

St Columba's Church

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY, 20th JULY 2014

MASS TIMES:

Saturday Vigil Mass:	7.15 p.m.	Private Intention
Sunday:	9.15 a.m.	Eileen Beck
	11.00 a.m.	The Parish
Monday:	9.15 a.m.	Holy Souls
Tuesday:	9.15 a.m.	Holy Souls
Wednesday:	9.15 a.m.	Private Intention
Thursday:	9.15 a.m.	Holy Souls
Friday:	9.15 a.m.	Holy Souls
Saturday:	9.15 a.m.	Holy Souls
Saturday Vigil Mass:	7.15 p.m.	Holy Souls
Sunday:	9.15 a.m.	Patrick O'Sullivan
	11.00 a.m.	The Parish

INTENTIONS:

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: Doreen Pock, John William Burton, Katie Riley, Margaret Clarke, Margaret Barrett, Ann Atkinson, Brian Henry Hall, Ray Bernie, Mary Logan, Christopher Logan, Catherine Logan, Margaret Mary Patten, Richard Baird, Frederick Cartwright, John Patrick Walker, Mabel Stuart, John Edward Lambe, James Joseph Heffernan, Kathleen Jacobs, Elizabeth Fox, Leonard Hill, Lucy Newcombe, Eric Wilfred Cox, John Joseph (Sean) Wilson, Mary Lee, Robert Rooney, Mary Bull, Lil Coogan.

CONFESSIONS:

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

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:

We pray for our young people putting themselves forward for the Sacrament of Confirmation. We pray for their families and friends that their preparation for the Sacrament this year will be a success. Also, remember our catechists and their schools as important influences on their spiritual growth.

OFFERTORY

Loose Plate:	£482.48
Planned Giving:	£414.47
Average Weekly SOs:	£510.00
Donations (Coffee)	£ 21.60

Thank you for your continued generosity.

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 The Croft, Kirby Close and Ambleside;
- For all who are baptised in our churches, and their families and for the support given to them;
- For all who attend our crèches.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

20th July	Badminton	Parish
27th July	Val, Brenda & Pat	Hospice

3rd August: would somebody like to offer their services? Please contact Margaret, 01244 318424.

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

MUSIC AT 11.00 MASS:

The Music Group has now broken up for the summer holidays and will return on 14th September. We thank all the instrumentalists and singers who give the group such commitment. Two of our members, Amy and Kathleen, have now left for university, so we will need reinforcements in September. Please think about joining us to help keep the music going. Contact Pauline Payne, 01244 350323.

UPTON CHURCHES "5th SUNDAY"

SERVICES:

Churches Together in Upton have recently revived their earlier tradition of holding a joint service on those occasions when a calendar month includes a 5th Sunday. The next such Sunday will be 31st August, when St. Columba's will be hosting the service at 7.00 p.m. This particular service will celebrate the roles of the great northern saints, Aidan, Cuthbert and Bede – Aidan's feast being 31st August, Cuthbert 4th September. Posters in the porches and on our website.

GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS:

Lots of people have offered help and we will now meet to start putting our plans into action. **We will be in the Iona Chapel after both Masses this Sunday, 20th July.** Alternatively, ring Marie (340564), Anne (350939) or Sue (312892) to be put in the picture. Watch out for further notices about the Flower Festival and other elements of the Golden Jubilee celebrations.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:

Some 900 pilgrims from all over the diocese and of ages from less than 1 to 95, will be making their way to Lourdes on Wednesday and Thursday this week for the annual Diocesan Pilgrimage led by Bishop Mark. All are invited to join in praying for the intentions of the pilgrimage which are:

- That all who come as pilgrims to Lourdes may share in the “joy of conversion”, each accepting the call of Pope Francis to “a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ” (Evangelii Gaudium n.3).
- For peace in our world and reconciliation in our lives as we mark the centenary of the Great War with a "Year for Reconciliation" in the Shrewsbury Diocese.
- For the strengthening of families in time of crisis and for couples preparing for the great vocation of marriage.
- For the elderly and most vulnerable in our society that their rights and dignity may be upheld.
- For vocations to the Priesthood and the Consecrated Life. We entrust especially the new initiative at Shrewsbury for the discernment of vocations to the Priesthood to the prayers of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Whilst the pilgrimage is in Lourdes, those at home can join in by coming to Mass each day or praying the Rosary and watching some of the events on the Lourdes TV via the Internet. On **Friday July 25th** at 07.30 BST we shall celebrate Mass at the Grotto, which will be broadcast as well as the International Mass on **Sunday July 27th** from 08.30 BST. In addition, the two processions are broadcast each day at 16.00 and 20.00 BST. On **Monday July 28th** at 13.00 BST our sick pilgrims will be taken to venerate the rock of the Grotto and this will be broadcast.

To find the Lourdes TV go to <http://fr.lourdes-france.org/tv-lourdes/>

ANNIVERSARIES AND PRAYER PETITIONS:

- For a trial period, the parish **Anniversaries Book**, in its display cabinet, was located in the left hand corner of the church, along with the book for the recording of further requested entries. In the light of views received it has now been decided to return the Anniversaries Book to its original location: “St. Columba’s Chapel”, adjacent to the new Baptistery area. The **book for the recording of new entries** is now held in the left hand alcove of the front porch – now suitably furnished with table and chairs. Parishioners wishing an anniversary to be recorded can write the details there, and they will be transcribed into the formal Book.
- The **Prayer Petitions Book** is available for parishioners to write any intention or prayer they wish to be offered up. At Sunday Masses this book is taken up to the altar as part of the Offertory Procession, so at weekends the book is now located in the left hand alcove of the front porch. Throughout the week, when Masses are held in the Iona Chapel, the Petitions Book is displayed and available there.

Fr. Cooke and Lawrence hope these final arrangements are found to be convenient and meet with approval.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

- Tuesday, **St. Mary Magdalene**
- Wednesday, **St. Bridget of Sweden**, Patron of Europe
- Friday, **St. James, Apostle**
- Saturday, **Sts. Joachim & Anne**, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

CATECHIST DAYS:

Fr. Chris Matthews from the diocese has provided advance notice of forthcoming Catechist Days. All the events below will take place here at St. Columba’s. Further details, including times and booking forms, will be available over the summer.

While each of the series of three Catechist Days can stand alone, each day will build on the previous session(s) together building a course, and attendance at all three is recommended:

- **Saturday 27th September** - day one for new and existing catechists;
- **Saturday 15th November** - day two for new and existing catechists;
- **Saturday 6th December** - day three for new and existing catechists.

Also:

- **Saturday 11th October** - Annual Day for RCIA catechists.

Dates for the autumn diary!!!

“I + YOU = WE” RETREAT 26-27th JULY:

A non-residential retreat for married couples, at St. Wilfrid’s, Northwich. Fr. Jay Szymczak will give a repeat of his popular course for the development of marital relations as part of the Diocese’s programme for marriage. Fr. Jay has a wonderful gift for explaining spiritual truths in very human terms. This retreat will be enjoyed by couples of any age. See poster in the church porches, or on our parish website, or contact Canon Jonathan Mitchell (01606 42440; frjonmitchell@cantab.net) or Louise Kirk (01270 874078).

LICHFIELD TRIP FRIDAY, 25TH JULY:

We are off on our parish outing this coming Friday! We remind you that **the coach will be leaving St. Columba’s car park promptly at 9.00 a.m.** Any queries contact 01244 318424.

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 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