

St Columba's Church

1 Newhall Road, Plas Newton, Chester CH2 1SA

Parish Priest: Fr. Russell Cooke

Tel: 01244 400873 E-mail: st.columba@btinternet.com

Deacon: Rev. Lawrence Hordley: Tel: 01244 342048, Mobile 0796 051 7463

Parish website: www.stcolumbachester.org.uk

Diocese of Shrewsbury, Registered Charity 234025



Chester Hospitals' Chaplaincy Tel: 01244 364543, answer phone available

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 27TH OCTOBER 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.
ALL SAINTS. 7.15 p.m.
Saturday:**ALL SOULS.** 9.15 a.m.
Saturday Vigil 7.15 p.m.
Sunday: 9.15 a.m.
11.00 a.m.

INTENTIONS:

Mary Davenport. A.
Priest's Intention.
The Parish.
Jack Sheeran. R.I.P.
Meg Pendlebury.
Sylvia Cotter.
Priest's Intention.
Priest's Intention.
John Barrett. R.I.P.
November List.
Bill Roberts.
The Parish.
John Barret R.I.P.

LATELY DEAD:

Please pray for John Barrett and 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: Ted Southall, Pauline Augustus, Mary Keating, Margaret Murphy, John Kirby Garner, Maureen McKenna, Ruth Jones, Margot Pinnington, Nelson Nicholas Basaraba, Martin Millington, Terence Evans, Joan Randles, James Kane, Joseph Flynn, Nicolina Batty, Margaret Shilson, Philip Randles, David Griffiths, Jan Tarranzio, William Arthur (Bill) Roberts, Cecilia Marion Gannicott, George Dalziel, William Walker, Edward Peter Connolly, Gerry Coogan, Gerard Ferguson, Herbert Bowyer, Catherine Walmsley, George Barford.

CONFESSIONS:

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

CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations to Hannah Margaret Fulcher and Jonathan David Dunleavy married at St. Columba's on Saturday. We wish them a long and happy marriage.

MISSION TODAY MAGAZINE:

The Autumn issue of Mission Today is available in the two porches of the Church.

OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate: £493.94
Planned Giving: £453.50
Average Weekly SOs: £547.00

Donations:

Badminton £150.00
Clergy & Training Fund £671.00

Thank you for your continued support.

NOVEMBER LIST ENVELOPES:

These are now available. Please put those who you wish to remember and your offering.

WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE

MORNING: Our chance to participate and show support for the MacMillan Cancer Support. To be held in the Hall after both Masses this Sunday. Please come along – coffee and cake stalls.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

Oct 27th Sue Carr & Friends MacMillan Tea Party.

Nov 3rd Ruth & Jacque Autistic Society.

Nov 10th Mary Kilcoyne CWL.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Marl Heyes, Upton Park and Delvine Drive.
- For the magazine committee, newsletter editors, distributors and those who run the bookstalls in our churches.
- For a deepening of our faith through the written word.

PARENTS' MEETING FOR FIRST SACRAMENT:

Parents of all the children in the Parish who are preparing to receive First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion this school year are reminded about the first Parents' Meeting at St. Werburgh's and St. Columba's School at 7.00 p.m. on **Monday 4th November.**



YEAR OF FAITH:

There is an old saying of the Church "It is a wholly and wholesome thing to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins." The month of November, the final month in the Year of Faith, begins on Friday next with the

feast of All Saints, a holy day of obligation. On Saturday we commemorate the feast of All Souls, so in two days we celebrate two sections of the Church, the Church Triumphant and the Church Suffering: the third part is ourselves, the Church Militant, all part of the Christian Church. The *Compendium to the Catechism* tells us that "Purgatory is the state of those who die in God's friendship, assured of eternal salvation, but who still have need of purification to enter into the happiness of heaven." Because we are all part of the Church we are able to help them by our prayers, especially the Mass, and by almsgiving, indulgences and acts of penance. By tradition the month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls. This is a special time for praying for them, as well as praying to them. They have passed the same way we are going, so they are well aware of our troubles, but if we pray to them for favours, we must do something for them in return.

Brown envelopes are available in both porches for you to enclose a list of the holy souls you wish to benefit from the Masses to be offered by Father Cooke during November.

