

St Columba's Church

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 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:

The Parish.
The Murphy Family. RIP
Terry Whatmough.
David McLoughlin.
Special Intention. (P.W.)
Percy Chase.
John Brady.
Thomas Chambers. RIP
Private Intention.
Marie Terese Camillieri.
The Parish.
Dave Beatty.

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: Jane Anne Sherwood, Kathleen Lockhart, James Gregory Murphy, Sinead Osborne, Anne Veronica Kirby, Terence James Whatmough, Cyril Diego DeSouza, Elizabeth Conlon, James Watts, Mark Anthony Colegate, Canon Francis Murphy, Michael Paul Smith, Fr. John Lennon, Francis Joseph Dean, Peter Wood, Elizabeth Hughes, Veronica "Ronna" Boyle, Dorothy May Swinton, Kevin McNicholas, Joseph Bullen, Bertie O'Malley, Mathildis Perry, Katie Fitzpatrick, Elizabeth Maria McCarron, John McHugh, Brenda Liggett, Philip Addison, Maureen Green.

CONFESSIONS:

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

ECUMENICAL EVENSONG:

Sunday 29th September 6.00 p.m. "From Nazareth to Norwich", an Ecumenical Evensong at St. Columba's on behalf of Churches Together in Upton, and celebrating the role of women in our faith. See the poster on the notice board or on the website. All welcome.

DIOCESAN HISTORY DAY:

This annual event is this year being held on **Saturday 5th October**, 11.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. at St Mary of the Angels, Hooton. See posters in the church porches for further information.

OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate: £549.80
Planned Giving: £377.37
Average Weekly SOs: £556.00
Donation-Badminton: £150.00

Thank you for your continued support.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

Sept 22nd Heather Lannin Sierra Leone
Sept 29th Ruth & Jacque CAFOD
Oct 6th Catholic High PA Parish

Tea and coffee are served in the hall after both Sunday morning Masses. All are very welcome. If you are unable to host your date, contact Margaret 318424, as it is important that we have someone to serve coffees every Sunday.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

Pray for:

- The residents of St Christopher's Close, Dale Drive and Heath Road.
- For the Treasurers, Finance Organisers and the Gift Aid Recorders.
- For those who are responsible for the financial affairs of our churches.

S.V.P. SPONSORED WALK:

The S.V.P. sponsored walk is **this Sunday**, from St. Winifred's, Neston, all proceeds going for the upkeep of the Holiday Home. Sponsor forms are at the front and back of Church, if you want to sponsor Val-Brian.

MISSION TODAY MAGAZINE:

The Autumn issue of this magazine is available in the two porches of the Church. Thank you for your continued support

CATHOLIC WOMENS' LEAGUE:

CWL are organising a visit to Shrewsbury Cathedral to see their Flower Festival. A coach will leave St Columba's at 10am on **Saturday, 28th Sept.** Drop off at Cathedral and some free time in Shrewsbury. Cost £10/ person. To book/any enquiries contact Hilary Wright (400220) or Mary Kilcoyne(347238).

ST COLUMBA'S HALL BOOKINGS:

For all bookings/enquiries please contact Sue Carr on 07553 114531

E-mail: columbashallbookings@gmail.com



YEAR OF FAITH 2012
2013

THE YEAR OF FAITH:

Before the priest says the Preface to introduce the Canon of the Mass, he invites us to pray that his sacrifice and ours may be acceptable to God the Father, and we pray that God may accept the sacrifice he makes for the glory of God, for our own good and

for the wellbeing of the whole Church. We are not just offering the bread and wine; it is far richer than that. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (no. 614) tells us that the sacrifice of Christ is unique, because it is a gift of God the Father who handed his Son over to sinners so that we might be reconciled to God, and at the same time it is a gift of the Son to his Father, who, through the Holy Spirit, offered his life in reparation for our disobedience. Christ lived a whole life of sacrifice which culminated in his death on a cross, so that everything he did was part of this sacrifice. When the priest asks that God may accept our sacrifice, we should understand that we are offering the life we live, our work, our family, the society which surrounds us, to become part of the Consecration of the host when God comes into the midst of us, truly present on the altar before us.

