



# St Columba's Church

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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

24<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2016.

### MASS TIMES:

Saturday Vigil Mass:  
Sunday:

### INTENTIONS:

7.15 p.m. Bill Browne  
9.15 a.m. Eileen Jones  
11.00 a.m. The Parish

Monday

9.15 a.m. Patricia Barker

Tuesday:

9.15 a.m. Bill Thompson

Wednesday:

9.15 a.m. Sr. Maria Graziella

Thursday:

9.15 a.m. **Service of the Word &  
Holy Communion**

Friday:

**7.00 p.m.** Moira Rooney

Saturday:

**NO MORNING MASS**

Saturday Vigil Mass:

7.15 p.m. Frank Stone (A)

Sunday:

9.15 a.m. Michael Wolfe  
11.00 a.m. Kathryn Sanson

### FUNERAL:

The funeral for **MR WALTER DAVID BOWLEY** will be held at Blacon Crematorium on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April**, at 1.20 p.m.

### MORNING PRAYER:

Each morning at 9.00 a.m. before the Blessed Sacrament in the Iona Chapel, Monday through to Thursday, except Wednesdays, when Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour are said at 9.15 a.m. prior to Mass.

### CONFESSIONS:

Each Saturday morning between 10-10.30 a.m. and in the evening 6.45 p.m.-7.10 p.m. (before the Saturday Vigil Mass).

### BAPTISMS:

By appointment. After speaking to Fr. Jonathan to arrange a date, please contact Claire O'Donnell 07743 704383 (text or 'phone).

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: John Lloyd Hughes, Sarah McNicholas, Arnie Williams, Nora Mahoney, Edward McAleavy, Philip Pace, Alan Edward Callow, John Ryan, Denis Albert Woods, Fr. Bernard McLeary, Tommy Piercy, Thomas Richard Price, Ellen Kavanagh, Albert Thompson, Bridget Halliwell, Harry McAndrew, Henry Joseph McAndrew, Kathleen Mary Ward, Joseph Owen Hunt, John Daniel Jones, Gladys Maud Helen Burrell, Horace Rigby, Dennis Joseph Shaw, Margaret Mary Flynn, Grace Ross, Lil Dutton, Moira Rooney-Moore, Ivy Munday, Frank Stone Jnr, Mary E Barlow, Margaret Power, Thomas Hanratty

### CHANGE TO MASS TIME ON THURSDAYS – ST CLARE'S

From 5<sup>th</sup> May, the Mass will be at **7.30 p.m.** instead of 9.30 a.m.

### OFFERTORY:

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| Loose Plate:                    | £429.93 |
| Planned Giving:                 | £420.92 |
| Average Weekly Standing Orders: | £720.00 |
| Candles:                        | £ 54.35 |
| Piety Stall                     | £320.00 |

### SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

24th April Marg & Jacquie Fellowship Lunch

1<sup>st</sup> May Sewing Group Funds for Africa

8<sup>th</sup> May Elizabeth & Chris Tombola

*Tea, coffee and juices are served in the hall after Sunday morning Masses. All are very welcome.*

**High Chair** still needed if anyone can help please.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS:

Family celebrations of the Sacrament start next week and continue throughout May. At 11.00 a.m. Mass each Sunday (except 15 May) some or all of the central pews will be reserved for the children and their families. We pray for them as they celebrate the great gift of the real presence of Jesus and his love for us all.

### CONFIRMATION:

If you wish to be Confirmed this year please put your details on one of the lists in the front or back porch to join the preparation programme. To be Confirmed you must be in high school Year 8 or above on 28th October 2016 (i.e. be at high school in Year 7 now, or older – there is no upper age limit). Further details of the parents and candidates meeting will be e-mailed this week. For more information speak to Denise Lusk at church or ring 379742.

### BUZZ ACTIVITY YOUTH GROUP:

Sincere thanks to all who enjoyed our coffee & cakes last Sunday. You helped raise a brilliant total of £144.50! This will go towards providing a variety of Summer activities for children and young people with additional needs. Huge thanks again – Ruth Gerrard.

### ST. COLUMBA'S SOCIAL EVENTS DIARY:

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April** Family Bingo.

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June** BBQ to celebrate St Columba's Anniversary

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** Annual coach trip to Worcester.

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: 15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> MAY

For many years the parish has joined forces with the other Upton churches to carry out the house-to-house collections in a share of local streets during Christian Aid Week – this takes place in mid May. We are looking for a volunteer to take on the task of co-ordinating the effort from St. Columba's. If you are interested and would like further information about the role, please contact Bernard Payne on 01244 350323.

