

# St Columba's Church

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## TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY, 21<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2014

### MASS TIMES:

Saturday Vigil Mass:	7.15 p.m.	Jane O'Hora.
Sunday:	9.15 a.m.	The Murphy Family R.I.P.
	11.00 a.m.	Mary Edwards
Monday:	9.15 a.m.	Service of Word & Communion
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.	<b>NO SERVICE</b>
Saturday Vigil Mass:	7.15 p.m.	Sylvia Cotter
Sunday:	9.15 a.m.	Molly Massie
	11.00 a.m.	Jean Sullivan

### INTENTIONS:

### WELCOME:

Welcome and thanks to The Holy Ghost Fathers, with us to celebrate the Vigil and 9.15 and 11.00 a.m. Masses, on this and the following Sunday, during Fr. Cooke's holiday break.

- Should you need to make contact while Fr. Cooke is away please phone Deacon Lawrence on 01244 342048 or 07960 517463.

### CONFESSIONS:

This week, Confessions will be heard before the Saturday Vigil Mass, from 6.45 p.m. – 7.10 p.m.

### MORNING PRAYER:

9.00 a.m. in the Sacristy Office each weekday morning, except on Wednesday, when Novena prayers are held at 9.15 a.m. before the Service of Word & Holy Communion commences.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Frank Barlow, Georgina Benwell, Elizabeth Brouckshaw, Rose Makinson, Vera Smith, Pamela Kirby, Edward Byrne, George Gardner, Dan Roberts, Andrew Carden, Margarita Pengelly, Ursula Maria Hasselhame, Frank Makinson, Peter Eugene Curtis, Margaret Jones, Catherine Jane Kilcoyne, Catherine Lavender, Rachel Halligan, Margaret Ryan, John Glynn, Ida Ellen Nelson, Sophia (Rita) Humphreys, Ruby Gritton, Patrick McCarthy, Eileen Henderson, Anthony Pink, Kathleen McLoughlin, Ted Southall, Pauline Augustus, Mary Keating, Margaret Murphy, John Kirby Garner and Maureen McKenna.

### BAPTISMS:

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

### OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate:	£526.34
Planned Giving:	£473.30
Average Weekly SOs:	£510.00

*Thank you for your continued generosity.*

### PLANNED GIVING AND GIFT AID:

Today we again welcome Mike Russell from the Planned Giving & Gift Aid Service of the Diocese will be speaking at each Mass this weekend about different ways you can help the Parish, and asking you to join the Gift Aid scheme if you have not already done so.

### SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

21st Sept. Pat & Friends	Hospice
28th Sept. Sewing Group	Royal British Legion
5th Oct. Scouts & Guide Parade	Parish

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

### UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of St. Christopher's Close, Dale Drive and Heath Road.
- The Treasures, Finance Organisers and Gift Aid Recorders.
- Those who are responsible for the financial affairs of our Churches.

### FRIENDS OF ST. THÉRÈSE :

A prayer group under the patronage of St. Teresa of Lisieux is starting on her Feast, **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October**, at 7.30 p.m. in the Iona Chapel. The prayer intentions include our parish, the lapsed, our young adults, the foreign missions and vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. The monthly meeting will focus on the 'Little Way' of St. Thérèse, devotion to Our Lady and the Passion of Christ, and will contain readings, meditations and prayers with perhaps a hymn or two. Mother Prioress at Birkenhead Carmel has helped with various gifts and is lending us one of the two relics of St. Thérèse which they hold. Future meetings will be arranged to suit those attending. For further details telephone Bill Baker on 01244 376701.

### RED MISSION BOXES:

Those parishioners holding Red Mission Boxes please leave them in the Sacristy for Margaret Curtis to collect. Thank you for your continued support.

### HOME MISSION SUNDAY:

Today is Home Mission Sunday – the day annually when we are invited to pray for and support the Church’s work of Evangelisation in England and Wales. The theme this year is **Evangelisation “in the heart of the family”**, reminding us that the work of evangelisation begins within our own families – in our own homes and also within the spiritual family of our parish. You will find prayer cards on this theme in the porches.

### 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS:

We’ve put a good selection of photos of the Flower Festival, the Anniversary Mass, and the “bun fight” in the Hall on the special section of the parish website: [www.stcolumbachester.org.uk](http://www.stcolumbachester.org.uk)  
Many thanks again to everyone who helped in so many ways to make our celebrations so memorable.

