

St Columba's Church

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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY, 28th SEPTEMBER 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.
	7.00pm
Saturday:	9.15 a.m.
Saturday Vigil Mass:	7.15 p.m.
Sunday:	9.15 a.m.
	11.00 a.m.

INTENTIONS:

Peter Byrne RIP
In Thanksgiving JB
Jean Sullivan RIP
Cyril Baxter
Lil Jones
Hanna Connolly SVP
Thomas Chambers
Terry Whatmough
Confirmation Mass
Celebrated by the Bishop
Sick Friend
Kevin McQuillan
Linda Lee Parker
The Parish

Sunday 28th September 3pm – Carmel's Annual Benediction in honour of St Therese.

THERE WILL BE AN APPEAL AT ALL MASSES TODAY ON BEHALF OF BETHLEHEM ART.

CONFESSIONS:

This week, Confessions will be heard before the Saturday Vigil Mass, from 6.45 p.m. – 7.10 p.m.

MORNING PRAYER:

9.00 a.m. in the Sacristy Office each weekday morning, except on Wednesday, when Novena prayers are held at 9.15 a.m. before the Service of Word & Holy Communion commences.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Kevin McNicholas, Joseph Bullen, Bertie O'Malley, Mathildis Perry, Katie Fitzpatrick, Elizabeth Maria McCarron, John McHugh, Brenda Liggett, Philip Addison, Maureen Green, William Baker, Michael Davies, Bernard Joseph Fitzpatrick, Joseph Crimes, Patrick Patten, Margaret Murray, Eric Melia, Patricia Holloway, Doreen Nicholls, Joyce Bownas, Annie Brennan, John Cotgrove, Ellen Barlow, Anthony John Baker, Gale Bunker, Frank Queenan, Kathleen Galvin

BAPTISMS:

By appointment. After speaking to Fr. Cooke to arrange a date, please contact Claire Graham on 01244 341287 / 07880553830.

OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate:	£516.68
Planned Giving:	£546.31
Average Weekly SOs:	£510.00
Coffee Morning	£ 42.45
Badminton	£150.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.

HOSPICE COFFEE MORNING:

The coffee morning for the Hospice amounted to £40.00. Thank you for your support.

SVP MONTHLY COLLECTION:

The monthly collections take place on the first weekend of each month and will resume next weekend, 4th & 5th October. The September collection was held over as it coincided with the Flower Festival. Many thanks for your continued support.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

28th Sept. Sewing Group	Royal British Legion
5th Oct. Scouts & Guide Parade	Parish
12th Oct. Marie & Sue	Parish

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

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Lawn Drive, Earls Oak and Windmill Rise.
- Dorin Park School.
- All who are physically or mentally disabled, their teachers and families.

HOSPITAL MASS:

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

BETHLEHEM ART:

This weekend we have another chance to see the work of the Christian families in and around Bethlehem – individual hand carved items in olive wood, using skills passed down the generations. Sales of these items will be of great help to the few families remaining in the area, since the troubles in the Holy Land have led to dramatic falls in the numbers of pilgrims and visitors – and the drying up of the local market. See the display in the Iona Chapel.

RED MISSION BOXES:

Those parishioners holding Red Mission Boxes please leave them in the Sacristy for Margaret Curtis to collect. Thank you for your continued support.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING MASS:

This Sunday we have our Harvest Thanksgiving Mass at 11.00 a.m. As we give thanks for our own harvest, we will be thinking of people in the Third World whose harvest may have failed. Please put your harvest gift in the **CAFOD Harvest Fast Day envelopes, available in both porches this weekend.** The Fast Day itself is **Friday 3rd October**, and the envelopes can be returned via the normal collection baskets at Masses next weekend.

