

St Columba's Church

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PENTECOST SUNDAY. SUNDAY 24th MAY 2015

MASS TIMES:

Saturday Vigil Mass:	7.15 p.m.
Sunday:	9.15 a.m.
	11.00 a.m.
Monday:	9.15 a.m.
Tuesday:	9.15 a.m.
Wednesday:	11.00 a.m.
Thursday:	9.15 a.m.
Friday:	9.15 a.m.
Saturday:	9.15 a.m.
Saturday Vigil Mass:	7.15 p.m.
Sunday:	9.15 a.m.
	11.00 a.m.

INTENTIONS:

Marie Terese Camilieri.
Frank Stone.
The Parish.
Margaret and Damien
Mosquera. A.
Private Intention.
REQUIEM for Colin James
Reynard.
George Raymond. RIP.
Mary James. RIP.
Sister Brigid Sheehy. RIP.
Hodson Family. Deceased.
Mary Lavender.
Teresa Hind.

BAPTISMS:

By appointment. After speaking to Fr. Cooke to arrange a date, please contact Claire Graham on 01244 341287 / 0788 055 3830.

MORNING PRAYER:

Each morning at 9.00 a.m. in the Sacristy Office, Monday through to Saturday, except Wednesdays when Novena prayers are held at 9.15 a.m. before Mass commences.

LATELY DEAD:

Mary Elizabeth James. Please remember her in your prayers. A very loyal and regular Mass-goer. Please pray for her family. Her Requiem Mass will be on **Monday 1st June** at 12 noon.

Tony Allingham, Fr. Fred Robinson, Colin James Reynard. May they rest in peace and God give comfort to those who mourn.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Elizabeth Baker, Dolly Cooper, Ronald Alfred Wells, Eileen Hughes, Thomas Patrick Nicholls, Godfrey Z Mullins, Frederick McGhee, William A J Davies, Paul Joseph Herbert, Ann Lee, Martha Winifred Shea, Peter Burton (Snr), Christina Rita Newton, Agnes Harvey, Catherine Carney, Florence Beryl Fairhead, Bernard Patrick McGuinness, Llewellyn Trevor Pickmere, Ned O'Gorman, Thomas Boyle, Geoffrey Alan Wilding, Amelia Mary King, William Butler-Langford, Kathleen Amelia Swinton, Ann Cooper, Mary Teresa Hinde, William Ward McGlown, Arthur May, Angela Lennon, Linda Lumley, William Nash, Veronica Carr, James Edward Casman, Alba Martin, Bernard Joseph Wilkinson, Ernest Gordon George Kirk, Dorothy Davies, Catherine Ryan, Kathleen Nancy Wood, Patricia Gardner, William Arthur Evans, Raymond O'Brien.

CONFESSIONS:

Each Saturday, after morning Mass and in the evening from 6.45 until 7.10 p.m.

OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate:	£472.80
Planned Giving:	£423.71
Average Weekly SOs:	£683.00
Donations:	CWL £50.00
	Piety Stall: £150.00
	Badminton: £150.00

Many thanks for your generous support.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

May 24th Val & Marg Hospice
May 31st Anybody willing?
June 7th Summer Fayre & BBQ Social Committee
The next coffee rota is on the notice board in the hall.

There are some vacancies. If you would like to volunteer please add your name to the rota or contact Margaret Curtis 318424.

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

UPTON CHURCHES 5TH SUNDAY SERVICE:

For a number of years the three Upton churches have in turn organised a evening service when there is a fifth Sunday in the month, this being a day when the other two churches do not have a scheduled service. The next service will be on next Sunday, the 31ST of May, Trinity Sunday, and it is St Columba's turn to organise and host the service. It will take place at 6.30 p.m. and will be a short service of scripture readings prayers and hymns based around the theme of the Trinity. There will be tea and coffee available afterwards in the Hall. You are warmly invited to attend.

