

ST. COLUMBA'S

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PENTECOST SUNDAY – 19th 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:

Dennis O'Gorman A.
Gerry Galvin
The Parish
Service of Word & Communion
NO SERVICE
Josefina Barbon
The Parish
Teresa Hinde

WELCOME:

We give a warm welcome to Bro. Adrian of the Franciscans in Chester, 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.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: John Bennett, Mary Ellen Rodgers, James Hoyland, Gerard Barrow, Margaret Veronica McClellan, Gillian Anne Knowles, Michael Finan, Sam O'Reilly, Margaret North, Brenda Cawley, William Lumley, Rachel Buckley, Rosaline Ives, Nora Elizabeth Reilly, Henry Sweeney, Eileen Bridget Byrne, Evelyn Siddall, Glyn Roberts, Thomas Martin, Elizabeth Baker, Dolly Cooper, Ronald Alfred Wells, Eileen Hughes, Thomas Patrick Nicholls, Godfrey Z Mullins, Fredrick McGhee, Paul Joseph Herbeet, Ann Lee, Martha Winifred Shea, Peter Burton (Snr), Christina Rita Newton, Agnes Harvey, Catherine Carney, Florence Beryl Fairhead and Bernard Patrick McGuinness.

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 12th MAY:

Loose Plate: £423.13
Planned Giving: £373.70
Average Weekly SOs: £547.00

Thank you for your continued support.

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.

AUTISTIC SOCIETY COFFEE MORNING:

Huge thanks to all who supported last Sunday's coffee & cakes, in aid of the Chester branch of the National Autistic Society.

An amazing total of £120 was raised! This money will go towards services & support for children, adults & families affected by autism, in the Chester area. Many thanks to you all. Ruth Gerrard

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS:

Family celebrations of the Sacrament continue throughout May at each 11.00 a.m. Mass. We pray for and congratulate Jordan Caton, Ben Roberts, and Sean Standen, who are making their First Holy Communion this Sunday.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Churchward Close, the Wiend and Mickle Trafford.
- The hospitals in this area: the Countess and Wirral & West Cheshire Trust.
- Doctors and nurses all also who work in the NHS.
- Patients and those who are addicted to drugs or alcohol, or who are mentally ill. Also for those who we know are ill at this time.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

19th May - Scouts Parish & Fiji Charity.
26th May - Belinda Piercy Fiji Charity
2nd June - Val, Brenda, Hospice
Enquiries to Margaret Curtis – 01244 318424
Tea and coffee is served in the Hall after both the Sunday morning Masses. All are very welcome.



YEAR OF FAITH 2012
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In this month, in which devotion to the Blessed Virgin is encouraged, we have looked at the message of the Angel to the three children at Fatima in 1916 and learnt of the prayers he taught them. The children said these prayers to Our Lord faithfully and developed a love of the Blessed Sacrament. On May 13th the following year Our Lady appeared to them for the first time. These apparitions continued on the 13th of each month until October. Much has been made of the 'secrets' of Fatima, but in many ways Our Lady's message was simple: pray and make sacrifices in reparation for the evils committed by mankind. She taught them a short prayer during her May visit: "Most Holy Trinity, I adore you! My God, my God, I love you in the Most Blessed Sacrament." In July she taught them to offer up sacrifices with this prayer: "O Jesus, this is for love of you, for the conversion of poor sinners and in reparation for the offences committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary." She also encouraged them to say the rosary daily, adding this prayer at the end of each decade: "O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those most in need of your mercy." These prayers could help us increase our faith in this special year.

Cards are still available in the piety stall to help you say the rosary.

FEAST OF THE WEEK: ST. BEDE, 673-735:

May 25th is the feast of St. Bede the Venerable. As a monk, Bede spent most of his life in Jarrow, Lindisfarne and York, and is famous for his biblical and historical writings.

THE ANNUAL APF MILL HILL MISSION MASS:

Promoters and members of the APF-Mill Hill, family and friends are invited to The Annual APF-Mill Hill Mission Mass Saturday 8th June 2013, 2-5pm.

Please see the poster in the front porch. If you would like to attend contact Margaret Curtis.318424

PARISH BUILDINGS COMMITTEE - May 2013:

Orders have been placed to re-cover the chairs that are used on the altar with a fabric that matches the carpet and to paint the hall lounge. Weather permitting; the outside of the church will be painted in the week beginning 12th June. Two new matched plinths will soon arrive to support the recently restored statues of St Joseph and St Patrick (with thanks to Bill Baker).

It was pleasing to report that a number of recent visitors to the church have commented very favourably on its attractive appearance (some referred to a wow factor!) and have admired the development of the Baptistery.

The next meeting will be on **Monday 24 June 2013 7.30 pm in the church office**

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THE CHURCH CLOCK – PLEASE HELP!

The clock on the front of the choir loft has not been working for some months. We have not been able to find anyone who can repair it or replace its mechanism, nor have we found an acceptable replacement – a non digital clock that is large enough to be seen which suits the décor of the church.

If anyone knows of suitable clock repairers or providers we would be very pleased if you would contact:

pauline.rourke@btinternet.com; leech2000@btinternet.com; 01244 372392. Thanks very much.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Events arranged by St. Columba's Social Committee:

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

LUDLOW TRIP:

Start at 9.15am with a break at Dobbies Nurseries, Shrewsbury. Leave Ludlow about 5.00 p.m.
Cost £12.50, notice board in the back porch for names.

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

- **Saturday 22nd 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.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:

This week's theme is **Do Not Worry** and the prayer is:

Lord,

It is easy to get lost in our worries and not seek help from others.

The Bible tells us not to worry about anything but to pray about everything.

Help us to put this into action and to remember that you are always there to listen. Amen

PASTORAL COUNCIL:

The Pastoral Council meets next on Monday 3rd June.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:

A considerable number of the new envelopes were not collected. If you don't have yours, please contact David Savage, tel. 380626.

TOMATO PLANTS:

Tomato plants will be on sale in the Hall after Mass. All proceeds are going to our Third World projects.

A SUMMER OUTING:

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

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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