

St Columba's Church

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Ss PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES SUNDAY 28TH JUNE 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:	2.00 p.m.
Thursday:	9.15 a.m.
Friday:	9.15 a.m.
Saturday:	9.15 a.m.
	7.15 p.m.

INTENTIONS:

The Parish
Dennis Hale
The Parish
Frank Stone Jr.
Patricia Coldwell
IRENE JONES REQUIEM
Mary Elizabeth James
John Anthony Walmsley
Frank Stone
The Parish

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.

LATELY DEAD:

Please pray for Irene Jones who died recently. We pray for Bob and their son Neil on their loss, may God give them comfort and strength. Irene's Requiem Mass is on Wednesday at 2.00 p.m.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Mary Bolland, Patrick John White, Philip Carr, Philip Lewis Gorr, Sydney Martell, Edna Harley, Dennis Lace, Mary Ellen Rogers, Edward Anthony Galvin, William Kirwin, Norman Lofthouse, Douglas Boulton, Mary Millington, Joanne Nicholas, Vincent Eugene Riley, Thomas Daly, Cora Ryder, Jeremiah Heffernan, Mary Elizabeth Davies, James Newcombe, Mary Killen, Hilda Lynch, Catherine Gibbons, Dorothy Byrne, James McCleary, John Lee, Catherine Heaney, Kath Garner, Kitty Spendlove, Eileen Jones, Ellen Mary Davies, Madge Kirkham, Frank Robert Cherry, William Thomas Russell, Margaret Smith-Fisher, Elizabeth Ann Colley, Barney McLoughlin, Robert George Midgley, Elsie Ward and Gerald Doyle.

CONFESSIONS:

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

OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate:	£413.08
Planned Giving:	£466.17
Average Weekly SOs:	£683.00

Many thanks for your generous support.

POOR CLARE'S HAWARDEN:

The sum of £45 was collected for the Poor Clare's. Thank you for your generous donation.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

June 28 th	Margaret & Elizabeth	CATH
July 5 th		
July 12 th	Badminton Group	Parish
July 19 th	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 01244 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 Somerset Road, The Crescent and Heathfield Close
- the Pastoral Groups and Caring & Sharing
- the pastoral care of the community.

HOSPITAL MASS:

The regular "First Thursday" Mass will be celebrated on 2nd July at 12.15pm in the Countess of Chester hospital Chapel. This is for patients/outpatients, staff, families and friends, and the well-being of our hospital. All are welcome.

RED MISSION BOXES:

Those holding Red Mission Boxes please leave them in the Sacristy for Margaret Curtis to collect. The empty boxes can be collected from the table in the rear porch of the Church. Thank you for your continued support.

FIRST COMMUNION PHOTOGRAPH:

The group photograph taken at the Thanksgiving Mass on Sunday 14th June is displayed in both porches. If you would like a copy emailed to you, please contact pauline.payne4@btinternet.com

FR COOKE'S 40th ANNIVERSARY:

The 40th Anniversary of Fr. Cooke's ordination is next Sunday, 5th July. After the special Mass at 11.00 a.m. we will be gathering in the Hall for the presentation, followed by a buffet. All are very welcome to join in the celebrations, marking Fr. Cooke's years of service in the priesthood.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

- **Sunday: Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles.** Our two most illustrious yet very different saints: St. Peter, the humble fisherman, who showed very human weaknesses to deny Christ at testing moments - yet to whom was entrusted "the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven" and hence his role as founder of the papacy; St. Paul, who as Saul was the harshest of persecutors of Christianity - until his encounter with the vision of Christ on the road to Damascus which led to his conversion and on to his role as tireless missionary and powerful thinker and writer on behalf of the infant church.
- **Wednesday: St. Oliver Plunkett.** He was born near Dublin in 1625. He studied at the Irish College and became a professor of theology before his appointment as Archbishop of Armagh in 1669. Despite operating in Penal times, he managed to achieve good relations with the local Protestant clergy and civil leaders over a period of nine years, earning their high regard. He nevertheless became a victim of the wider political picture, and was arrested supposedly for plotting armed insurrection. He was imprisoned in London, and was eventually tried for treason and executed at Tyburn in 1681.
- **Friday: St. Thomas, Apostle.** Thomas was the apostle who was sceptical about the reality of Jesus' resurrection - but when he saw the Risen Lord for himself we hear his great profession of faith: "My Lord and my God".

CHILDREN'S PLEAS FOR BICYCLES IN SIERRA LEONE:

3 young people from the RC St Mary's Children's Home in Bo have a very long way to walk to school. If anyone would like to contribute anything towards buying bicycles for them (that they are asking for) they would be more than joyful and thankful to receive your help. Bicycles are a lot cheaper in Salone than here. If you could help, please call Heather 07840621878. Money can be assured to be sent on what it is sent for directly via Western Union and known trusted adult oversight.

DIOCESAN GATHERING FOR CATECHISTS:

We have been informed that the Annual Catechist Gathering due to take place on Saturday 25th July at St Nicholas Catholic High School, Hartford has been postponed due to unforeseen circumstances.

FLOWER FESTIVAL:

United Reform Church, Green Lane, Vicar's Cross is celebrating its Golden Jubilee this weekend, 27th & 28th June. Lots going on; church open Saturday 10.00 a.m. - 4.00p.m. and Sunday 2.00-4.00 p.m. Do go along to see the flower display and join in the celebrations.

ST. COLUMBA'S PARISH SAFEGUARDING:

Safeguarding in the church is about ensuring children, young people and vulnerable adults remain safe within our Catholic community: creating environments where every person is encouraged and enabled to enjoy the fullness of life in Jesus Christ through prayerful, caring, nurturing, supportive and protective behaviours. Each Diocese has a Safeguarding Coordinator and every Parish has a Parish Safeguarding Representative. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative has special responsibility for promoting good and safe practices in all activities involving children, young people and vulnerable adults within the parish.

Parish Safeguarding Representative: Claire Graham (01244 341287 / 07880553830)

Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator: Andrew O'Brien (0151 652 9855 / cpva@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

THANK YOU:

Christine McEnery and family would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and donations received on their recent bereavement. They were very much appreciated.

CHURCH SURROUNDS:

A reminder that on the first Saturday of each month (weather permitting!) a group meets up, from 10.00 a.m. for a couple of hours' work on the surrounds - flower beds, shrubs, tidying up any litter, etc. The next date is Saturday 4th July. New volunteers very welcome, tools provided (also a tea break!). Just meet up in the car park.

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 Bernard Payne

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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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