### HARVEST THANKSGIVING MASS:

Next Sunday, **28<sup>th</sup> September**, we will be having our Harvest Thanksgiving Mass at 11.00 a.m. As we give thanks for our own harvest, we will be thinking of people in the Third World whose harvest may have failed. We would therefore ask you to kindly put your harvest gift in the CAFOD Harvest Day envelopes which will be available with the church Newsletters next weekend (in readiness for the Fast Day itself, **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**). The envelopes will be collected in the normal collection baskets at Masses on 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> October.

### FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

- Tuesday: **St. Pio of Pietrelcina** September (1887-1968). Born into a peasant family near Naples, ordained as Capuchin friar at the age of 23. Shortly after, he started experiencing the pains of "stigmata" or Christ's wounds, which became visible as physical wounds a few years later. Though the Vatican remained sceptical as to his state, Padre Pio's fame spread, with large crowds flocking to his Masses. The large offerings went to support the setting up and further development of a hospital foundation. In later years, the Vatican, under Pope Pius XII gave Padre Pio and his work their fuller support, and he was finally canonised a Saint in 2002.
- Saturday: **St. Vincent de Paul** (1581-1660). Born in SW France, ordained priest at the exceptionally early age of 19. Initially his work was among rich court families but he was more and more drawn to work among the poor, and he went on to found congregations of priests and nuns dedicated to the simple life and to work for the poor and the sick. Leo XIII nominated him as patron saint of all charities, and his life and teaching inspired the founding in 1833 of the lay confraternity of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, which as we know is active down to this day in many parts of the world.

### FORMATION DAY FOR NEW AND EXPERIENCED CATECHISTS:

The first of the three sessions will take place on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September** from 10.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. in St. Columba’s Hall. Please see notices in both porches for further details.

### BETHLEHEM ART – COMING TO ST. COLUMBA’S:

On the weekend of **27<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> September** we are having another chance to see the work of the Christian families in and around Bethlehem – individual hand carved items in olive wood, using skills passed down the generations. Sales of these items will be of great help to the few families remaining in the area, since the troubles in the Holy Land have led to dramatic falls in the numbers of pilgrims and visitors – and the drying up of the local market.

### CHESTER CAFOD SUPPORT GROUP:

Chester CAFOD Support Group is 25 years old this year. Concert planned for **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September**, 7.30 in St. Columba’s Church Hall featuring The Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service Choir, finalists in BBC’s “The Choir: Sing while you work” and “The Songsmiths”. Tickets are only £5.00 and include refreshments. **TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE.** Contact CAFOD office on 677594 or Ann McCarthy on 375606.

### SHREWSBURY CATHOLIC VOICE:

**Copies of the latest issue of the Diocesan magazine are now available, price £1.**

### CD OF 11.00 A.M. COMMUNION MUSIC:

If you would like a copy of our "**Dove of Peace**" CD of flute, clarinet and organ music - as played during the Flower Festival - please add your name to the list on the notice board, or email [robert.h.green@btinternet.com](mailto:robert.h.green@btinternet.com) Price is £5 with the proceeds going to the school in Bo and the Catholic High School PTA.

### MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

St. Columba's Church is very proud to be holding a MacMillan Coffee Morning on **Friday 26th Sept.** in the hall 10am--1pm. All parishioners are invited together with family, friends and neighbours. We would appreciate cake donations on the day. If you can help in any way contact Margaret Allmark 399624 or Margaret Curtis 318424.

### “FRANCIS THE HOLY JESTER”:

Written by Dario Fo and monologue performed by Mario Pirovano, featuring four episodes about the life of St. Francis, will be held in the Church of St. Francis of Assisi, Chester on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October** at 6.30 p.m. More information on Parish website [www.stfranciscatholicchurchchester.co.uk](http://www.stfranciscatholicchurchchester.co.uk)  
Entrance by ticket only. £5 Adults, £3 Under 12s.

### THE CHURCH MOSAIC:

A beautiful mosaic of the Church now hangs in the hall; Sue Carr is archiving information on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations and would love to know about the picture’s history. If you know anything about it please contact her.

### ST COLUMBA’S HALL BOOKINGS:

For all Hall bookings and enquiries please contact Sue Carr on 07553 114531  
E-mail: [columbashallbookings@gmail.com](mailto:columbashallbookings@gmail.com)

### NEXT WEEK’S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Muriel Green.  
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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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