

# St Columba's Church

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## TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2013

### MASS TIMES:

Saturday Vigil Mass: 7.15 p.m.  
Sunday: 9.15 a.m.

Monday: 9.15 a.m.

Tuesday: 9.15 a.m.

Wednesday: 9.15 a.m.

Thursday: 1.00 p.m.

Friday: 9.15 a.m.

Saturday: 9.15 a.m.

Saturday Vigil: 7.15 p.m.

Sunday: 9.15 a.m.

11.00 a.m.

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7.15 p.m.

9.15 a.m.

11.00 a.m.

### INTENTIONS:

Marie Terese Camillieri.

The Parish

Dave Beatty

**Ecumenical Service**

Ursula Garsfield

Priest's Intention

Joan Wells

**Requiem, Meg Pendlebury**

Bob Marsden

Private Intention

Priest's Intention

Frank Queenan

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.

### LATELY DEAD:

Meg Pendlebury, whose Requiem is on Thursday at 1.00 p.m. She was a much respected and valued member of our Parish.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: 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, Eric Melia, Patricia Holloway, Jack Derbyshire, Doreen Nicholls, Joyce Bownas, Annie Brennan, John Cotgrove, Ellen Barlow, Anthony John Baker, Gale Bunker, Frank Queenan, Kathleen Galvin, Patrick Ryan, Anthony Lavender, Kathleen (Doris) Gallagher, Patricia O'Gorman, Veronica Maquire.

### CONFESSIONS:

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

### THIS SUNDAY AT 6.00 P.M.:

"FROM NAZARETH TO NORWICH", a service to celebrate the role of women in our faith. This special service for the fifth Sunday of the month and organised by St. Columba's on behalf of Churches Together in Upton will be held here at 6.00 p.m. today. See the poster on the Notice Board. All welcome.

### OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate: £537.98

Planned Giving: £395.35

Average Weekly SOs: £556.00

Donation- coffee: £14.96

*Thank you for your continued support.*

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:

The SVP monthly collection will be taken next weekend, 5-6<sup>th</sup> October. We thank you very much for your continued support.

### SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

Sept 29<sup>th</sup> Ruth & Jacque CAFOD

Oct 6<sup>th</sup> Scouts & Guides Parade. For Themselves

Oct 13<sup>th</sup> Maggie Jarrett OAKS

Tea and coffee are served in the hall after both Sunday morning Masses. All are very welcome.

If you are unable to host your date, contact Margaret 318424, as it is important that we have someone to serve coffees every Sunday.

### UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

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

### CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:

The theme for this week and next is **New Opportunities**, and the prayer is:

*Lord, help us to take advantage of the many opportunities available to us inside and outside of school. Encourage us to try new things and appreciate opportunities to enrich our lives. Amen*

### RED MISSION BOXES:

Could those parishioners holding Red Mission boxes please leave them in the Sacristy for Margaret Curtis to collect. Once the boxes are emptied they can be collected from the rear porch.

The Autumn issue of *Mission Today* magazine is available in the two porches of the Church.

Thank you for your continued support.

### ST COLUMBA'S HALL BOOKINGS:

For all bookings/enquiries please contact

Sue Carr on 07553 114531

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YEAR OF FAITH 2013

### THE YEAR OF FAITH:

Since Vatican II the priest has a much wider choice of Prefaces and Eucharistic Prayers than was available under the former Latin rite. The Preface is now more closely allied to the feast and the Eucharistic Prayers deserve our closest attention, not only because they occur at the most solemn part of the Mass, but because they express in words the thoughts we should have during this central part of our liturgy. In the midst of the prayer is the Consecration, when the bread and wine, whilst retaining the appearance of bread and wine, become the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. The Transubstantiation is effected by the words uttered by our priest, who has the power to do what the angels cannot do, namely, change water and wine into God. At this point in the Mass God becomes truly present on our altar: it is not a representation or a symbol, but God himself; the same God who created the vast universe we live in. At the Elevation of the Host and the Chalice, the words of the Apostle Thomas come to mind: "My Lord and my God." This is the central point of our Faith, the true presence of God with us. This is what our martyrs died for. It is the most wonderful gift which God could give us, to be present among us, on our altar during our Mass and with us afterwards in our tabernacle. How blessed we are to enjoy the true presence of Our Lord.

