

St Columba's Church

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- ❖ Parish Safeguarding Representative: Claire Graham. Tel 01244 341287 or 0788 055 3830.

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SUNDAY 30th AUGUST 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:	9.15 a.m.
Thursday:	9.15 a.m.
Friday:	9.15 a.m.
Saturday:	9.15 a.m.
Saturday Vigil Mass:	7.15 p.m.

INTENTIONS:

Catholic Education.
Gladys & Bob Carr
Mary & James Davies
Mick Holland
Robert Croft
The New School Year
The Murphy Family
The Unemployed
Countess of Chester Hospital
Victims of War and Violence

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Harold Boulton, Robert Carr, James (Jimmy) Tallon, David Kilcoyne, Fr. Leo Wilkinson, Annie Lester, Charles Wilbraham, Tony Adams, Lyn Higgins, Lawrence Francis James Burns, Michael Terence Hutfield, Joyce Townson, Kathleen Veronica Whitley, Frederick A Davies, Mary Telling, Derek Mycock, Gladys Steaton, Lorna Cater, Margaret Stevens, Kathleen Mary Douglas, Carole Joan Bowness, Elizabeth Martha Holdcroft.

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.

CONFESSIONS:

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

OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate:	£391.77
Planned Giving:	£383.80
Average Weekly SOs:	£683.00

Many thanks for your generous support.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

30th August	milk will be provided for you to make your own.	
6th Sept	Chris & Elizabeth	Tombola
13th Sept	Catholic High School PTA	Parish
20th Sept	Margy & Jacque	MacMillan

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 Cutis 318424.

Tea, coffee and juice 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 Oldfield Drive, Flag Lane South, Upton Land and Weldon Close.
- The Wardens, Deputy Wardens, Sidespersons and Collectors.
- Our Churches being welcoming to newcomers.

HOSPITAL MASS

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

MUSIC AT 11.00 A.M. MASS:

Rob the organist is back next week, on **Sunday 6th September**. The Music Group restarts the following week, **Sunday 13th September**. To keep the Group going we need more members. Do you play the flute, clarinet, recorder or guitar? Or do you enjoy singing? Please consider helping us to lead the singing at 11.00 a.m. Mass on alternate Sundays. Your only commitment is to come to the practice before Mass. Please come along, or phone Pauline Payne, 01244 350323.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES:

These classes are held in the Church Hall on Wednesday evenings in term time, from 5.00 to 6.00 p.m. They are for children who come to St. Columba's church but do not attend St. Werburgh's and St. Columba's Primary School. The preparation programme for First Sacraments starts when the children are in Year 2 at school (age 6 in September). Classes begin on **Wednesday 16th September**. Please ring Pauline Payne on 01244 350323 to enrol or for more information.

CHRISTIAN AID EVENTS:

- A **Service of Thanksgiving for Christian Aid's 70th Anniversary** is being held in Chester Cathedral, at 6.30 p.m. on **Sunday 6th September**. Come and hear the amazing stories of CA partners, supporters and staff – past and present, giving thanks for all that has been achieved.
- **Exhibition "I Witness: images of hope from Haiti"**, on display in Chester Cathedral **5-18th September**, and based around a recent visit by three CA supporters.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN UPTON:

Forthcoming events:

- **5th Sunday Service** - Whenever there is a 5th Sunday in the month, the Upton churches take turns to host a Sunday evening service, to which members of all the churches are warmly invited. The next such occasion is **Sunday 30th August, 6.30 p.m. at Upton URC, Heath Road.**
- **Monday Coffee Mornings** - Currently, these weekly Coffee Meetings are held from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon at the Scout HQ in Weston Grove. Please note that from **Monday 7th September** they will be held in the brand-new Pavilion at the playing fields in Wealstone Lane (next to the Library).
- **Churches Together in Upton AGM** - CTU has changed and evolved over the years, and if you have ideas about its future activities, or would like to be involved in any way you are very welcome to attend our informal AGM meeting on **Wednesday 9th September, 7.30 p.m. at Upton URC.**
- **Quiz Evening Friday 16th October** - Over the last few years this annual Quiz has proved very popular and sociable. Again this year the Quiz is hosted by St. Columba's, and will be held in our Hall, starting at 7.30 p.m. Watch out for further details.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION:

