

St Columba's Church

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY 26th APRIL 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:	9.15 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:

Sylvia
Joan Wells
The Parish
Kath Thompson
Margaret Jones
Moira Rooney
Jean & Family
Derrick Jones
Private Intention
The Rigby Family
The Parish
Private Intention

LATELY DEAD:

Please pray for Tony Allingham who died recently, and that God will comfort his family and friends.

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.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Philip Pace, Alan Edward Callow, John Ryan, Denis Albert Woods, Fr. Bernard McLeary, 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, Mary E Barlow, Margaret Power, Thomas Hanratty, James Connolly, Kevin Fearon, Ian Christopher Gaynor.

CONFESSIONS:

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

OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate:	£447.94
Planned Giving:	£495.68
Average Weekly SOs:	£683.00

Many thanks for your generous support.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

April 26 th	Jacque & Marg - Fellowship lunch
May 3 rd	Sewing Group - Funds for Africa
May 10 th	Elizabeth & Christopher - Tombola

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 welcome.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The 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.

ST COLUMBA'S PARISH SAFEGUARDING:

If any member of the parish community wishes to discuss safeguarding in relation to children/vulnerable adults please contact the Parish Safeguarding Representative: Claire Graham on 01244 341287 or 07880553830.

Alternatively, the Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator, Andrew O'Brien, can be contacted on 01516529855 or cpva@DioceseOfShrewsbury.org

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS:

Family celebrations of the Sacrament start next week and continue throughout May. At the 11.00 a.m. Mass each Sunday 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.

ST. COLUMBA'S HALL BOOKINGS:

For all Hall bookings and enquiries please contact Sue Carr on 07553 114531
e-mail: columbashallbookings@gmail.com

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION:

- **Twitter** – 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!
- **Swing Band Dance Night** – The Annual Dance Night with music from the school's acclaimed City Jazz Swing Band is on **Friday 8th May**, 7 – 11pm, in the School Hall. Family tickets £5, available from the school, on 01244 981600 or on the night.
- **Bedding Plant Scheme** – The P.A. is once again running its successful bedding plant scheme to raise much-needed funds for the school. Forms available from school (01244 981600) or, soon, in the church porches. Orders to be received by school by **Monday 27th April**. Completed orders will need to be collected from the school car park on **Saturday 16th May** between 10.00 and 11.00 a.m. Delivery is also available for a small charge.

Thanks for all your support.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN UPTON:

This group, which includes St. Columba's, Holy Ascension and the United Reformed Church, has for many years organised ecumenical activities in Upton. It has always been well supported by St. Columba's parishioners. Two long-serving representatives from St. Columba's on the CT Upton committee are planning to stand down during the summer. This is a good opportunity for one or more people who might like to help the development of inter church activities in Upton.

If you feel you might be one of those persons, or would like to know more, please ring Bernard Payne (350323) or David Savage (380626).

POPE FRANCIS AND THE FUTURE OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL THINKING

7:30pm Friday May 1st - Binks Lecture Theatre, University of Chester

Paul Valley CMG FRSA. Inaugural Lecture as Visiting Professor

Pope Francis has issued some powerful condemnations of the operations of the contemporary global economy. He has called for "a poor Church, for the poor". But do his trenchant criticisms merely reiterate the critique of "savage capitalism" developed by Catholic Social Teaching throughout the 20C or is he developing that teaching in new ways? Paul Valley's book "Untying the Knots" has received wide acclaim: 'well above the nervous reverence of much papal biography' (Mark Lawson).

Do come to hear this distinguished Catholic scholar - and bring a friend! Admission at the door: £3.00, Students: £1.00 – Wine and Refreshments.

DAY OF REFLECTION SAT 2nd MAY:

A 'Day of Reflection' led by Bishop Brian Noble has been organised by 'A.C.T.S' ('ADULT CATHOLICS TOGETHER SPIRITUALLY') on Saturday 2nd May. Anyone aged between 18 – 35 is most welcome. Bishop Brian will lead us prayerfully through a reflection on the Bishops' Conference document, 'Do You Love Me?' This will take place at Wistaston Hall, Crewe CW2 8JS, 9.30am until approx 5pm. Cost £20 (£15 for unemployed/students). For more information please contact Siobhan at siobhanbc@talktalk.net or tel: 0161 477 2783 / 07761 138947.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, 10th – 16th MAY:

Christian Aid Week is held each year in May and is a time when national and local efforts draw attention to the work of Christian Aid, raising funds through house-to-house collections using the familiar red envelopes. For many years St. Columba's has helped with the collection locally, in conjunction with Churches Together in Upton, and we are looking for volunteers to help with this. Envelopes will be available from next weekend, set out in the rear porch. They will be made up into bundles for each local street we have been allocated. Each bundle will contain all necessary details regarding collecting arrangements. Your help will be very much appreciated.

THE LAY VOCATION: *What is it? How can I live it?*

A day of reflection on this topic is being held on **Saturday 16th May**, 10.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. at Ellesmere Port Catholic High School. It will be led by Fr. Christopher Jamison OSB (Director of the Department for Vocations of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales) as part of his 4-day visit to the diocese. He will lead a reflection on the living of the vocation of the laity within marriage, or as a single person, of whatever age. ALL ARE WELCOME! £5 donation. Please bring a packed lunch. To register please email pauline.mcculloch@dioceseofshrewsbury.org.uk or phone 0151 652 9855.

FOODBANK:

Many thanks to all parishioners who have been donating food items. We now know that toiletries are also very acceptable – shampoo, shower gel, deodorants, and disposable nappies for families with babies (formula milk cannot be accepted, however). Items currently in shortest supply are listed on the lids of the collection boxes, e.g. coffee, sponge pudding, pasta sauces, jams and cuppa soups. The warehouse has a good supply of pasta, beans and meat meals at the moment. More information online:

<http://westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk> (It also has information about volunteering.)

NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Rebecca Vaughan

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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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