

ST. COLUMBA'S

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Please see pamphlets in Church Porches for more details*

TRINITY SUNDAY – 26th 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.

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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:

Josefina Barbon

The Parish

Teresa Hinde

Anne Dunning

Mike Canavan

New O'Gorman

Private Intention

Joseph Cox R.I.P.

Private Intention

Gerry Galvin

Charles Trainor A.

The Parish

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: David Beattie, Agnes Harvey, Catherine Carney, Florence Beryl Fairhead, Bernard Patrick McGuinness, Llewellyn Trevor Pickmere, Ned O'Gorman, Thomas Boyle, Geoffrey Alan Wilding, William Butler-Langford, Kathleen Amelia Swinton, Ann Cooper, Mary Teresa Hinde, William Ward McGlown, Arthur May, Angela Lennon, Linda Lumley, Veronica Carr, James Edward Casman, Alba Martin, Bernard Joseph Wilkinson, Ernest Gordon George Kirk, Dorothy Davies, Catherine Ryan, William Nash, Kathleen Nancy Wood, William Arthur Evans, Raymond O'Brien, Winifride McDonald, Margaret Lewis, Thomas James Croghan, Andrew McRoberts, Letitia Doran, Felix Wilkinson

CONFESSIONS:

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

OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate: £535.48

Planned Giving: £521.27

Average Weekly SOs: £547.00

Donations: Badminton £150.00

Candles £ 42.97

Thank you for your continued support.

SVP COLLECTION

There will be a SVP collection on 1st/2nd June. We look forward to your continued support.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS:

This Sunday our last group of children are making their First Holy Communion with their families at the 11.00 a.m. Mass. We congratulate Mia Barnes, Caitlin Barrett, Jeerom Chipondene, Kundai Chipondene, Tara Faulkner, Isabella Haswell, Caitlin James and Emma Noro. All the children will come together for the Parish Thanksgiving Mass on Sunday 23rd June at 11.00 a.m. Mass. Please continue to pray for them at this special time.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Newry Park, Grange Road and Eversley Park.
- Vocations to the ministry, Foundations for Ministry and those in current training.
- All lay people in their varied ministries in our churches.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

26th May Belinda Piercy Fiji Charity

2nd June Val, Brenda Hospice

9th June Summer BBQ/Fayre Social

Committee

Enquiries to Margaret Curtis – 01244 318424

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

JOHN HENRY NEWMAN EXHIBITION:

An exhibition on Blessed John Henry Newman is being held at St. Winefride's Church, Neston on **Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th June**, from 9.30 a.m. Guided tours will be run at 9.30, 12.00, 3.00 and 7.15 on Saturday and 9.30, 11.30 and 4.00 on Sunday. All welcome.



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During this month of May we have been looking at the prayers associated with Our Lady's appearances at Fatima. On this final weekend in the month let us consider the Devotion of the Five First Saturdays. After the vision of Hell, which the children saw on 13

July 1917, Our Lady told them that God wished to establish in the world devotion to her Immaculate Heart. This was made clearer on 10th December 1925 when Sister Lucy was a postulant with the Dorothean Sisters in Pontevedra, Spain. On this occasion Our Lady told her: "I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who on the first Saturday of five consecutive months shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary and keep me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary with the intention of making reparation to me." The reason behind five Saturdays was explained by Our Lord to Sister Lucy in May 1930. He said there were five kinds of offences against the Immaculate Heart of Mary: against her Immaculate Conception, against her perpetual virginity, against her divine motherhood, by people corrupting the hearts of children, and by those insulting her in her sacred images.

The CTS publishes a pamphlet on Fatima. Ask the ladies of the piety stall.

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 Baptistry.

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:

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01244 372392. Thanks very much.

FEAST OF THE WEEK: ST. AUGUSTINE:

On Monday we celebrate the Feast of St. Augustine (d. at Canterbury 605), one of the most influential figures in the conversion of Anglo-Saxon England to the Roman episcopal style of Christianity. He was appointed by Pope Gregory the Great to head a band of 40 monks to preach the gospel to the heathen English. They landed in Kent in 597 and within a few years had converted Ethelbert, the most powerful of the Anglo-Saxon Kings, and established the first cathedral at Canterbury.

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 AND 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.

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.

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 Ian Johnson

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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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