244 342048, Mobile 0796 051 7463

Parish website: www.stcolumbachester.org.uk

Diocese of Shrewsbury, Registered Charity 234025

Chester Hospitals' Chaplaincy Tel: 01244 364543, answer phone available

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 19TH JANUARY 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:	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:

The Parish.
Patrick & Mary Regan.
Denis O'Donovan.
David Beckett. A.
Jim Howie.
P. Int. (Marie Sinclair)
Angela Dimelow.
Marie Rose Shepherd SVP.
Frank Devine.
The Parish.
Gladys Shanley.
Hughie Middleton.

MORNING PRAYER:

9.00 a.m. in the Sacristy Office, except on Wednesday.

BAPTISMS:

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

CONFESSIONS:

On Saturdays, after the morning Mass, and in the evening from 6.45 to 7.10 p.m.

CONFIRMATIONS:

Confirmation date for this year: 3rd October 2014.

Further information later.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers:

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. 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, Gladys Lilian Shanley, Patricia Banks, Margaret Johnstone, Malcolm Anthony de-Monte, Mary (Mollie) Callow, Robert Charles Gore.

OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate:	£498.87
Planned Giving:	£469.97
Average Weekly SOs:	£547.00

Many thanks for your generous support.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

Jan 19th Sue Carr	Third World
Jan 26th Annette Albuquerque	Neonatal
Feb 2nd Scouts & Guides Parade	

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

EAT CAKE FOR ICKLE PICKLES:

Outrageously delicious home-made cakes will be on sale in the Hall after both Masses on Sunday 26th January. All proceeds will be sent to Ickle Pickles, a national charity supporting neo-natal units throughout the U.K. Funds buy essential equipment like incubators and ventilators for pre-term and seriously ill newborn babies. Please come and support us. You get cake; the babies get help; everyone wins!

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

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

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 Peace Day message. This year, Pope Francis' very wide-ranging message - *Living as one family is the foundation and pathway to peace* – emphasises that fraternity is generally first learned in the family, and without fraternity it is impossible to build a just society and a solid and lasting peace.

ECUMENICAL SERVICE THIS SUNDAY:

Each year Churches Together in Cheshire organise a joint ecumenical service on the Sunday within the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This year the service is in **Chester Cathedral at 3.30 p.m. this Sunday, 19th January.** The preacher will be the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Lord Carey, on the theme "Is Christ Divided?" As well as prayers for Christian unity, there will be a children's choir from Crewe, comprising pupils from the Catholic schools St. Mary's Primary and St. Thomas More High School. All are welcome at this service.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PRAYER OF THE WEEK:

The theme again this week is **Christian Unity.**

Almighty God,

We know you want all Christians to live together in unity.

Help us all in our daily lives to take away all hatred and suspicion of each other

so we can all live together in peace.

Amen.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

Friday is the feast of **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.

Saturday is the feast of **The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle** - who as Saul was the harshest of persecutors of Christianity. His encounter with the vision of Christ on the road to Damascus led to his conversion, and on to his role as tireless missionary and powerful thinker and writer on behalf of the early church.

FIRST FORGIVENESS :

The First Forgiveness Celebration for the children will be on **Saturday 1st February** at 11.30 a.m. here at St. Columba's church.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN MASS CELEBRATING MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE:

This year the Mass is taking place here at St. Columba's on **Saturday 15th February**, at 12 noon.

All couples are welcome, but couples celebrating special anniversaries of their wedding (Silver, Ruby, Golden, Diamond or Platinum) in 2014 are particularly welcome. If you wish to receive an invitation to attend from the Bishop, please will you let Fr. Cooke or Lawrence have your details as soon as possible

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:

This year's Diocesan pilgrimage takes place from **July 23rd to July 31st** and booking forms and brochures are now available on the pilgrimage website: www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk

Hard copies are also available from the Pilgrimage Office at St Peter's, 16 Green Lane, Hazel Grove, Stockport SK7 4EA. Applications are particularly welcome from sick pilgrims who have never been to Lourdes before, as well as nurses and medical staff who would like to help in the care of the sick.

HEADTEACHER VACANCY:

The Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School requires a new Catholic Headteacher from September 2014.

NOR 106 – Group 1 – Salary Range: L10-16 (£47277-£54849)

'Pupils enjoy school, feel safe and behave well at work and play. Their positive attitude to learning and each other underpins the school's welcoming atmosphere.' Ofsted – July 2013

Further information and application packs are available from the Chair of Governors: Mrs Barbara Burgess

The Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School Cotterill, Halton Brook, Runcorn WA7 2NL.

Tel: 01928 563148 or email the school at sec.theholyspirit@halton-borough.gov.uk.

Closing date for applications: 12 noon on Friday 31st January

Shortlisting: Wednesday 5th February

Visits Welcome: afternoon of Thursday 13th February

Interviews: Friday 14th February

MONEY FOR MAGAZINES AND CTS PUBLICATIONS:

The front porch has the stand for CTS booklets. Please place the money for these in the wall box, labelled CTS, on the right hand side of the curved wall. The rear porch has a wall box labelled Magazines etc. opposite the table where magazines are laid out. Please use this box rather than leaving the money on the table. Thank you.

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 Ann Siddall.

Tel: 01244 371787

Email: a-siddall@sky.com

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