

St Columba's Church

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FEAST OF ST. PETER & ST. PAUL SUNDAY, 29th JUNE 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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Sunday:	9.15 a.m.
	11.00 a.m.

INTENTIONS:

Cyril Baxter
Sean McCabe
The Parish
Dennis Lace. A.
In Thanksgiving
Priest's Intention
Lilian Ward
Priest's Intention
Private Intention
Charles Chase
Priest's Intention
The Parish

UPTON CHURCHES 5TH SUNDAY SERVICE – TODAY:

This service for the Upton Churches will be **held today, Sunday, 29th June, at Holy Ascension Parish Church** in Church Lane at 6.30 p.m. You are all invited to attend.

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: : 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, James Newcombe, Mary Killen, Hilda Lynch, Mary Elizabeth Davies, 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, Gerald Doyle, Julian Birchall, Ann Evans, Harold Owens, William Stanton, Barbara Kealing, Edith Preedy, Doris Powell, Kay Hanratty, Maurice Townson.

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:	£427.52
Planned Giving:	£426.67
Average Weekly SOs:	£510.00
Coffee:	£ 21.68

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.

SVP COLLECTION:

The monthly will be taken after all Masses next weekend, 5th/6th July. We thank you for your continued support.

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.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

29th June	Marg & Jacque	Monies to fund Fellowship Lunch
6 th July	SVP	Parish
13 th July	CWL	CWL

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

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:

The theme for 23rd June – 4th July is **“How We Make a Difference”** and the prayer is: *Lord, As a school community we always aim to follow Jesus' example. Thank you for giving us the opportunity this year to do things, big and small, that make a difference to others.*

RED MISSION BOX HOLDERS:

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

SHREWSBURY VOICE:

The Summer 2014 issue of the this magazine is now out, and makes interesting reading. It is on sale for £1.

ST COLUMBA'S & ST WERBURGH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL PROJECT:

The school has decided to hold a music/creative arts week celebrating 50 years of St Columba's Parish Church. They will be creating art for the Church and school, and will also be working with a professional composer to write a unique song for the Parish to learn and sing with the children. They would like to invite parents/ grandparents/older siblings etc to take part in the composing workshops with the children from 14-17th July. If you play an instrument, please bring it along, but please still join them if you have no musical experience!

The event will also include creating a prayer tree and outside display, hoping that all in the community will help develop; and hold a Big Sing session on Friday, 18th July, at 9.30 a.m.

If you would like to take part in any of the activities please contact the school on 01244 981228. We hope this will be a wonderful celebration for all our children and parish community to take part in.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

- This Sunday, 29th June, we celebrate the joint Feast Day of our two most illustrious yet very different saints, **St. Peter & St. Paul**: 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.
- Tuesday is the feast of **St. Oliver Plunkett**. Born near Dublin in 1625, he studied at the Irish College and became a professor of theology and then 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, but then became a victim of the wider political picture, and was arrested supposedly for plotting armed insurrection. He was imprisoned in London, and executed at Tyburn in 1681.
- Thursday is the feast of **St. Thomas, Apostle**. Thomas was the apostle who was sceptical about the reality of the Resurrection-but when he saw the Risen Lord for himself we hear his great profession of faith: "My Lord and my God".

ASSISTED DYING BILL:

The Bill to legalise "assisted dying" - meaning assisted suicide - will be debated in the House of Lords on 18th July. There will be a free vote because it is not government legislation. If passed, this Bill would place vulnerable people at serious risk. Especially if you have direct experience of caring for a dying person, either as a family member or as a health or social care professional, please write before 18th July to a Peer to tell them your views. For more information, including details of how to write to a Peer, please visit www.catholicchurch.org.uk/assisted-dying-bill **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO WRITE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND CERTAINLY BEFORE 18TH JULY.**

INVOCATION 2014:

A Vocations Festival is being held at St. Mary's College, Oscott, **from Friday, 4th to Sunday 6th July**. The festival is a mixture of faith and friendship, prayer and worship, adoration and reconciliation, engaging talks and inspiring workshops. It is a discernment festival - a weekend full of opportunities for you to think about who God is calling you to be. More details and a booking form are available from www.invocation.org.uk

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

- We pray for the residents of Somerset Road, The Crescent and Heathfield Close.
- For the Pastoral Groups and Caring and Sharing.
- For the pastoral care of the community.

LITCHFIELD TRIP FRIDAY, 25TH JULY:

There are a couple of places still left on the coach for this trip, leaving the Church Car Park at 09.00. Would those who have already registered please organise getting your payment to Margaret Curtis. You can contact her on 01244 318424 or contact Paul Wrigglesworth on 01244 382457.

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 surrounds - flower beds, shrubs, tidying up any litter, etc. The next date is **Saturday 5th July**. New volunteers very welcome, tools provided - just meet up in the car park. Information from Bernard Payne, 01244 350323.

COFFEE MORNING, WEDNESDAY, 9TH JULY:

A coffee Morning will be held at 107 St James Avenue, 10.00-12 noon. Entrance £2.50, with proceeds going to the Chifundo Fashion projects, supporting and empowering the women of Malawi.

PARISH COUNCIL:

The Council meets next on **Monday, 7th July**.

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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