

# St Columba's Church

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## Ss PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2013

### 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	7.15 p.m.
Sunday:	9.15 a.m.
	11.00 a.m.

### INTENTIONS:

Marie Terese Camillieri
Josefina Barbon
The Parish
Peter Hogan
Private Intention
Margaret Fisher R.I.P.
Eileen Beck - SVP
Private Intention
Pat Davies R.I.P.
Thomas Daly A
The Parish
Tom Lawler R.I.P.

### Feast of Ss Peter and Paul:

Please note that the readings at Masses this weekend will be those for the Feast so will not be the same as those printed in the Newsletter.  
Please pick up a copy of the leaflet which sets out the Feast Day readings.

### 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:

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

**Martha Annie Lynch was baptised on Sunday 23rd June. A warm welcome and congratulations to Martha and her family on this happy occasion. Please remember them in your prayers.**

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Edward Anthony Galvin, William Kirwin, Norman Lofthouse, Douglas Boulton, Mary Millington, 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, John Davies.

### CONFESSIONS:

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

### OFFERTORY w/e 23<sup>rd</sup> June:

Loose Plate:	£568.89
Planned Giving:	£378.84
Average Weekly SOs:	£556.00

Many thanks for your generous support.

### UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week 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.

The next meeting of the Upton Churches Together committee is on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July**, 7.30 p.m. at Upton URC.

### CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:

This week's theme is **Looking Forward** and the prayer is:

*Lord,*

*The Bible tells us that you have plans for us, plans to give us hope and a future.*

*Help us to look forward and make plans and targets for next year that will give us the best chances possible.*

*Amen*

### HOSPITAL MASS:

The regular "First Thursday" Mass will be celebrated on **Thursday 4th July** at 12.15 p.m. 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.

### PASTORAL COUNCIL:

St. Columba's Pastoral Council will meet on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July**, 7.30 p.m. in the Church Office.

### SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

- 30th June Heather Lannin Sierra Leone.
- 7th July Catholic High PTA Parish.
- 14th July Mary Kilcoyne (CWL) CWL.

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



## YEAR OF FAITH

Last week we looked at the Last Supper and left Jesus with his disciples on the way to Gethsemane. It was here that Our Saviour suffered indescribable mental torment. Knowing, as God, what was about to befall him, he pleaded with his Father, as man, to let

this chalice pass him by, but accepts 'not my will but yours be done.' He is interrupted by the mob and his physical passion starts with unimaginable cruelty..... and he was God. We talk about the Mass as being a Memorial, or remembrance, of the Passion, because at the moment of consecration during the Last Supper Christ used the words: "This is my Body which is given for you" and "my Blood that will be shed for you", thus making the Eucharist and his Passion and Death on the cross *one and the same sacrifice*, as the Compendium of the Catechism puts it. By taking part in the Mass we take part in the sacrifice of Christ himself as members of the Body of Christ, so our lives, our praise, our sufferings, our prayers, our work are all united to those of Christ. In so far as the Mass is a sacrifice, it is offered for all the faithful, both those living and those who have died, in reparation for sin, just as the Passion of Christ was offered for the same intention.

### FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

- Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June is the feast of **Saints Peter and Paul** – Peter chosen by Christ to be the first leader of his Church, Paul, originally the persecutor of the early Christians before his conversion on the road to Damascus. As we see, the Solemnity of Peter and Paul is actually celebrated this year on Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> June.
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July is the feast of **St. Oliver Plunkett**, Archbishop of Armagh. 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 tried for treason and executed at Tyburn in 1681.
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July is the feast of **Thomas the Apostle**, "Doubting Thomas", famous for his scepticism over the appearance of the Risen Christ – but then we hear his great declaration of faith, "My Lord and my God" on his subsequent encounter with Christ.

### SPECIAL MASS AT ST. COLUMBA'S, 6<sup>th</sup> JULY:

The Catholic Fellowship For Those With Special Needs is inviting all groups/individuals and their carers to a celebration of Mass at St. Columba's at 2.00 p.m. on **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July**. Mass will be followed by refreshments in the Hall afterwards. A warm welcome is also extended to all able bodied friends to celebrate with them. Further details from Jane on 0151 632 4891.

### PILGRIMAGE TO PANTASAPH, 13<sup>th</sup> JULY:

A Pilgrimage of Reparation and Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary is being held on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July**, 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. at the National Shrine of St. Pio, Pantasaph. Full details are set out on the posters in both porches – and also on the Notice Board section of the St. Columba website.

### "SHREWSBURY CATHOLIC VOICE":

The Summer 2013 issue of the diocesan quarterly magazine is now available, price £1.

### "SONGS OF PRAISE" SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> JUNE:

A service of Songs of Praise is being held to jointly celebrate the work of the faith-based agencies Christian Aid, CAFOD and Tearfund **this Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> June**, at 4.00 p.m. at Caldley Valley Neighbourhood Church, Caldley Valley Road, with refreshments to follow. All are warmly invited to this service.

### "CITY JAZZ" ORCHESTRA & SINGERS:

The Catholic High School's excellent City Jazz line-up are preparing for their annual European tour – this year to Paris. They are holding a pre-tour gig on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July**, 8.00 p.m. in the school hall. As well as City Jazz and Singers, the evening will include guest appearances by Zoot Serious, Overleigh St. Mary's Primary School Choir, and "Samba Fidelis" – the High School staff's samba band! Tickets £5 from the School Finance Office, 01244 981608. Proceeds in support of The Rebecca Coriam Search Foundation.

### PARISH TRIP TO LUDLOW 26<sup>th</sup> JULY:

The coach will leave St Columba's car park 09.15 with a comfort break at Dobbies Nurseries, Shrewsbury. The coach is a 51 seater, people will be allocated places on a first come first served basis with, if necessary, a reserve list. Any queries contact Margaret Curtis 01244-318424 or by email [marg.curtis@btinternet.com](mailto:marg.curtis@btinternet.com). Cost-£12.50pp, all monies to be paid to Margaret Curtis by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July. Cheques to be made payable to Newton Catholic Social Fund.

### NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Alison Wigglesworth  
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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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