PAUSE FOR HOPE, SUNDAY 21ST JUNE:

Here at St. Columba's, 3.00 p.m. An ecumenical gathering for families and friends who have been affected by Cancer. An opportunity for prayer and reflection accompanied by hymns. See poster in the porches or on the parish website.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

- Monday, **St. Bede the Venerable:** (673-735) As a monk, he spent most of his life in Jarrow, Lindisfarne and York, and is famous for his biblical and historical writings. Bede's "History of the English Church and People" is his most important work. It tells how Christianity played a vital role in creating a sense of national identity at a time when England was still divided into a number of kingdoms.
- Wednesday, **St. Augustine of Canterbury** (d. at Canterbury 605), one of the most influential figures in the conversion of Anglo-Saxon England to the Roman episcopal style of Christianity. He was appointed by Gregory the Great to head a band of 40 monks to preach the gospel to the heathen English. They landed in Kent and within a few years had converted Ethelbert, the most powerful of the Anglo-Saxon Kings, and established the first cathedral at Canterbury.

UPTON CHURCHS PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- Pray for the residents of Newry Park, Grange Road and Eversley Park.
- For vocations to the Ministry, Foundations for Ministry and those in current training.
- For all lay people in their various Ministries in our churches.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS:

Family celebrations of the Sacrament continue throughout May. At the 11.00 a.m. Mass each Sunday some or all of the central benches are reserved for the children and their families (only two rows needed on 31st May). We pray for and congratulate those making their First Holy Communion this weekend: Charles Barnes, Justyna Borkowska, Luca Filby, Eroll Gilgeours, Ethan Gilgeours, Eva Hockenhill, Mia Hunter, James Kelsey, Sophie Rawnsley (Blessing), Adam Roberts, Oskar Styczynski.

READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Recent newsletters contained an invitation to consider contributing to the life of the parish as a Reader or Eucharistic Minister. Many thanks to those who have already responded. Expressions of interest would still be welcome by emailing your name, address and phone number to Carol Galvin gerryandcarol.galvin@gmail.com or Lawrence Hordley lhordley@btinternet.com Thank you.

HEALING MASS, SATURDAY 13th JUNE:

A Healing Mass will be held at noon on **Saturday 13th June**, celebrated for families affected by mental health issues and those that work in this area. It will be at St Patrick's, King Street, Wellington, Shropshire TF13AP. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered and all are welcome.

Healing Masses are organised by the Diocesan Marriage and Family Life Commission as part of the Commission's pastoral support of families. For more information please contact: Mark & Liz Dutton on 01625 428 498.

PASTORAL COUNCIL:

The Pastoral Council last met on 11th May and the minutes are displayed on the notice board. Please take the time to read them. The next meeting will be on 22nd June.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION:

The Catholic High School Parents Association is now on Twitter. If you would like to be kept up to date on all events and fundraisers, then follow us @pa_chs Tell as many parents/people as you can to follow us too! *Thanks for all your support.*

NEPAL EARTHQUAKE APPEAL:

The CAFOD appeal envelopes are still available in both porches. Please return them at church via the normal offertory baskets. In addition, donations may be made via the Third World Wall boxes in either porch until the end of May.

Donations can also be made online via www.cafod.org.uk or www.dec.org.uk

LOURDES DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE 2015 – UPDATE:

The overland party leaves on Tuesday afternoon July 28th and travels by coach to Calais to board the chartered TGV train direct to Lourdes, arriving early afternoon on Wednesday July 29th. This group arrives back home on the morning of August 5th. The air group departs from Manchester Airport direct to Lourdes on July 29th and arrives back on August 4th. There are a few seats left on both the plane and the coach. We also have a few places in the hospital for the less able. Full details on the pilgrimage website

www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk Brochures and booking forms are also available from St Albans, 30 Mill Lane, Liscard, Wallasey CH 44 5UD or St. Peters, 16, Green Lane, Hazel Grove, Stockport SK7 4EA.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

Look out for information on the following:

Sunday 7th June - Annual BBQ to celebrate the anniversary of St Columba.

Friday 24th July - Coach trip to Lancaster.

ST. COLUMBA'S HALL BOOKINGS:

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

e-mail: columbashallbookings@gmail.com

NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Alison Wrigglesworth
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Items for inclusion to be in the blue folder in the Sacristy by 9.00 a.m. on Thursday. Please include a phone number in case of queries.

Website: www.stcolumbachester.org.uk

“SONGS OF PRAISE” SUNDAY 7th JUNE:

3.00 p.m. at St. Mark's C of E Church, St. Mark's Road, Saltney, Chester CH4 8DF. You are warmly invited to join this celebration of the work of Christian Aid, CAFOD and Tearfund. Homily by Canon Dr Trevor Dennis, retired Vice-Dean of Chester Cathedral. Posters in the porches and on the parish website.