

St Columba's Church

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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 26TH JULY 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:	12 noon
Saturday:	9.15 a.m.
Saturday Vigil Mass:	7.15 p.m.
Sunday:	9.15 a.m.
	11.00 a.m.

INTENTIONS:

Peter Jackson
James Regan
The Parish
Frank Stone
Ged McEnery
Irene Jones
Priest's Intention
REQUIEM FOR CATHERINE HERBERT
Harry Puttick
Elizabeth Williams
The Parish
John Smith

LATELY DEAD:

Catherine Herbert was a long stranding member of our parish. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.

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: John Joseph (Sean) Wilson, Mary Lee, Robert Rooney, Mary Bull, Lil Coogan, Kathleen Theresa Grimes, Evelyn "Brenda" Jeffery, Bernard Hynes, Joseph Ferguson, Margaret Andres, Mary Jones, John Pealing, John Joseph Murphy, Thomas Cecil Joseph Vickers, Andree J McAndrew, Thomas Reginald (Reg) Savage, Philip George Jones, Frederick Eames, Ian Tonge, Christopher Worth, Arthur Kirby, Henry McCabe, Donna Twilley, James Jacobs, Stanley Hodkinson, Catherine Jones, Sheila Ranson, Charles Evans, Mary (Maureen) Elizabeth Grew.

CONFESSIONS:

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

OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate:	£395.22
Planned Giving:	£496.08
Average Weekly SOs:	£683.00
Coffee Morning:	£ 31.65

Many thanks for your generous support.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

26 th July		
- 9.15 am	--	
- 11.00 am	Sue & Delia	Parish
2 nd August	Sewing Group	WREN Bid
9 th August	--	
16 th August	CWL	CWL

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.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION:

A Day of Recollection will be held in the St. Columba's Church Hall for all Ministers of Holy Communion and Ministers of the Word. This will be held on Saturday, 5th September 2015. Please bring a packed lunch with you. Further details can be found in both porches. Please will you either email me on carolgalvin1944@sky.com or put a tick on the forms at the front and back of the Church. Thank you.

YOUTH 2000 SUMMER PRAYER

FESTIVAL:

See the posters in the porches and on the parish website about this Festival for young adults 16-35. The 27th to 31st of August at Walsingham.

www.youth20

PASTORAL LETTER:

Copies of Bishop Mark's latest Pastoral Letter are available in both Church porches.

DAY FOR LIFE:

This Sunday, 26th July, is the Day for Life promoted by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. It focuses on cherishing life and accepting death, as well as the Church's teaching on appropriate treatment at the end of life. This theme is most appropriate in view of the so-called "Assisted Dying" Bill scheduled for debate in the House of Commons in September. Cards to mark the Day are available in both Church porches and the Bishops encourage us to pray for the protection and promotion of human life from conception to its natural end.

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL:

Very many people of all faiths and none will be concerned about a Bill to legalise Assisted Suicide in England and Wales which will be debated in the House of Commons on **11th September 2015**. This is a private members Bill, introduced by Rob Marris MP. Ministers will have a free vote and it is important that people make their views known to their own MP ahead of this extremely important debate.

The Catholic Church feels that this Bill will put the most vulnerable people in our society at risk. Please contact your MP, urging them to attend the debate and vote against the Bill. You can send an e-mail to your MP via the Catholic Bishops' Conference website; www.catholicnews.org.uk/assisted-suicide or send a letter by post, a draft of which can be found at the back of the Church along with further information about the issues.

If you have access to the internet there are excellent resources on the following websites:

- www.catholicnews.org.uk/assisted-suicide
- www.bioethics.org.uk

COUNTESS OF CHESTER HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY ESCORTS:

The hospital Chaplaincy Team is seeking volunteers to act as Escorts, to transport patients by wheelchair to and from the 11 a.m. Sunday Service. Escorts are asked to gather in the hospital Spiritual Care Centre (Chapel) at 9.30 a.m. to be allocated four wards to visit. Patients are returned to their Ward usually at about 11.45 a.m. If they are not well enough to attend the Service then bedside Communion or mention in a prayer during the Service is offered. Lifting of patients is not required and training is given. Please contact Rev John Kingsley, Head of Chaplaincy, tel. 01244 364543, for further information.

CALLIN COURT, GREYFRIARS:

Callin Court in Greyfriars, Chester, offers affordable retirement housing in independent flats with flexible care and support on site if required. Run by Methodist Housing, it is a friendly, Christian environment. There are no equity or residence requirements and there are now flats available for individuals and couples. There is an Open Day on Wednesday, 29th July with viewings at 10.30 am, 11.30 am, 2.00pm and 3.00 pm. For further information see poster at the back of Church; www.mha.org.uk or phone the Manager, Linda Shore on 01244 315252.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

Wednesday: St Martha

Friday: St Ignatius of Loyola –

Ignatius was born at Loyola (Spain) in 1491 and died on this day at Rome in 1556. A Spanish nobleman trained in diplomacy and the use of arms, he was wounded in battle against the French. The experience of conversion while convalescing led him to write the Spiritual Exercises. He then founded the Society of Jesus and was its first superior general. Ignatius is remembered for his loyalty to the Church and its renewal, his ministry to the marginal, his concern for education and his dedication "to the greater glory of God" – the motto of the Jesuits.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for the residents of:

- Keswick Close, Stanton Drive and Caldyclose
- For the Army Chaplain and all at the Dale Camp, the work of the Armed Forces, the soldiers and their families.

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 Muriel Green

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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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