

St Columba's Church

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 28TH JULY 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:

Josefina Barbon
Gerry Galvin
The Parish
Eileen Beck
November List
William Lannin
Kay Hanratty
Priest's Intention
Abigail Coleman
Return to health for Son
Barbara Brown
The Parish

LATELY DEAD:

We pray for Peter Chase who died recently. May God give strength and support to his family.

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:

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: Kathleen Theresa Grimes, Evelyn "Brenda" Jeffery, Bernard Hynes, Joseph Ferguson, Margaret Andres, Mary Jones, John Pealing, John Joseph Murphy, Thomas Cecil Joseph Vickers, Andree J McAndrew, Thomas Reginald (Reg) Savage, Philip George Jones, Frederick Eames, Ian Tonge, Christopher Worth, Arthur Kirby, Henry McCabe, Donna Twilley, Catherine Jones, Sheila Ranson, Charles Evans Anthony Roach, Joseph Borg, Anastastia Heffernan, Eric (Michael) Jones, Winnie Cowley.

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:	£595.88
Planned Giving:	£430.00
Average Weekly SOs:	£547.00

POPE FRANCIS' VISIT:

We pray for Pope Francis on his pastoral visit to Brazil for World Youth Day. May God keep him safe and well.

PARISH BUILDINGS GROUP:

Thank you to Pauline, Graham and the Parish Buildings Group for their ideas, help and support for the work, now completed, on the Church, internally and externally.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:

We unite ourselves with the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes this week. We hope for its success and help to the sick and the many generous helpers.

Lourdes has had a lot of disruption to adverse weather and damage through flooding, but please God it remains a great centre of healing and love.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Keswick Close, Stanton Drive and Caldly Close.
- For the Army Chaplain and all at the Dale Camp; the work of the Armed Forces, the soldiers and their families.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

28 th July	Badminton Group	Parish
4 th August	Maighread Kerry	Parish

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

THIRD WORLD COFFEE MORNING:

Many thanks for your generous support which raised £237.97.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS:

Your new rota, which commences next weekend, is available for collection.

Also if you have an e-mail address, or have changed your e-mail address, please could you let me have it. Thank you.



YEAR OF FAITH:

The *Glory to God* (which is not said at every Mass) is an ancient hymn of the Church, which according to some commentators dates back to the first century. It is a canticle of praise to each of

the three persons of the Holy Trinity. The opening phrase is the song of the angels when they greeted the shepherds at Bethlehem, a reminder of the stupendous mystery of God taking on human form. The hymn goes on to praise God in each Person. The first section praises and thanks God the Father for his great glory. The second section reminds us that Jesus Christ is the Lamb, who sacrificed himself to take away our sins and who is full of infinite mercy. The third section includes a reference to the Holy Spirit within the glory of God the Father. The *Gloria*, which is sometimes known as the great doxology or praise of the Trinity, is a suitable way of glorifying God for granting us forgiveness at the end of the Penitential Rite and of providing a link to the Liturgy of the Word.

MUSIC AT 11.00 a.m. MASS:

The Music Group has now broken up for the summer holiday and will return on 15th September. We thank all the instrumentalists and singers who give the group such commitment. Two of our valued members, Carole and George have now moved away, and some of our players have left, so we will need reinforcements in September. Please think about joining us to help keep the music going.

We also thank Rob Green the organist, who alternates with the Music Group. Rob too is taking a well-earned summer break, and will return on 8th September.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

- Monday is the feast of **St. Martha** – the one who in last week's Gospel pleaded rather unsuccessfully with Jesus to get her sister Mary to help her with the domestic duties. Martha was brother to Lazarus, and at a later stage had greater success when beseeching the Lord to restore Lazarus to life.
- Wednesday is the feast of **St. Ignatius of Loyola** (1491-1556) founder of the Jesuits. Born in the Basque country, he was brought up a soldier but was converted to the spiritual life as a result of his readings while convalescing from the wounds of battle. He studied philosophy in Paris where he inspired a group of seven students to bind themselves in the service of the church, with his *Spiritual Exercises* being a central part of their discipline. The group's work led on to the Pope's formal recognition of the Society of Jesus in 1540.
- Saturday is the feast of **St. Oswald** (d. 642) Anglo-Saxon King of Northumbria. He was an important figure in the conversion of the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms to Christianity. He himself was converted to Christianity at Iona during a period of exile in Scotland, and subsequently sought the help of Aidan in evangelising Northumbria, giving him Lindisfarne for his base. At the age of 38 Oswald was killed in a battle near Oswestry against Penda, the heathen King of Mercia.

ST. COLUMBA'S HALL BOOKINGS:

For all Hall bookings and enquiries please contact Sue Carr on 07553 114531.

CREAM TEA SATURDAY 10th AUGUST:

This Cream Tea is at 3.00 p.m. at 107 St. James Avenue, Upton. It is being held in support of the project that supports women and children in Malawi through the development of skills with textiles and jewellery. The event includes sale of Chifundo fashion, bags and jewellery and a raffle. Entrance £2.50. Further information from 01244 341906.

CHURCH SURROUNDS:

Until recently the Church surrounds have been looked after by Paul and Alison Wigglesworth with help from one or two others. Because Paul is not too well at the moment we are setting up new arrangements for looking after the surrounds – mowing, tending the flowerbeds, pruning, keep the car park areas tidy, etc. We now have a small group of people prepared to meet up on a regular basis, on the first Saturday of each month, from 9.45 a.m. for a couple of hours, as needed. Whenever possible we will open up the Hall for a refreshment break. If any parishioner would like to join us for any of these Saturday morning sessions they would be very welcome. The first such session will be Saturday, 3rd August, 9.45 a.m. meeting in the car park. If you would like more information about these arrangements, please phone Bernard Payne on 01244 350323.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SALSA CLASS & DANCE:

In the Church Hall 2pm today, 28th July. Complete beginners welcome.

BBQ – bring your own food to cook. Drinks available or bring your own. Fun for all the family – all ages welcome.

SVP FURNITURE COLLECTION:

The monthly collection of furniture, household effects and SCRAP metal will take place w/end 3/4th August. Please ring 0151 3550689 to arrange collection. Please use answer-phone if no reply. Funds raised this way are used to purchase our caravan holiday home when it needs replacing after about 10 years service costing about £50,000. Many thanks for your continued support.

NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Brian Webster
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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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