

St Columba's Church

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TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2013

MASS TIMES:

Saturday Vigil Mass: 7.15 p.m.
Sunday: 9.15 a.m.
11.00 a.m.
Monday: 2.00 p.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
Maureen Fynn
REQUIEM JOHN BARRETT
P. Intention J.B.
Catherine Lavender A.
Charles Chase
For Healing
Priest's Intention
Mary Davenport A.
Priest's Intention
The Parish

LATELY DEAD:

Please pray for John Barrett who died recently. We pray for Ruth and their children at this difficult time. John's Requiem is this Monday at 2.00 p.m.

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: Edith Dale, Herbert Davies, Ermina Perruzza, Anne Rosario Mary Daly, Norman Swift, Frank Barlow, Georgina Benwell, Elizabeth Brouckshaw, Rose Makinson, Vera Smith, Pamela Kirby, Edward Byrne, George Gardner, Andrew Carden, Margarita Pengelly, Ursula Maria Hasselhame, Frank Makinson, Peter Eugene Curtis, Margaret Jones, Catherine Jane Kilcoyne, Catherine Lavender, Rachel Halligan, Margaret Jones, Margaret Ryan, John Glynn, Ida Ellen Nelson, Sophia (Rita) Humphreys, Ruby Gritton, Patrick McCarthy, Maureen Fynn, Eileen Henderson, Anthony Pink, Kathleen McLoughlin, Ted Southall, Pauline Augustus, Mary Keating, Margaret Murphy.

CONFESSIONS:

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

MISSION TODAY MAGAZINE:

The Autumn issue of Mission Today is available in the two porches of the Church.

OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate: £591.20

Planned Giving: £438.21

Average Weekly SOs: £547.00

Thank you for your continued support.

NOVEMBER LIST ENVELOPES:

These are now available. Please put those who you wish to remember and your offering.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

Oct.20th Jackie Turvey Sea Cadets & Parish

Oct.27th Sue Carr+Friends MacMillan Tea Party

Nov.3rd Ruth & Jacqui Austistic Society

WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE

MORNING: Our chance to participate and show support for the MacMillan Cancer Support – in the Hall after both Masses next week. Please come along – coffee and cake stalls.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Old Mill Ct, Mill Lane, Mill Close and Deans Close
- For All those involved with the upkeep of our Church buildings and grounds.

PARENTS' MEETING FOR FIRST

SACRAMENT:

Parents of all the children in the Parish who are preparing to receive First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion this school year are reminded about the first Parents' Meeting at St.

Werburch's and St. Columba's School at 7.00 p.m. on **Monday 4th November.**

HARVEST FAST DAY: THANK YOU!

Thank you very much to everyone who returned envelopes from Harvest Fast Day on 4th Oct.

Thanks to your generosity a total of £607 has been sent to CAFOD for their work combating poverty and hunger in the developing countries.

ST COLUMBA'S HALL BOOKINGS:

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

E-mail: columbashallbookings@gmail.com



YEAR OF FAITH:

To conclude our thoughts on the Sacrifice of the Mass, let us consider receiving Our Saviour in Holy Communion. This is a significant occasion for our community: we are the Body of Christ going forward in procession to receive the Body of Christ,

and we receive the Body of Christ so that we may more truly be the Body of Christ in our world. The Communion Procession is not simply getting up from one's seat, walking to the altar, receiving Holy Communion, returning to one's seat and sitting down again. The procession is an act of the community, not a private individual action; it is often accompanied by song, and is a prayer and a visible sign of reverence. We are able to receive Holy Communion under both kinds. This does not mean that you receive more grace than when you receive under one kind alone, but it fulfils Christ's intention that we eat his Body and drink his Blood. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains that what material food produces in our bodily life, Holy Communion wonderfully achieves in our spiritual life: it separates us from sin and increases our love for Christ, so that we become stronger members of the Body of Christ.