ST. COLUMBA'S THIRD WORLD GROUP:

Thank you very much for your continued support of the Parish Third World Projects by your donations in the church wall boxes and Standing Orders. Your generosity has allowed us recently to make donations of £400 each in support of the work of Bro. James Kimpton (Reaching the Unreached, South India), Fr. John Kirwan (Basankusu Diocese, DR Congo) and the OAKS charity (school in Bo, Sierra Leone). We have also donated £200 towards educational needs of students from St. Mary's Orphanage in Bo. We use the notice board in the front porch to display news of the various projects. If anyone would like to consider making regular donations through a Standing Order please contact Bernard Payne, 01244 350323.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING 2013:

Next weekend, **Sunday 29th September** we will be having our Harvest Thanksgiving Mass at 11.00 a.m. As we give thanks for our own harvest, we will be thinking of people in various parts of the developing world whose harvests may have failed. We would therefore ask you to put your harvest gifts in the CAFOD Harvest Fast Day envelopes (attached to the newsletter next weekend) in readiness for the Fast Day on **Friday 4th October**. The envelopes will be collected in the normal collection baskets at Masses on 5th and 6th October.

ANNIVERSARIES & PETITIONS BOOKS:

With the fixing of the carved baptismal symbol beneath the Holy Oils cupboard, the Baptistry area is now complete. The Anniversaries Book and its display cabinet have been relocated adjacent to Our Lady's Chapel, with a writing surface and chair close by to facilitate recording of anniversaries requiring entry. The Petitions book will be located there also at weekends, for petitions to be entered. The re-arrangement is for a trial period and Fr Cooke and Lawrence would be pleased to receive your comments.

CLERGY EDUCATION & TRAINING FUND:

The annual diocesan collection for this fund will be taken **next Sunday 29th September**. Special envelopes are available in the porches today for you to take home and fill during the week. Please

place your filled envelopes in the collection plate next weekend. Cheques should be made payable to "Clergy Education and Training Fund". To enable the gift aid, an additional 25p for every pound you give, to be recovered please enter your envelope number in the box provided or enter your name and address if you donate to the parish by standing order.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SALSA CLASS:

To be held in the Hall – **29th September**. Family afternoon Beginners Salsa class, dancing to D.J. Doors open 2 p.m. Further information call Mike 07745747875

NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Bernard Payne
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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.

Website: www.stcolumbachester.org.uk

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

Monday 23rd September is the feast of **St. Pio of Pietrelcina** (Padre Pio, 1887-1968). Born into a peasant family near Naples, he was ordained as Capuchin friar at the age of 23. Shortly after, he started experiencing the pains of "stigmata" or Christ's wounds. Though the Vatican remained sceptical, Padre Pio's fame spread, with large crowds flocking to his Masses whose offerings went to support the development of a hospital foundation. In later years, the Vatican, under Pope Pius XII gave Padre Pio and his work fuller support, and he was finally canonised in 2002.

September 27th is the Feast of **St. Vincent de Paul** (1581-1660). Born in SW France, he was ordained priest at the exceptionally early age of 19. Initially working among rich court families, he was more and more drawn to work among the poor, going on to found congregations of priests and nuns dedicated to the simple life and to work for the poor and the sick. Leo XIII nominated him as patron saint of all charities, and his life and teaching inspired the founding in 1833 of the lay confraternity of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul - active down to this day in many parts of the world.

CELEBRATION OF GRANDPARENTS:

The Annual Diocesan Mass in celebration of Grandparents is being held this year on **Saturday 5th October**, 12 noon at St. Wilfrid's Church, Northwich, CW9 5NP. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant. All are invited to this Mass, held as an opportunity for all to recognise and celebrate the vocation of being a grandparent, and how important grandparents are in the life of families today. Further information from info@stjohnvianney.co.uk or tel 01606 42440.

RELICS OF ST ANTHONY OF PADUA:

To commemorate the 750th Anniversary of the Discovery of St Anthony's relics by St Bonaventure, two of his relics are being taken round various places in Great Britain during October and November. On the feast of the Vigil of All Saints (Halloween) the relics will be at St Francis Church, where there will be Mass at 12 noon and 7 pm with veneration of the relics.