

St Columba's Church

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY, 27th JULY 2014

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.
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INTENTIONS:

Private Intentions.
Patrick O'Sullivan.
The Parish.
Linda Lee Parker.
Rev John O'Reilly.
Rev. Pat O'Brien.
Rev. Keith Brigham.
Rev Andrew Dorricott.
May Fund Mass.
June Fund Mass.
July Fund Mass.
The Parish.

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: 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, Anthony Roach.

CONFESSIONS:

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

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:

We pray for our young people putting themselves forward for the Sacrament of Confirmation. We pray for their families and friends that their preparation for the Sacrament this year will be a success. Also, remember our catechists and their schools as important influences on their spiritual growth.

OFFERTORY

Loose Plate:	£432.37
Planned Giving:	£443.60
Average Weekly SOs:	£510.00
Donation: Coffee Morning:	£19.20

Thank you for your continued generosity.

If you are interested in joining the Planned Giving and/or Gift Aid schemes, please ring David Savage on 01244 380626.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

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

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

- **27th July** Val, Brenda & Pat Hospice.
- **3rd August:** Would somebody like to offer their services? Please contact Margaret Curtis 01244 318424.
- **10th August** Elizabeth & Christopher Tombola

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

MUSIC AT 11.00 MASS:

The Music Group has now broken up for the summer holidays and will return on 14th September. We thank all the instrumentalists and singers who give the group such commitment. Two of our members, Amy and Kathleen, have now left for university, so we will need reinforcements in September. Please think about joining us to help keep the music going. Contact Pauline Payne, 01244 350323.

UPTON CHURCHES "5th SUNDAY" SERVICES:

Churches Together in Upton have recently revived their earlier tradition of holding a joint service on those occasions when a calendar month includes a 5th Sunday. The next such Sunday will be 31st August, when St. Columba's will be hosting the service at 7.00 p.m. This particular service will celebrate the roles of the great northern saints, Aidan, Cuthbert and Bede – Aidan's feast being 31st August, Cuthbert 4th September. Posters in the porches and on our website.

PLANNED GIVING & GIFT AID SERVICE:

The Diocesan Mass of Thanksgiving held recently at St. Columba's was a great success, and Mike Russell from the Diocese wishes to thank all those who played a part in the arrangements for the Mass and the Reception held afterwards. In particular, Mike would like to thank the Altar Servers and their families for their assistance at the Mass.

The feedback from all those who attended on the day was very positive, and those who attended the Mass as visitors to the Parish expressed their thanks for the very warm welcome that they received.

ANNIVERSARIES AND PRAYER PETITIONS:

- For a trial period, the parish **Anniversaries Book**, in its display cabinet, was located in the left hand corner of the church, along with the book for the recording of further requested entries. In the light of views received it has now been decided to return the Anniversaries Book to its original location: "St. Columba's Chapel", adjacent to the new Baptistry area. The **book for the recording of new entries** is now held in the left hand alcove of the front porch – now suitably furnished with table and chairs. Parishioners wishing an anniversary to be recorded can write the details there, and they will be transcribed into the formal Book.
- The **Prayer Petitions Book** is available for parishioners to write any intention or prayer they wish to be offered up. At Sunday Masses this book is taken up to the altar as part of the Offertory Procession, so at weekends the book is now located in the left hand alcove of the front porch. Throughout the week, when Masses are held in the Iona Chapel, the Petitions Book is displayed and available there.

Fr. Cooke and Lawrence hope these final arrangements are found to be convenient and meet with approval.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

- Thursday is the feast of **St. Ignatius of Loyola** (1491-1556) founder of the Jesuits. Born in the Basque country, he was brought up a soldier but was converted to the spiritual life as a result of his readings while convalescing from the wounds of battle. He made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, and later went on to study philosophy in Paris where he inspired a group of seven students to bind themselves in the service of the church, with his *Spiritual Exercises* being a central part of their discipline. The group's work led on to the Pope's formal recognition of the Society of Jesus in 1540, and for the last 15 years of his life, Ignatius worked in Rome to direct a huge expansion of the missionary and educational work of the Jesuits.
- Friday is the feast of **St. Alphonsus Liguori** (1696-1787) founder of the Redemptorists. Born in Naples, he first became a lawyer before his conversion to the clerical life. His missionary work included theological and spiritual writing: today that work

is continued by Redemptorist Publications, which is known worldwide.

CATECHIST DAYS:

Fr. Chris Matthews from the diocese has provided advance notice of forthcoming Catechist Days. All the events below will take place here at St. Columba's. Further details, including times and booking forms, will be available over the summer.

While each of the series of three Catechist Days can stand alone, each day will build on the previous session(s) together building a course, and attendance at all three is recommended:

- **Saturday 27th September** - day one for new and existing catechists;
- **Saturday 15th November** - day two for new and existing catechists;
- **Saturday 6th December** - day three for new and existing catechists.

Also:

- **Saturday 11th October** - Annual Day for RCIA catechists.

Dates for the autumn diary!!!

HOSPICE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD:

Coffee and Cakes in the Hall after both Masses today in aid of the Hospice. Please come along and support us.

SVP COLLECTION:

The monthly collection will be taken after all Masses next weekend, 2nd/3rd August. We thank you for your continued support.

CHURCH SURROUNDS:

On the first Saturday of each month (weather permitting!) a group meets up from 10.00am for a couple of hours work on the church surrounds – flower beds, shrubs, tidying up any litter, etc. The next date is **Saturday 2nd August**. New volunteers very welcome, tools provided – just meet up in the car park. Further information from 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

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. Website: www.stcolumbachester.org.uk