

St Columba's Church

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TWENTYSECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY, 31ST AUGUST 2014

MASS TIMES:

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

Monday: 9.15 a.m.
Tuesday: 9.15 a.m.
Wednesday: 12.45 p.m.
Thursday: 9.15 a.m.
Friday: 9.15 a.m.
Saturday: 9.15 a.m.
Saturday: 12.00noon

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INTENTIONS:

The Parish.
Gladys and Bob Carr. A.
Martin Keith Griffiths. A.
Upton Churches 5th Sunday
Service.

Heather & Tony Duggan
Maureen Grew.
Iciar Mosquera. RIP.
Sylvia Mullen.
Fr. Peter Robertson
Bep le Miere.
Anniversary Mass with
Bishop Mark Davies.
Maureen O'Hara.
The Parish.
Mary & Jim Davies.

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.

CONFESSIONS:

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

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: 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, Eileen Mary Pealing, Molly Addison, Mary Wilde and Robert Charles Jones.

LATELY DEAD:

Please remember in your prayers Lil Jones, we pray for her family and friends. Her funeral mass will be on Monday, 8th September at 9:15 a.m.

OFFERTORY

Loose Plate: £483.41
Planned Giving: £399.60
Average Weekly SOs: £510.00

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.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- Pray for the residents of Oakfield Drive, Flag Lane South, Upton Lane and Weldon Close;
- the Wardens, Deputy Wardens, Side-persons and collectors;
- that our churches be welcoming to newcomers.

POPE FRANCIS' VISION FOR THE CHURCH:

St. Agnes Church, Darmonds Green, West Kirby, CH48 5DU will host a conference (11 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.) on **Saturday 4th Oct.** on the Pope's significant document *Evangelii Gaudium*, "The Joy of the Gospel". The speaker will be Brian Davies, who, after a career in adult and Higher Education and as CAFOD's Head of Education, has been involved in talks and reflections in various parts of the country. The event is free including tea and coffee. Please bring your own lunch. To register an interest (for catering purposes), email mgmacook@aol.com or leave a message on 0151 625 6512.

HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME:

A list of Ministers who take Holy Communion to parishioners at home is now displayed in the Sacristy. Please will the Ministers concerned help keep the list up to date by checking their details and informing Fr. Cooke or Rev. Lawrence Hordley of any future changes.

Fr. Cooke encourages all parishioners to inform us of anyone they know of who is in need of either Holy Communion or the Sacrament of the Sick at home, so that necessary arrangements can be made. Thank you.

UPTON CHURCHES "5th SUNDAY" SERVICE AT ST COLUMBA'S 7.00 P.M. THIS SUNDAY:

Churches Together in Upton have recently revived their earlier tradition of holding a joint service on those occasions when a calendar month includes a 5th Sunday. **St Columba's are hosting this service today at 7.00 p.m.** The service celebrates the roles of the great northern saints, Aidan, Cuthbert and Bede – Aidan's feast being 31st August, Cuthbert 4th September. Posters in the porches and on our website. All welcome.

ST. COLUMBA'S 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS:

At last Golden Jubilee time is here! The Flower Festival to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the laying of St. Columba's church foundation stone opens on Thursday 4th September. The programme for the celebration is:

- Thursday 4th – 9.15 a.m. Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, until opening of the Festival at 10.30 a.m. Doors close at 7.00 p.m.
- Friday 5th - 10.30 a.m. to 7.00 p.m. Doors open for viewing.
- Saturday 6th – 12 noon, Jubilee Mass celebrated with Bishop Mark Davies, followed by a buffet reception in the Hall. 1.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. Doors open for viewing.
- Sunday 7th - 12 noon to 6.00 p.m. Doors open for viewing, followed by Evening Prayer of the Church and close of the Festival.

Over these times the church will be open for everyone to come and see the beautiful flower displays depicting our church's year and history. We hope you will all visit and bring friends along. Some of the Festival displays will be in the Church Hall, and refreshments will be served there each day. Do come over and see photographs of the event 50 years ago, and also of the first Mass in December 1975 – were you there?

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

31st Aug. Jackie Turvey Sea Cadets & Parish

7th Sept. Ruth & Jacque BUZZ Group

14th Sept. Catholic High School PTA Parish

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

Any enquiries please contact Margaret Curtis 318424.

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 the children who come to St. Columba's church but are unable to 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 17th September**. Please ring Pauline Payne on 01244 350323 to enroll or for more information.

SIERRA LEONE:

I have received many phone calls directly from Sierra Leone asking for prayers for their current Ebola crisis. In their very poor country, healthcare has not been free at the point of delivery yet. The Ebola crisis brings a new perspective to bear on this inhumane situation with world health organisation focus. In addition, I would like to give anyone the opportunity to send money directly to children, widows and families whom I know to be in real need. Please contact Heather Lannin for details tel: 07840631878.

CAFOD DAY FOR PEACE, SAT. 13th SEPT:

The local CAFOD office are arranging a Day, including Mass for Peace and Peace Walk, based at the Poor Clares Convent in Ellesmere, Shropshire SY12 0PA from 10.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. Please bring a packed lunch. More information on posters in the porches and the Parish website, or email Sue and Liz – shrewsbury@cafod.org.uk or phone 01244 777594. "Blessed are the peacemakers."

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

St. Columba's Church is very proud to be holding a MacMillan Coffee Morning on **Friday 26th Sept.** in the hall 10am--1pm. All parishioners are invited together with family, friends and neighbours. We would appreciate cake donations on the day. If you can help in any way contact Margaret Allmark 399624 or Margaret Curtis 318424.

CHESTER CAFOD SUPPORT GROUP:

The group is 25 years old this year. They have an exciting event planned for **Friday 26th Sept.**, 7.30 p.m. here at St. Columba's Church Hall, featuring The Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service Choir, finalists in BBC's "The Choir: Sing while you work". Tickets are now available for this event. Contact CAFOD office on 677594 or 375606. See posters in the porches or website for more details.

CALLING ALL GOLFERS!

The diocesan Catholic Children's Society is holding a fundraising Charity Golf Tournament on **Monday 22nd September** at Wirral Ladies Golf Club. Each team of 4 can be made up of Ladies, Men's and mixed groups. Golf and buffet cost £160.00 per group. Your support would be very much appreciated to make this a wonderful day. For further details see poster on parish website or the Society's webpage www.cathchildsoc.org.uk

THANK YOU VERY MUCH to all who attended the 'Tea and Cakes' afternoon in aid of the charity 'This Star won't Go Out', which supports families of teenagers who have cancer. We raised a total of £174. Thank you for your support.

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 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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