RELICS OF ST ANTHONY OF PADUA

On Thursday 31 October the relics of St Anthony of Padua, which are touring Great Britain, will be at St Francis Church, Chester. Veneration of the relics will take place between 1pm and 6.30pm and between 8 and 9pm, with Mass at 12 noon and 7pm.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:

I will shortly be finalising the order for the 2014-15 envelopes. If your details have changed or if you wish to be added to or removed from the envelope list please contact David Savage on 380626 or savage214@btinternet.com

ST COLUMBA'S PASTORAL COUNCIL:

The Pastoral Council meets again on 11th November. The minutes of the last meeting are displayed on the Notice Board; please find time to read them.

ST COLUMBA'S HALL BOOKINGS:

For all Hall bookings and enquiries please contact Sue Carr on 07553 114531
E-mail: columbashallbookings@gmail.com

FOOD MATTERS" SATURDAY 16th NOVEMBER:

This one-day conference is jointly organised by the University of Chester and Chester World Development Forum. It aims to explore the issues and responses to food insecurity in the developing world – and the implications for us. With keynote speakers plus workshop sessions led by NGO's including CAFOD. 10.00am to 4.00pm in Best Building at the University. £10 including lunch and refreshments. See posters in the porches

or go to www.chesterwdf.org.uk for more information and booking form.

CAFOD SHREWSBURY MEMORIAL

MASS: Will be held on 9/11/13 at 10 a.m. at St. Patrick's King Street, Telford TF1 3AP. Further details in the Church front porch.

UPTON CHURCHES FRIENDSHIP LUNCH:

Many thanks to all of you who supported this recent event held in the Hall and also to those of you who helped on the day. A total of £104 was raised and is to be donated to the Hospice of the Good Shepherd.

CLERGY EDUCATION & TRAINING FUND:

This recent collection raised £671 for the fund which helps to support our trainee priests. Thanks to all of you who made a donation.

PILGRIMAGE TO LISIEUX: MAY 2014

The Parishioners of St Anselm in London have been organising pilgrimages to Lisieux for 25 years. Since 2012 they have been joined by pilgrims from Chester and the Wirral. One of our retired priests, Canon Brendan Hoban, will again be the chaplain for the 2014 pilgrimage. The pilgrimage leaves London on Friday 30 May 2014, returning on Thursday 5 June, staying in en-suite accommodation next to the Carmel in Lisieux where St Therese lived. The cost from London is £405, for which a deposit of £120 is required by 6 December 2013. Further details are on the notice boards in both porches or phone Bill Baker on 01244 376701.

HOSPICE:

Christmas cards and diaries on sale after 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday 3rd November.

AUTUMN FAYRE:

This year's Autumn Fayre will be held on Sunday the 24th November. Come along and join us for hot dogs homemade soups and the infamous bottle tombola plus stalls etc. We would be grateful for any bottles people would like to donate for the bottle tombola if you do have any bottles to donate please leave them at the back of the Church.

NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Brian Webster
Tel: 01244 851026

Email: brianrobert@joycewebster.freemove.co.uk
Items for inclusion can 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

BROTHER JAMES KIMPTON

Many parishioners may be unaware of Brother Kimpton, who as a boy lived in Woodlands Drive, off Ermine Road. He joined the de La Salle Brothers, a teaching order, and eventually went to India, where he founded Reaching the Unreached, a charity building children's villages, schools and houses for the poor. This year alone he has divined 60 sources of water to provide wells of clean water. To learn more of the work which he does, and which our parish supports, pick up a copy of Reaching the Unreached Newsletter, available in both porches.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

Children's Liturgy is available during 11 a.m. Mass in term time for any children who wish to attend. Could you join the helpers who take a turn once every 5 weeks? We need at least one more helper. All materials and ideas are provided and you can swap any week when you can't be there. For more information contact Catherine on 3183866 or 07462 780302 or catherine.green@care4feree.net

PARISH BUILDINGS COMMITTEE – OCTOBER 2013:

New **votive candle stands** are now in operation – **please, please, please – use the lighters to light the candles, not matches.**

The next meeting will be on **Monday 18th November 2013, 7.30 p.m.** in the Church office.
pauline.rourke@btinternet.com; leech2000@btinternet.com