

# ST. COLUMBA'S

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Please see pamphlets in Church Porches for more details*

## ASCENSION SUNDAY – 12<sup>th</sup> MAY 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 Mass: 7.15 p.m.  
Sunday: 9.15 a.m.  
11.00 a.m.

### INTENTIONS:

Gerry Galvin  
Enid Mason (return to health)  
The Parish  
Service of Word & Communion  
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NO SERVICE  
Dennis O'Gorman A.  
Gerry Galvin  
The Parish

### WELCOME:

We give a warm welcome to Fr. Denis Marmion, celebrating Mass at St. Columba's this weekend while Fr. Cooke is on holiday.

### 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.

**Jude John Horbury was baptised on Sunday 5th May. A warm welcome and congratulations to Jude and his family on this happy occasion. Please remember them in your prayers.**

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Dennis O'Gorman, Bertha Lofthouse, Anthony Wall, Fiona Stuart, Hugh McCafferty, James Edward Jones, Terence McNicholas, Cecil Arthur Baker, Joseph Stringer, Janet Evans, Joan Burton, Lionel Dean, Francis Gallagher, Mary McKay, Michael Joseph Barnett, William Walker, Thomas Patrick Dowd, Lillian Rachel Beswick, John Bennett, Mary Ellen Rodgers, James Hoyland, Gerard Barrow, Margaret Veronica McClellan, Gillian Anne Knowles.

### CONFESSIONS:

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

### COFFEE/TEA:

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

### OFFERTORY, w/e 5<sup>th</sup> MAY:

Loose Plate:	£658.19
Planned Giving:	£741.82
Average Weekly SOs:	£547.00
Donations: Piety Stall	£125.00
Literature Festival	£25.00

Thank you for your continued support.

### SVP COLLECTION:

Last weekend's monthly collection amounted to £267.47. Thank you for your continued support.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS:

Family celebrations of the Sacrament have now begun and will continue throughout May. At the 11.00 a.m. Mass each Sunday some or all of the central benches will be reserved for the children and their families.

We pray for and congratulate those making their First Holy Communion today: Gregor Ralph, Kathryn Gornall, Nicole Govoni, and Noah Woodhouse.

### UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Arley Close, Lincoln Drive and Grasmere Road.
- For the elderly and housebound.
- For all those who prepare the food and for those who come and enjoy the fellowship enjoyed at church meals.

### CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, 12-18<sup>th</sup> MAY:

- **Fellowship Lunch, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May.** This lunch is being held on behalf of Churches Together in Upton, 12.00 noon to 1.30 p.m. in the Kempe Room at Holy Ascension Parish Church, Church Lane Upton. All money raised will go in support of Christian Aid.

### SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA 2013:

12<sup>th</sup> May: Ruth & Jacque, Autistic Society.  
19<sup>th</sup> May: Scouts, Parish & Fiji Charity.  
26<sup>th</sup> May: Belinda Piercy, Fiji Charity

Enquiries to Margaret Curtis – 01244 318424



YEAR OF FAITH 2012  
2013

### YEAR OF FAITH

Last week we looked at what the angel taught the children at Fatima on his first apparition. He appeared for a second time in the summer of 1916 and taught them the value of making sacrifices in reparation for the sins committed against God, to intercede for the conversion of sinners and to bear suffering in a humble manner. This was all part of the children's spiritual formation. The following autumn while they were praying the Pardon Prayer a brilliant light shone on them and looking up they saw the angel again. In his left hand he was holding a chalice, over which was a Eucharistic Host with drops of blood falling from it into the chalice. Leaving the host and chalice suspended in mid-air, the angel knelt beside them and taught them another prayer:

*Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore you profoundly and I offer you the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference with which He Himself is offended, and through the infinite merits of his most Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of you the conversion of poor sinners.*

The angel told the children to say the prayer three times. Then rising he took the chalice and consecrated host: he gave the host to Lucy and allowed Francisco and Jacinta to drink from the chalice. Lucy had made her first Holy Communion but for the two young ones it was the first time they received Our Lord.

### CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:

This week's theme is **Don't Give Up** and the prayer is:

*Lord,*

*Sometimes it feels like nothing is going our way and that we will never reach our goal.*

*Jesus taught his disciples to never give up even when the world was against them.*

*Guide us on our paths and show us that we can succeed if we try.*

*Amen*

### PARISH THIRD WORLD PROJECTS:

Thank you to everyone who has helped the Third World projects by standing orders, boxes in the porches and coffee mornings. £400 was recently sent to each of the Parish Projects we currently support: Bro. James Kimpton working for "Reaching the Unreached" in Southern India, Fr. John Kirwan for his missionary work among the people of DR Congo, and the OAKS charity school providing education for the children of Bo, Sierra Leone. Letters of thanks and photos have been received and are on the Third World Notice Board.

### GIFT AID 2012-13:

We have just submitted through the Diocese our claim for the return of tax paid on gift aided donations in 2012-13. The claim was for tax paid on donations totalling £46,033. This should result in the parish receiving, allowing for special collections and the Diocese's "cut", approximately £10,350. Many thanks to all of you who make your donations through the Gift Aid scheme. More information about the scheme from David Savage tel. 380626.

### FOUND:

A baby's bracelet has been found on a footpath near St Columba's church. Please contact Claire Graham 01244 341287 / 07880553830 for more details.

### "A PAUSE FOR HOPE", THIS SUNDAY:

An Ecumenical Service for all people affected by cancer: sufferers, carers and friends, is being held here at St. Columba's Church on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 3p.m.** This will be celebrated by Bishop Mark, and will include music from St. Werburgh's and St. Columba's Primary School Choir. For more information please see the posters in either porch, or go to [www.pauseforhope.org.uk](http://www.pauseforhope.org.uk)

### "DRAWING INSPIRATION FROM VATICAN II":

To celebrate the Year of Faith, the Diocese's Justice & Peace Commission is holding a study afternoon and discussion in St. Columba's Hall on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May**, from 2.15 -5.30 p.m. (socialising in the Hall from 1.00p.m.). The afternoon will be led by Brian Davies, former head of education at CAFOD, leading us through key aspects of the Vatican II documents and outcomes. All welcome.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

*Events arranged by Parish Social Committee:*

- **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June** - BBQ to celebrate the Feast of St. Columba.
- **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July** – Coach Trip to the market town of Ludlow.

*From St Werburgh's & St Columba's PTA:*

- **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June** - School Summer Fayre. The usual fun & excitement! Details to follow, but please, pray for dry weather!

We are currently raising funds for a new mobile classroom. Many thanks for your support.

### A SUMMER OUTING:

Coach trip to Bents Garden Centre and Weeping Ash Garden near Warrington on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June**. See Notice Boards for more details.

### DIOCESAN DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS:

This post is currently being advertised, with a closing date of **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May**. The successful candidate will lead the Diocesan Education Service into its next stage of development. Further details from Mrs Sue Blackwell in the Curial Office, 0151 652 9855 or [education@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:education@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

### NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Alison Wrigglesworth  
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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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