SYNOD OF BISHOPS ON THE FAMILY 2014:

Family life will be the focus of an Extraordinary General Session of the Synod of Bishops meeting at the Vatican from 5th to 19th October. Around 150 Synod fathers will take part to discuss the "pastoral challenges of the family in the context of evangelisation". Pope Francis has asked that the Church sets aside a **Day of Prayer on Sunday 28th September** to pray for this important international meeting

Here is the Pope's own prayer for the Synod, which we will offer up during our Masses at St. Columba:

Prayer to the Holy Family for the Synod

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
in you we contemplate
the splendour of true love,
to you we turn with trust.*

*Holy Family of Nazareth,
grant that our families too
may be places of communion and prayer,
authentic schools of the Gospel
and small domestic Churches.*

*Holy Family of Nazareth,
may families never again
experience violence, rejection and division:
may all who have been hurt or scandalised
find ready comfort and healing.*

*Holy Family of Nazareth,
may the approaching Synod of Bishops
make us once more mindful
of the sacredness and inviolability of the family,
and its beauty in God's plan.*

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
graciously hear our prayer. Amen.*

FOR THE 11.00 MASS:

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

Lord, the earth is filled with your gift from heaven: man grows bread from the earth, and wine to cheer his heart.

FRIENDS OF ST. THÉRÈSE :

A prayer group under the patronage of St. Teresa of Lisieux is starting on her Feast, **Wednesday 1st October**, at 7.30 p.m. in the Iona Chapel. The prayer intentions include our parish, the lapsed, our young adults, the foreign missions and vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. The monthly meeting will focus on the 'Little Way' of St. Thérèse, devotion to Our Lady and the Passion of Christ, and will contain readings, meditations and prayers with perhaps a hymn or two. Mother Prioress at Birkenhead Carmel has helped with various gifts and is lending us one of the two relics of St. Thérèse which they hold. Future meetings will be arranged to suit those attending. For further details telephone Bill Baker on 01244 376701.

"FRANCIS THE HOLY JESTER":

Written by Dario Fo and monologue performed by Mario Pirovano, featuring four episodes about the life of St. Francis, will be held in the Church of St. Francis of Assisi, Chester on **Wednesday 1st October** at 6.30 p.m. More information on Parish website www.stfranciscatholicchurchchester.co.uk

Entrance by ticket only. £5 Adults, £3 Under 12s.

POPE FRANCIS' VISION FOR THE CHURCH:

St. Agnes Church, Darmonds Green, West Kirby, CH48 5DU is hosting a conference (11 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.) on **Saturday 4th October** on the Pope's significant document *Evangelii Gaudium*, "The Joy of the Gospel". The event is free, including tea and coffee but please bring your own lunch. To register please email mgmaccook@aol.com or leave a message on 0151 625 6512.

RCIA FORMATION DAY, SATURDAY 11th OCTOBER:

See posters in the porches (and on the parish website) about the formation day for catechists and clergy, arranged by the Diocese and being held here in St. Columba's Hall. More information available from Pauline McCulloch at the Curial Offices, 0151 652 9855.

CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES (CCRS):

CCRS is a basic course in theology, designed for people who are engaged in the communication of their Catholic Faith, whether directly or indirectly. It is open to everyone. You can complete the Certificate or just attend the sessions - it is up to you. The course takes place at Our Lady's, Ellesmere Port, starting on **Saturday 11th October** from 10 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. For further details contact Rowena Nield - rowena.nield@sky.com or 0161 440 8619. See the posters or on the parish website.

PLANNED GIVING & GIFT AID RENEWAL:

Mike Russell from the Diocese thanks you for making him so welcome during his visit to the parish over the past two weekends, and also thanks you for your generous response. If you completed one of the Offertory Giving Cards and requested a box of Offertory Envelopes, a Standing Order form or information about Gift Aid, you should by now have received these. If you took a Offertory Giving Card, Gift Aid form and/or Standing Order form home with you and have not yet returned it, please could you do so by either handing them in at the Offertory collection, or by contacting David Savage (Parish Gift Aid Organiser) on 380626. Alternatively, please send them direct to Mike at the Curial Offices using the envelope provided - his address is also shown on the Gift Aid and Standing Order forms. If you missed the Renewal but would like to Gift Aid your Offertory donations, or set-up a Standing Order, please contact David Savage on 380626. Thank you.

ST COLUMBA'S HALL BOOKINGS:

For all Hall bookings and enquiries please contact Sue Carr on 07553 114531

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NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Ann Siddall.

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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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