Calling all Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers of the parish. Fr Terry Casey, Holy Ghost Father, will lead a Day of Recollection for you on **Saturday 5th September**, in the church Hall. Gather at 10am for 10.30 start. Please bring a packed lunch. Mass will be celebrated during the day. Conclusion 3 - 3.30 pm approx. See church notice boards

UPTON VILLAGE WI MEETING:

Thursday 10th September, at The Club House, Mannings Lane, Hoole Village, Chester, Cheshire CH2 4EU*. 7.30pm for 8pm start. (*Please note change of venue, which is permanent, thank you). This month's meeting will be a presentation by "Animal Behavioural Referrals".

ASSISTED DYING BILL:

Bishop Mark has asked parishes to encourage parishioners who haven't already done so, to write to their MPs before the debate on the Assisted Dying Bill due to take place on **Friday 11th September**. The website www.catholicnews.org.uk offers a simple and accessible way of doing this by email which will only take a couple of minutes. It even supplies the name of one's MP!

FLOWER DEMONSTRATION

In the Hall, **Thursday 1st October** at 7.30pm with National Demonstrator Diane Fair. Proceeds in aid of Guide Dogs. Tickets £8 available from Sue Carr 312892 or Frances 342959.

CHARITY CONCERT FRIDAY 9th OCTOBER:

Chifundo UK and Soroptimist International of Chester are holding a Charity Concert featuring A Handbag of Harmonies and The Queen's School Chamber Choir. This is in aid of The SOKO Fund, an educational charity providing university scholarships for women in Malawi. The concert will be at 7.30 p.m. here in St. Columba's Church, with refreshments served in the Hall. Tickets: £12 Adults, £6 for under 18s including refreshments from:

Susan Flynn 01244 381490 or chair@chifundomalawi.org Further information: www.chifundomalawi.org Posters on display in the porches and on the parish website.

WORLD YOUTH DAY, KRAKOW, AUG 2016:

Bishop Mark is inviting the young people of the Diocese to join Pope Francis in Kraków next summer for the World Youth Day. Many young people have described their experience at past World Youth Days as life changing moments. There are still a few places available in our Diocesan group for young people aged 16 and over. Please encourage any young people in your parish to think seriously about joining Bishop Mark in Kraków 2016. More information is available on the Diocesan website

www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/youth or from Pauline McCulloch at the Curial Offices pauline.mcculloch@dioceseofshrewsbury.org.

RED MISSION BOXES

Will those holding Red Mission Boxes please put them in the Sacristy for Margaret Curtis to collect. You can collect them from the table in the rear porch. Thank you for your continued support.

PARISH BUILDINGS COMMITTEE August 2015

In the newsletters in July we reported on the plans to improve the effectiveness of the heating in the hall through installing insulation and reducing the amount of glazing. To enable the hall to be used best for the widest range of activities it was proposed that the upper half of the windows only should be retained and replaced with double glazed units with electrically operated opening lights and blinds.

Several parishioners subsequently wrote to express their concerns at the loss of the view from the lower windows in the hall which this alteration would produce. Their concerns were passed on to the diocese, which owns the building. Diocesan representatives met with those parishioners to consider their concerns.

We have now heard from the diocese that while those views are respected the proposal that will be taken to the diocesan finance committee is the original one - to retain the higher level glazing only. There is no possibility of the diocese carrying out any improvements to the hall without the support of WREN funding. Since that funding is dependent on demonstrating benefit to the wider community the improvements to the hall must ensure benefit to the widest range of users. That cannot be effectively achieved by retaining the lower windows.

The committee recognises that change is rarely welcomed - we all become accustomed to things as they are. However, the proposed change to the windows offers a number of significant benefits. It will: provide valuable privacy for a wide range of physical activities; shield children from the view of passers-by; allow the lighting to be well controlled; improve the overall appearance of the hall as half closed, drooping curtains will no longer be in place.

We are grateful for the support of a wide range of hall users in fundraising to assist our bid for substantial external funding.

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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:

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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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