## SPONSORS REQUEST:

**Sarah Williams** is a past pupil of our two Catholic schools and was also an altar server here. She is running in the London marathon this weekend in honour of the charity Barnardos which helps vulnerable/ disabled children across the UK. "My brother, Huw, is autistic and this charity has supported our family a lot. I would be very grateful for any sponsorship that you can give me for running the marathon in support of this charity. My web page is [https://www.justgiving.com/SJWilliams/?utm\\_source=Facebook&utm\\_medium=fundraisingpage&utm\\_content=SJWilliams&utm\\_campaign=pfp=share](https://www.justgiving.com/SJWilliams/?utm_source=Facebook&utm_medium=fundraisingpage&utm_content=SJWilliams&utm_campaign=pfp=share) **Mary Williams** (My Mum) has said she would willingly collect any cash donations if there are any. Your help would be really appreciated."

## DAY OF REFLECTION, SATURDAY 30<sup>th</sup> APRIL:

Aged 18-35? You are more than welcome to come to a Day of Reflection organised by 'ACTS' (Adult Catholics Together Spiritually) at **9.30 – 5.00 p.m. at Wistaston Hall, Crewe**. The focus will be on Pope Francis' latest document 'The Joy of Love' and will be led by Barbara Davies. Cost £20, £15 for unemployed/students. If you would like to come or know more about the Day contact Siobhan [siobhanbc@talktalk.net](mailto:siobhanbc@talktalk.net) or tel. 0161 4772783 / 07761 138947.

## DIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS:

This Annual Day for Catechists is on **Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> June** at Ellesmere Port Catholic High School. The theme is 'Resources: What do we have? What do we need?' Fergal Martin, Head of Catholic Truth Society will present its aims, work and publications, followed by group discussion and general feedback. Further details to follow. Registration please by **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** with [helen.jones@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:helen.jones@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

## CALLING ALL DOCTORS, NURSES AND CARERS:

Bookings are well under way for the 2016 Diocesan Pilgrimage (**26<sup>th</sup> July-3rd Aug**) and we would welcome volunteers who are willing to work with our medical team in caring for our registered sick pilgrims. If you are able to join us, or know anyone who would like to serve those who need care during the week in Lourdes, please call the medical office on 07970 943940 or email [info@shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk](mailto:info@shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk) Please also support and encourage those who are sick or in need of assistance to join the diocese in this special year of Pilgrimage.

## PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:

A Five Day Pilgrimage to Lourdes, from **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2016**, has been arranged, as an opportunity to celebrate the Holy Year of Mercy. The cost is £599 for full board. For more information, see poster on notice board. Forms are available from Fr. Jonathan or contact Fr. Paul O'Grady 0151 330 6588.

## FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

**MONDAY: St. Mark the Evangelist**

**FRIDAY: St. Catherine of Siena**

## UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- Residents of Ethelda Drive, Dorfold Way and Sussex Road.
- For all who serve through the Anglican Diocese of Chester, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Shrewsbury and the United Reformed Church Mersey Synod.
- For our churches that they may be filled with the Holy Spirit.

## FRIDAY 29<sup>th</sup> APRIL, FAMILY BINGO NIGHT:

We will be holding a family Bingo night on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April** starting at 7 p.m. Come along and join in the fun. Teas, coffees, squashes provided. If you would like something stronger please bring your own alcoholic drinks. Entrance fee 50p for everyone.

## CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION:

**Rounders and Swing Band Dance Night** – come to a rounders game, followed at 7pm by musical entertainment by the school's acclaimed City Jazz Swing Band on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April**, 4pm until late, in the School Hall. Tickets £5 for one or both events, available from the school, on 01244 981600 or on the night. Proceeds will go towards the building of the new Hockey Pitch. Many thanks for your support.

## SIERRA LEONE:

Heather Lannin says 'thank you' to all who so generously gave to my Easter time humanitarian holiday to Sierra Leone, cut short due to the Brussels bomb incident.

A thank you note from Francis Vandy who grew up in St Mary's Childrens' Home, Bo, says: "I may want u to extend our thanks and appreciation to all our UK friends, family for they gift they sent for us. We really appreciate them and we are always thinking of them in our prayers. Hope to see them one day".

## 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:

Will be compiled by Bernard Payne

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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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