

# St Columba's Church

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## FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2013

### MASS TIMES:

Saturday Vigil Mass:	7.15 p.m.
Sunday:	9.15 a.m.
	11.00 a.m.
Monday:	9.30 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:

Holy Souls.
The Parish..
Martin Keating. A.
John Barrett SVP
James Tynan RIP.
Sheila Maureen Austin SVP
Holy Souls.
Frank Devine SVP.
Gerry Galvin.
Michael Wolfe SVP.
Francis O'Donnell.
The Parish.

### 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.

Thomas and William Johnson were baptised on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November. A warm welcome and congratulations to Thomas, William and their family on this happy occasion. Please remember them in your prayers.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Kathleen Heffernan, Nora Hughes, Margaret Henderson, Patricia McNicholas, Anne Bowes, Sam Tierney, Michael Leon Delaney, Thomas Ledsham, Patrick Lavelle, ? Sibley, Fleury Brayet, Bridgit Corrigan, Martin Keating, Donald Brough, Frances Maud Boulton, Peter Jones, Rob Jones, John Gordon Sands, Frank Buddery, Nora Little, Angela Podmore, Peter Garry, Robert Trundle, Freda Carline, Rhona Mary Howlette, Kathleen Townsend, Louise Whitcombe, John Henry McCownem, Stan Connolly, Francesca Pace.

### CONFESSIONS:

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

### FIRST SACRAMENTS ENROLMENT MASS:

This Sunday, Feast of Christ the King, the children in our Parish who are preparing to receive First Sacraments this school year will be enrolled at the 11.00 a.m. Mass. Please pray for the children and their families.

### OFFERTORY

Loose Plate:	£433.14
Planned Giving:	£462.00
Average Weekly SOs:	£547.00

### UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Queens Crescent, Weston Grove, Lakeside Close and Dukesway.
- For the Senior Citizens Club, Food & Fun, and St Vincent de Paul Society.
- For all those who are retired.

### SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

Nov 24 <sup>th</sup>	Autumn Fayre	
Dec 1 <sup>st</sup>	Pat & John	SPUC
Dec 8 <sup>th</sup>	Badminton	Parish

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

### CHESTER & ELLESMERE PORT DISTRICT SVP WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE 2014:

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April to Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May. Cost (assuming 43 including driver) approx £170 per person including coach travel, accommodation and meals in Walsingham, and gratuities. For more details and application forms, please contact Brian Forrest – 01244 318863

### PHILIPPINES TYPHOON APPEAL:

Thanks to your generous response to last weekend's appeal we were able to send £924 to CAFOD on Monday. If you are returning an envelope this weekend, please place it in one of the baskets at the end Of Mass and we will send a further cheque to CAFOD.

A local group of Filipinos held a very successful appeal for blankets, clothing and other items, using our Hall as a collection point on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November, for sorting and onward transmission via a relief scheme based in Birmingham. They were hoping to organise another such date but transport has become a problem. Instead, items (or cash donations) can be dropped off at the British Red Cross, Northgate Street Chester (01244 349550) marking them for the Typhoon Appeal.

We have a letter of thanks from the Filipinos for the use of church facilities, which goes on to offer support for a fund-raising activity for CAFOD – watch out for further information on this.



### YEAR OF FAITH:

Years ago as Catholics left each other they often said: "Keep the Faith." A book called *A Menology of England and Wales* has recently been re-published, giving potted histories of hundreds of saints and martyrs, who were born or lived in England and Wales from Roman times to more recent centuries. Among them is a saint who lived in what is now our parish. Plegmund was born in the second half of the 9th century and according to the *Menology* lived as a hermit for many years in the Isle of Chester - in fact at Plegmund's Stall (Plemstall) in Mickle Trafford. He gained a reputation for his learning, as well as his solid virtues and religious life. He became a scholar at the court of King Alfred, was consecrated archbishop by Pope Formosus, from whom he received the pallium, and was confirmed as Archbishop of Canterbury. At that time three dioceses had no bishop, so on one day he consecrated seven bishops in his cathedral. He also consecrated King Edward the Elder at Kingston in 900. He enriched the church with gifts of land and brought the relics of St Blaise from Rome. The saintly prelate died in 914. Plegmund was assiduous in bringing the Faith to his people, fulfilling the expectations of the Archbishop of Rheims, who believed his consecration as Archbishop of Canterbury would root out the last remnants of paganism: a great saint of our parish, whose feast day is the 2nd of August and who kept the Faith. As the Year of Faith ends, let us resolve with God's help to KEEP THE FAITH.

### CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:

The theme again this week is **Anti-Bullying** and the prayer is:  
*Dear Lord, let us always remember that our words and actions can hurt people. Let us remember that we are all special in God's eyes. Help us to treat people as we would like to be treated. Amen.*

The Catholic High School is staging **Our House: The Musical** from Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm. Tickets £9 including wine & cake, available from school box office: Tel 01244 981600.

### QUESTIONNAIRE ON MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY:

The Vatican is inviting Catholics all over the world to answer questions on family life ahead of an extraordinary council called by Pope Francis next year. The Vatican is wishing to find out what Catholics think about matters surrounding the family - issues like divorce, cohabitation, same-sex relationships, contraception and the raising of children. A wide-ranging questionnaire has been drawn up, **for completion by quite a tight deadline: 13<sup>th</sup> December**. Copies of the questionnaire, tailored for Shrewsbury Diocese, are available in both porches at St. Columba's, with further information available from the Diocesan website [www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org) or the parish website (see Pastoral Letters & Resources tab).

### DIOCESAN COURSE ON "NEW EVANGELISATION":

The Diocese is setting up a course designed to serve as a resource to prepare lay people to meet the challenges of preaching the Gospel in 21st century British society. The one-year programme focuses on the four areas of the parish, the family, the sick and youth and can lead to either a certificate or a diploma. Not intended to be heavily academic, the course will involve three to five hours of study from home each week and also three study days to take place at St Ambrose College, Hale Barns, Cheshire, on Saturdays in January, June and September 2014. For more information please see the pamphlets in either porch, or look on the Diocesan website [www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org) or the parish website (where the tab "Pastoral Letters & Resources" provides the link to a detailed description of the course).

### PLAS NEWTON LANE/ NEWTON LANE:

A public meeting to discuss traffic speed limits in the area around St Columba's Church is to be held at the Kingsway Chapel, Newton on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm. All welcome to attend.

### PARISH AUTUMN FAYRE:

This Sunday in the hall - join us for hot dogs homemade soups and a bottle tombola, plus stalls etc.

### ADVENT/ CHRISTMAS AT ST COLUMBA'S

A green leaflet giving details of services and other activities over the next couple of months is now available. Please take a copy home with you.

### OVER 50s CHRISTMAS PARTY:

Christmas Party for parishioners over 50 and invited guests - Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Dec at 2pm in the Church Hall. Free buffet, drink on arrival and with meal, teas and coffees. Come along and enjoy the festivities and socialise with other parishioners.

### SOUNDWALL'S CHRISTMAS-TASTIC SHOW

In the Hall at 8pm on Saturday December 14<sup>th</sup>, a one act farce with Christmas and modern hits from Soundwall's singers and musicians. See posters in the porches. Tickets £7 (£4 concessions) from Piety Stall.

### PIETY STALL:

Is now open again. Rosaries and small items now kept in a locked drawer, please ask to see them, and look for the new safe for payment. Good supply of cards for most occasions. Also in the hall at the Autumn Fayre today.

### PILGRIMAGE TO LISIEUX: MAY 2014

Details on the notice boards. Cost from London £405, £120 deposit required by 6 December 2013. Anyone interested please contact Bill Baker on 01244 376701.

### SIERRA LEONE - HEATHER LANNIN:

I return to Sierra Leone for 3 weeks from 27<sup>th</sup> Nov to visit orphan young people from St. Mary's Roman Catholic Children's Home, including a birthday party on 13<sup>th</sup> Dec to celebrate all their birthdays. Any inspired donations gratefully received: 2<sup>nd</sup> hand lap tops, PSP and digital camera specially welcome. Money donations and sponsors for £13 solar torches sought. Thank you in anticipation. Heather. 0784 062 1878.

### 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 Ann Siddall  
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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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