### HARVEST THANKSGIVING 2013:

This weekend 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 various parts of the developing world whose harvests may have failed. **We would therefore ask you to put your harvest gifts in the CAFOD Harvest Fast Day envelopes (attached to the newsletter this weekend) in readiness for the Fast Day on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October.** The envelopes will be collected in the normal collection baskets next weekend. *Please note: you will see there are 2 envelopes joined together – the GREEN one is the normal one for returning next weekend, the GOLD one is for arranging a regular donation and returning this envelope direct to CAFOD.*

### CLERGY EDUCATION AND TRAINING FUND:

The annual diocesan collection for this fund will be taken **this weekend**. Please put your envelopes, available in the porches, in today's collection plate. Cheques should be made payable to "Clergy Education and Training Fund". To enable the gift aid to be recovered (an additional 25p for every pound you give) please enter your envelope number in the box provided or enter your name and address if you donate to the parish by standing order.

### FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October is the feast of **St. Theresa of Lisieux**. Theresa (1873-97) was a Carmelite nun, entering the monastery at Lisieux at the age of 15, dying of TB at the age of 24 having borne her illness and suffering with great fortitude. Known through her autobiography *The Story of a Soul*, she was loved for her unaffected simplicity and is remembered for her fidelity to ordinary duties as the path to sanctity.

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October is the feast of **St. Francis of Assisi**. Francis (1181-1226) was the son of a wealthy merchant. After a frivolous youth, he gave up his riches, became an itinerant preacher and lived a lowly life. He gathered around him others, who joined him in his Order of Friars Minor – the Franciscans. He suffered with the stigmata, popularised the crib and wrote "*Canticle of Brother Sun*" which captures his sense of oneness with all creatures.

### HOSPITAL MASS:

The regular "First Thursday" Mass will be celebrated on **3rd 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.

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS:

Please will you pick up your new Rota from the front porch. If you have an e-mail address or have recently changed your e-mail address, will you kindly let Carol know (380197). It is so much easier to send the Rotas out by email. Many thanks.

### COFFEE & CAKES FOR WORTHINGTOWN:

Last year the children at our Primary School had great fun raising money and buying items for Worthingtown, our virtual CAFOD village. The original village was created as a leaving gift by our former Bursar, Mrs Worthington and it has doubled in size since then! We will be serving coffee & cakes after the Sunday morning masses this weekend in aid of CAFOD and invite you to come and have a look around Worthingtown. We look forward to seeing you!

### CELEBRATION OF GRANDPARENTS:

This Annual Diocesan Mass is being held this year on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October**, 12 noon at St. Wilfrid's Church, Northwich, CW9 5NP. See posters in the church porches or website for further information.

### DIOCESAN HISTORY DAY:

This annual event is this year being held on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October**, 11.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. at St. Mary of the Angels, Hooton. See posters in the church porches or website for further information.

### YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT: 18 – 20<sup>th</sup> OCT:

The ACTS (Adult Catholics Together Spiritually) annual retreat is taking place this October, and if you are aged 18 – 35 you are welcome to join us. It is at Sandymount Retreat Centre, Blundellsands (four minutes from the sea!). The cost is by anonymous donation (suggested contribution - £95). If you would like to join us or wish to know more about it please contact Siobhan at [siobhanbc@talktalk.net](mailto:siobhanbc@talktalk.net) or tel: 0161 477 2783/0776 113 8947

### UPTON CHURCHES QUIZ:

The annual quiz for the Upton churches will be held in the Hall on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October**. See the Notice Board or website for more information.

### SUNDAY AFTERNOON SALSA CLASS:

To be held in the Hall **this Sunday**. Family afternoon Beginners Salsa class, dancing to D.J. Doors open 2 p.m. More information from Mike 0774 574 7875.

### CHURCH SURROUNDS:

The Gardening Group meets **next Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October**, 9.45 to 12 noon-ish, with half-time break! New helpers very welcome. For further information phone Bernard Payne, 01244 350323.

### NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Muriel Green.

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Items for inclusion can also 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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