

St Columba's Church

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TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 25th AUGUST 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: | 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:

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| Duncan Webster. |
| Percy Chase.S.V.P. |
| The Parish. |
| Gerry Walsh. |
| Michael Holland. |
| Monica Blockeel.R.I.P. |
| Tomas Harney. |
| Jimmy Tallon.A. |
| Agnes Pope.R.I.P. |
| Sally Forest.R.I.P. |
| The Parish. |
| Gladys & Bob Carr.R.I.P |

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.

CONFESSIONS:

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

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Patricia Carole Copeland, Mary Agnes Moore, Mary Steadman, Loretta Roberts, Paul McKenna, Robert Croft, Christian Nicholas, Gwen Jones, Tom O'Loughlin, Lucienne Brayet, Eileen Casey, Mary Doyle, Michael Holland, Winifred Walker, Kathleen Hopkins, Evelyn Woods, Joan Margaret Pickmere, Harold Boulton, Robert Carr, David Kilcoyne, James (Jimmy) Francis Tallon. Fr. Leo Wilkinson, Annie Lester, Charles Wilbraham, Tony Adams, Lyn Higgins, Lawrence Francis James Burns, Michael Terence Hutfield, Joyce Townson.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Greenfields, Flag Lane North and Oakfield Avenue.
- For the Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Lay Readers, Parish Assistant and Local Church Leaders. For all those not yet connected to the life of the Church or who have lost their faith.

OFFERTORY:

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| Loose Plate: | £492.04 |
| Planned Giving: | £454.80 |
| Average Weekly SOs: | £547.00 |
| Donations (Coffee) | £25.40 |

Many thanks for your generous support.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

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| 25 th Aug: | Elizabeth Wilson | Parish |
| 1 st Sept: | Pat Wilkinson & John O'Connor | Parish |
| 8 th Sept: | Guides | Parish |

Tea and coffee are served in the hall after both Sunday Masses. All are very welcome

PIETY STALL:

We have a fine selection of cards for most occasions reasonably priced. The regular 5 decade rosaries plus single decade and bracelet rosaries and a new selection of children's books are in the shop. We now have a choice of cards from the Carmelites at Birkenhead at 60p
Please put all monies in the box at the side of the large cupboard. We have an arrangement for reimbursing the convent. Some cards for special occasions can now be made to order. Please let us know.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:

The SVP monthly collection will be taken next weekend 31st Aug/1st Sept.
We thank you for your continued support.

The Chester and Ellesmere Port SVP Furniture Unit is extending its collection of furniture, household effects and SCRAP metal to St. Columba's parish. Funds raised this way are used to purchase our holiday home (caravan) when it needs replacing and costing about £50,000 to replace after ten years service. Without the furniture unit, we would have no holiday home. Offers of furniture can be made by ringing 0151 355 0689 (if no reply, please use answer phone). If all else fails please contact a member of your parish SVP.



YEAR OF FAITH 2013

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On days classified as Solemnities (Sundays are Solemnities) there is a second reading from Scripture. This is taken from writings in Apostolic times and is familiar to us all.

Before the Gospel, except during Lent, the acclamation begins with the word 'Alleluia!', first found in the Old Testament Book of Tobit and in the Psalms. The Jews used it as an exclamation of joy in the Lord. The first part of the word *allelu* means 'all hail' and *ia* is derived from the words of God himself when he told Moses to tell the people that "He WHO IS has sent me to you." *Alleluia* is used frequently in Easter time as an expression of joy in the Resurrection and the wonder of our Redemption.

It reminds us before the reading of the Gospel of our joy at hearing the Word of the Lord and the story of the deeds and sayings of Jesus while he was on this earth. Along with the Gospel Procession, the decorated Book of the Gospels and the act of standing, the Alleluia expresses our joy at greeting the Word of God.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

- Thursday 29th August is the memorial of the beheading of **John the Baptist**.
- On Friday 30th we remember **Saints Margaret Ward, Margaret Clitherow and Anne Line**. They all died because they supported priests in 16th century England, and are three of the "Forty Martyrs" of England and Wales canonised in 1970 by Pope Paul VI. Margaret Ward, a "gentlewoman of Congleton" entered into the service of a recusant family in London. She assisted the escape of a priest from Bridewell prison but was then tracked down, arrested and martyred at Tyburn on 30th August 1588. Margaret Clitherow of York converted to Catholicism though her husband remained Protestant. She harboured priests in the house, where Mass was secretly celebrated. When this was discovered she was arrested but refused to plead and was executed on 25th March 1586. Anne Line, from Dunmow in Essex, was also a convert, and kept house for priests in London. After people were seen coming to the house to attend Mass she was arrested, tried, and executed on 27th February 1601.
- Saturday 31st is the feast of **St. Aidan and the Saints of Lindisfarne**. St. Aidan (d. 651) was sent from Ireland as a missionary, first settling on the island of Iona two generations after St. Columba. Later, the Saxon King Oswald (who had become a Christian when earlier exiled on Iona) gave Aidan the island of Lindisfarne as the base for his missionary work. From here, Aidan founded churches and monasteries throughout Northumbria. Among other saints of Lindisfarne are St. Colman and St. Fintan.

CELEBRATORY MASS:

The Shrewsbury Diocesan Union of Catholic Mothers and Catholic Women's League will join together on the feast of their patron Saint Margaret Clitherow to offer Mass at St. Columba's Church, Chester **at 2.00 p.m. on Friday, 30th August 2013**.

Celebrant Bishop Mark Davies. Light refreshments will be served in the hall afterwards. You are all welcome to celebrate with us.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SALSA CLASS & DANCE:

In the Church Hall, **Sunday 25th August**, 2.00 p.m. Complete beginners welcome. BBQ, weather permitting – bring your own

food to cook. Drinks available, or bring your own. Fun for all the family – all ages welcome.

DIOCESAN ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG CATHOLICS:

Don't lose sight of Jesus!

This is the launch of a varied programme of activities for young Catholics aged from 16 to 35. There will be ongoing activities to meet the needs of this broad age group!! **Sunday 8th September**, here at St. Columba's, 12 noon to 6pm concluding with the celebration of Mass. Please bring a packed lunch. A repeat but shortened meeting will take place at over at St. Peter's, Hazel Grove SK7 4EA on **Monday 9th September** 7.00-9.00pm for those unable to join the Sunday launch. For more information and to register for the meetings email shrewsyouth@gmail.com

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NATIONAL JUSTICE & PEACE NETWORK MEETING:

The NJPN is holding an Open Meeting here in St. Columba's Hall on **Saturday 14th September**, 10.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. The day's proceedings include a talk by the well-known peace campaigner Vijay Mehta covering the themes of his recent book, on how the activities of the West fuel wars and poverty in the developing world. (This talk will be at 12.00 noon.)

CONCERT @ ST.WERBURGH'S: SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER @ 7.30pm

Tom Coxhead (one of our organists) will be directing Octavo in a concert of sacred music dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Octavo is a local choral ensemble of young singers who sing concerts outside of university term time in order to fundraise for a tour abroad. The concert includes music by Britten and Poulenc as well as the premiere of John Hosking's Ave Maria. Tickets are priced at £7.50 for adults and £5 for concessions. Further information www.chesteroctavo.co.uk

ST. COLUMBA'S HALL BOOKINGS:

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

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NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

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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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