

St Columba's Church

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 21st JULY 2013

MASS TIMES:

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| Saturday Vigil Mass: | 7.15 p.m. |
| Sunday: | 9.15 a.m. 11.00 a.m. |
| Monday: | 9.15 a.m. |
| TUESDAY | 10.00 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:

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| Marie Terese Camillieri |
| The Parish |
| Dot Powell |
| Pat Smith RIP |
| SCHOOL MASS |
| Private Intention |
| Kay Hanratty |
| Brian Hall.A |
| Winifred Chapman |
| Josefina Barbon |
| Gerry Galvin |
| The Parish |

NB SCHOOL MASS IN CHURCH AT 10.00 TUESDAY

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:

After speaking to Fr Cooke to arrange a date, please contact Claire Graham on 01244 341287 / 07880553830.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Katie Riley, Margaret Clarke, Margaret Barrett, Ann Atkinson, Brian Henry Hall, Mary Logan, Christopher Logan, Catherine Logan, Margaret Mary Patten, Richard Baird, Frederick Cartwright, Gordon Edward Townson, 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, Kathleen Theresa Grimes, Evelyn "Brenda" Jeffery, Bernard Hynes, Joseph Ferguson, Margaret Andres, Mary Jones, John Pealing, John Joseph Murphy, Thomas Cecil Joseph Vickers, Andree J McAndrew, Thomas Reginald (Reg) Savage, Philip George Jones.

CONFESSIONS:

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

OFFERTORY

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| Loose Plate: | £504.95 |
| Planned Giving: | £396.30 |
| Average Weekly SOs: | £547.00 |
| Hall Hire/Coffee Morn: | £467.50 |

BAPTISMS:

Twins Jessica Alice and Kathleen Elizabeth Giles were baptised on Sunday 7th July. A warm welcome and congratulations to Jessica & Kathleen and their family on this happy occasion. Please remember them in your prayers.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

21st July Sue Carr (3rd World) Parish/3rd World
28th July Badminton Group Parish
4th August Maighread Kerry Parish
Teas coffees and cakes are served in the hall after both Sunday morning Masses. Proceeds to Parish/Third World Group.
All are very welcome.

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 help or attend our creches.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SALSA CLASS & DANCE:

In Church Hall 2pm Sunday 28th July. Complete beginners welcome.

BBQ - bring your own food to cook. Drinks available or bring your own.

Fun for all the family – all ages welcome.

MUSIC GROUP 11.00 a.m. MASS:

The Music Group breaks up this Sunday for the summer holiday and will return on 15th September. We thank all the instrumentalists and singers who give the group such commitment. Two of our valued members, Carole and George have now moved away, and some of our players have left, so we will need reinforcements in September. Please think about joining us to help keep the music going.

MOVING ON:

Our thoughts and prayers go to our children who are moving on from our primary and high schools. May God bless and guide them and keep them safe.



YEAR OF FAITH

Picture the scene, Mum has been busy with scores of jobs when she suddenly realises that Auntie Rose is arriving from Sydney in an hour or so and she particularly wants to meet eight year old Duncan whom she has never seen. Right now Duncan and a few friends are

playing football behind the house and Mum needs to give him a shower and put on his best gear, for this is an important meeting. It's a bit like that at the Penitential Rite of the Mass. Christ has summoned us to a special meeting, as the Third Eucharistic Prayer puts it, and we need to be in as perfect a state as we can be to greet him when he becomes really present during the Consecration of the Mass. We need to acknowledge our faults and, trusting in the infinite mercy of Our Lord, seek pardon with a promise to do our best to live constantly in his love, doing little acts of penance (just have one Jaffa Cake not three!) or little acts of charity (popping to see if the old lady who lives next door needs anything). With these thoughts and with the help of Jesus, we can look forward to listening to his voice in the Liturgy of the Word and rejoice in his presence among us at the Eucharistic Prayer

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

- Monday is the feast of **St. Mary Magdalene**, the disciple of Christ who was the first to proclaim the good news of Christ's resurrection to the apostles.
- Tuesday is the feast of **St. Bridget**, patron saint of Sweden. Living in the 14th century, she was the founder of the Bridgettines religious order. After journeying to Rome to seek papal recognition of her Order, Bridget spent the remaining years of her life in Rome and Italy, and became well-known for offering outspoken advice to the popes about the problems of the times.
- Thursday is the feast of **St. James, Apostle**, brother of John and chosen to be witness of Christ's transfiguration.
- Friday is the feast of **Ss. Joachim and Anne** - parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

CHURCH SURROUNDS:

Until recently the church surrounds have been looked after by Paul and Alison Wigglesworth with help from one or two others. Because Paul is not too well at the moment we are setting up new arrangements for looking after the surrounds – mowing, tending the flowerbeds, pruning keeping the car park areas tidy, etc. We now have a small group of people prepared to meet up on a regular basis, on the first Saturday of each month, from 9.45 a.m. for a couple of hours, as needed. Whenever possible we will open up the Hall for a refreshment break. If any parishioner would like to join us for any of these Saturday morning sessions they would be very welcome. The first such session will be Saturday 3rd August, 9.45 a.m. meeting in the car park. If you would like more information about these arrangements please phone Bernard Payne on 01244 350323

PARISH TRIP TO LUDLOW 26th JULY:

The coach will leave St Columba's car park 09.15 with a comfort break at Dobbies Nurseries, Shrewsbury. The coach is a 51 seater, people will be allocated places on a first come first served basis with, if necessary, a reserve list. Cost £12.50pp. Any queries contact Margaret Curtis 01244-318424.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:

The 2013 Lourdes Pilgrimage takes place this week, with over 900 pilgrims making their way to the famous shrine by air and overland under the leadership of Bishop Mark. During this week we are all invited to join in the pilgrimage prayer intentions:-

- For our new Holy Father, Pope Francis that he will be granted all the strength and courage he needs to continue the ministry of the Apostle Peter in our time.*
- For our Emeritus Pope Benedict that we may continue to experience the fruits of his teaching and especially of the witness of his Apostolic visit to the United Kingdom. May God grant him peace and sustain him in his hidden life of prayer for the Church.*
- For World Youth Day 2013; for all who share generously to accept Christ's call to pass on with the Pope in the celebrations in Rio de Janeiro and across the world reflecting on Christ's call: "Go and make disciples of all the nations". May the young of every nation be ready the Gospel and the Catholic faith to new generations.*

For an increase in faith for all of us in the Shrewsbury Diocese so that we can each accept the call to a "new evangelisation" in our time.

ST. COLUMBA'S HALL BOOKINGS:

For all Hall bookings and enquiries please contact Sue Carr on 0755 311 4531, or by email to columbashallbookings@gmail.com

NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Ann Siddall

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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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