RELICS OF ST ANTHONY OF PADUA

On Thursday 31 October the relics of St Anthony of Padua, which are touring Great Britain, will be at St Francis Church, Chester. Veneration of the relics will take place between 1pm and 6.30pm and between 8 and 9pm, with Mass at 12 noon and 7pm.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:

I will shortly be finalising the order for the 2014-15 envelopes. If your details have changed or if you wish to be added to or removed from the envelope list please contact David Savage on 380626 or savage214@btinternet.com

ST COLUMBA'S PASTORAL COUNCIL:

This is the body which, through the Buildings Group, has brought you the new heating system, the outside and inside painting of the church, the carpet and the new kneelers to name but a few of our products! The council also helps oversee the running of the hall, social activities, liaison with other churches etc. A number of long serving members, who have made a valuable contribution (many thanks to them) have retired from the committee. We are very keen to recruit new members to replace them. If you feel you can offer a modest amount of time to join the group (it meets only half a dozen times a year) please talk to Fr. Cooke.

UPTON CHURCHES QUIZ:

Many thanks to all of you who attended this recent event held in the Hall and also to those of you who helped on the night. The winners were a team from St Columba's with the remarkable score of 83%, and they were closely followed by two teams on 75%. More than 60 people attended, much fun was had, and £136 was raised which will be shared between CAFOD and Christian Aid. Thanks also to the Spar on Long Lane who, without prompting, donated all the raffle prizes.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

Children's Liturgy is available during 11 a.m. Mass in term time for any children who wish to attend. Could you join the helpers who take a turn once every 5 weeks? We need at least one more helper. All materials and ideas are provided and you can swap any

week when you can't be there. For more information contact Catherine on 3183866 or 07462 780302 or

catherine.green@care4feree.net

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:

The theme this week is *Operation Christmas Child* and the prayer is:

Dear Lord, help us to think about those people who are not fortunate enough to live the lives that we do.

Help us to work together as a school to support Operation Christmas Child and to make a child's Christmas better because of our gift. Amen.

CAFOD SHREWSBURY MEMORIAL

MASS: Will be held on 9/11/13 at 10 a.m. at St. Patrick's King Street, Telford TF1 3AP. Further details in the Church front porch.

FEAST OF THE WEEK:

Saturday 26th October is the feast of **Sts Chad and Cedd**. Chad, a 7th century priest, monk and bishop, served in Lichfield for two-and-a-half years. He was one of four brothers who all became priests, and two of them – Chad and his elder brother Cedd – became bishops. Cedd was the founder of many monasteries and given the job of evangelising the East Saxons. They were born in the kingdom of Northumbria, and trained at Lindisfarne under St. Aidan.

PARISH BUILDINGS COMMITTEE – OCTOBER 2013:

Since our last report, various plans have come to fruition: a very good job was done painting the outside of the Church; the hall lounge has been redecorated; the 9 chairs which are sometimes used on the altar have been re-covered in a fabric which matches the carpet; 30 more chairs, matching those we received last year, have been delivered to the hall; uneven paving slabs at the rear of the Church (a problem drawn to our attention by a parishioner) have been re-laid; we have begun to carry out some work on the garage so that it can be used as a store room. The external church windows will be cleaned in the next week or so.

New **votive candle stands** are now in operation – **please, please, please – use the lighters to light the candles, not matches.**

The next meeting will be on **Monday 18th November 2013, 7.30 p.m.** in the Church office. pauline.rourke@btinternet.com; leech2000@btinternet.com

BRITISH SUMMER TIME:

A reminder that the clocks go back 1 hour next Saturday evening – if you wish, an extra hour in bed on the morning of Sunday 27th October!

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.

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PILGRIMAGE TO LISIEUX: MAY 2014

The Parishioners of St Anselm in London have been organising pilgrimages to Lisieux for 25 years. Since 2012 they have been joined by pilgrims from Chester and the Wirral. One of our retired priests, Canon Brendan Hoban, will again be the chaplain for the 2014 pilgrimage. The pilgrimage leaves London on Friday 30 May 2014, returning on Thursday 5 June, staying in en-suite accommodation next to the Carmel in Lisieux where St Therese lived. The cost from London is £405, for which a deposit of £120 is required by 6 December 2013. Further details are on the notice boards in both porches or phone Bill Baker on 01244 376701.

BROTHER JAMES KIMPTON

Many parishioners may be unaware of Brother Kimpton, who as a boy lived in Woodlands Drive, off Ermine Road. He joined the de La Salle Brothers, a teaching order, and eventually went to India, where he founded Reaching the Unreached, a charity building children's villages, schools and houses for the poor. This year alone he has divined 60 sources of water to provide wells of clean water. To learn more of the work which he does, and which our parish supports, pick up a copy of Reaching the Unreached Newsletter, available in both porches.