

# St Columba's Church

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## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2014

### MASS TIMES:

Saturday Vigil Mass:	7.15 p.m.
Sunday:	9.00 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.
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Sunday:	9.15 a.m. 11.00 a.m.

### INTENTIONS:

The Parish
Gladys Shanley
Hughie Middleton
Chris & Steve Colgan A.
Private Intention J.B.
Michael Wolfe
Mary & Patrick O'Gorman
Charles Chase
Priest's Intention
Anne Fitzpatrick
The Parish
Lesbia Sullivan

### 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.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Gladys Lilian Shanley, Patricia Banks, Margaret Johnstone, Malcolm Anthony de-Monte, Mary (Mollie) Callow, Robert Charles Gore, Julia Jones, Mary Thompson, Sean Murphy, Anne Gritten, Adam Turner, Josephine Patricia Grehan, Phoebe Phillip, John Martin, Marie Cousins, Patrick Foley, Jean Anderson, Margaret Barrow, Rosemary Larsen, Jim Grisdale, Bernard Smith, Mary O'Gorman, Bridget Rhoden, Anne Heaney-Glynn, Anne Helen Fitzpatrick, George Fletcher, Roman Borysewski, Clifford Sale, Stephen Hunt, Kitty O'Donnell, Racheal, Andrews, Joseph Blagg, Dr de Gamrose, John Joseph Lynch, Nellie Tyldesley, Minnie Brown, Elizabeth Tiffin, Madeline Vozniak, Dorothy Poole, Edward Kiernan, Tom Wilkinson, Isabella Boulton, William Byrne, Bigview Tadeusz Roszowski, Frank Burton, Alice Edna Bellis.

### CONFESSIONS:

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

### OFFERTORY

Loose Plate:	£552.12
Planned Giving:	£410.58
Average Weekly SOs:	£547.00

## UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Shocklach Road, Horrocks Road and Bolesworth Road
- For the choirs, music groups and Sing Praise
- For uniting all who play and sing from the three churches.

## SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

Jan.26<sup>th</sup> Annette Albuquerque Neonatal Services  
Feb.2<sup>nd</sup>  
Feb.9<sup>th</sup> CWL CWL  
*Teas, coffees and juices are served in the Hall after both the Sunday morning Masses. All are very welcome.*

## THIRD WORLD:

Thank you for your support for last week's coffee morning. We raised £185 towards the Parish's various 3<sup>rd</sup> World projects

## FIRST FORGIVENESS:

On **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 11.30 a.m.** 30 children from the Parish will receive the Sacrament of First Forgiveness. Please pray for the children and their families at this special time in their faith journeys.

## ANNUAL DIOCESAN MASS CELEBRATING MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE:

This year the Mass is taking place here at St. Columba's on Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> February, at 12 noon. All couples are welcome, but couples celebrating special anniversaries of their wedding (Silver, Ruby, Golden, Diamond or Platinum) in 2014 are particularly welcome. If you wish to receive an invitation to attend from the Bishop, please will you let Fr. Cooke or Lawrence have your details as soon as possible.

## SPUC WHITE FLOWER APPEAL:

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children, Annual White Flower Appeal, will take place at St. Columba's on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February. SPUC defends the sanctity of Human Life from conception to natural death and provides speakers for schools, and offers Pro-Life support for teachers, parents and medical professionals. Please give generously to this worthy cause. Thank you.

### RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND – SPECIAL COLLECTION:

The annual collection for this fund is due to be held. In the time I have been with you, I have been overwhelmed by the generosity of the people of the Diocese towards the Retired Priest's Fund. With your help we can build up the Fund to meet the future needs of our sick and retired priests.

Special envelopes are available for you to use. A leaflet about the Fund is also available which explains how to make a regular donation to the fund by standing order, or how you can make your donation by cheque. It also explains how to take advantage of Gift Aid for your donation to the Fund. I ask that you give as generously as you can to this very worthy cause and would also like to express my deep gratitude for your continued support.

**With every blessing – Mark, Bishop of Shrewsbury.**



### SEWING MACHINES THAT WORK WITH A HANDLE OR ELECTRIC WANTED FOR MALAWI PLEASE

**Needed by 26<sup>th</sup> February 2014**

If you can deliver to 1 St Christophers Close Chester CH2 1EJ, this would be appreciated. Otherwise please ring 01244 381490 or email [sflynn@waitrose.com](mailto:sflynn@waitrose.com) and we will try and collect. Susan Flynn (Chair of Synod Malawi Task Group)

### BISHOP'S PASTORAL LETTER FOR PEACE SUNDAY:

Copies of Bishop Mark's recent Pastoral Letter are available for you to pick up. You can also see it via our parish website, under the heading Pastoral Letters and Resources – this giving you a link through to the relevant section of the diocesan website.

### EAT CAKE FOR ICKLE PICKLES:

Outrageously delicious home-made cakes will be on sale in the hall after both Masses **TODAY**. All proceeds will be sent to Ickle Pickles, a national charity supporting neo-natal units throughout the U.K. Funds buy essential equipment like incubators and ventilators for pre-term and seriously ill newborn babies. Please come and support us. You get cake; the babies get help; everyone wins!

### 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY:

September 2014 marks 50 years since the laying of the foundation stone of St. Columba's Church. To celebrate our golden anniversary St. Columba's flower ladies are planning a Flower Festival which will take place here in the Church during the first week of September. We are hoping that this festival will be a very special event and we would love for as many of you as possible to help. We will be having a meeting **after 11.00 a.m. Mass on 9<sup>th</sup> February** to discuss plans. Please do come along if you would like to get involved. Please do not feel that you have to have any experience specifically with flowers as there are many different ways to help.

If you are unable to join us for the meeting, but would still like to be a part of the team then please speak to one of us after Mass, or you can contact us on the following numbers: Marie: 01244 340564, Anne: 01244 350939; Sue: 01244 312892.

### TALK ON CHIFUNDO FASHION:

See posters about an illustrated talk concerning the Chifundo Fashion project, which helps to empower women in Malawi. 2.00 p.m. on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February**, at All Saints Church, Hoole.

### FEAST OF THE WEEK:

Tuesday is the feast of **St. Thomas Aquinas**. Born near Naples in 1225, he was one of the greatest teachers and writers in the history of the Church. His special contribution was to develop a systematic understanding of Christian theology that embraced many ideas found in Greek and Islamic philosophy. His writings are still studied today.

### S.V.P.:

There will be no SVP collection in February as two other very important collections will be taking place. However, we have some raffle tickets for sale for the 200 years of Blessed Frederic Ozanam, our Founder. Posters on the Notice Boards.

Thank you for your continued support.

### DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:

This year's Diocesan pilgrimage takes place from 23<sup>rd</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> July and booking forms and brochures are now available on the pilgrimage website: [www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk](http://www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk) Hard copies are also available from the Pilgrimage Office at St Peter's, 16 Green Lane, Hazel Grove, Stockport, SK7 4EA. Applications are particularly welcome from sick pilgrims who have never been to Lourdes before, as well as nurses and medical staff who would like to help in the care of the sick.

### 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.

### CHURCH SURROUNDS:

The gardening group will meet again for the first time in 2014 on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February**, meeting in the car park at 9.45 a.m., for a couple of hours. There shouldn't be too much to do this time – any tidying up after the winter winds and rains, etc., also giving thought to work needing to be done as spring approaches. New volunteers always welcome. For further information please contact Bernard Payne, 01244 350323.

### 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 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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