

ST. COLUMBA'S

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Please see pamphlets in Church Porches for more details*

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 20TH JANUARY 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:

Denis O'Donovan A.
David Noel Beckett A.
The Parish
Eileen O'Driscoll
Dennis Healey (SVP)
Peter Regan
Joan & Jack Sheenan
Bill Carter A
Private Intention
Priest's Intention
G.L. Shanley 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, contact Claire Graham on 01244 341287 / 07880553830.

LATELY DEAD: Please remember in your prayers, Rosemary Larson who died recently; her funeral mass will be on Tuesday 29th January at 9.15 a.m.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Annie O'Loughlin, Margaret Holding, Eileen Coombes, Jason Monet, Siobhan McKenna, Elsie Rowlands, William Woods, Mgr. George Roger Leonard, Joan Connolly, Nora Margaret Connolly, David Noel Beckett, Bridget O'Malley, William Hope, Mary (Molly) Tallon, Monica Tweedle, Olivia Trotter, Tony Comerford, Richard Monet, James Kilcoyne, Florence Donnolly, Dorothy Tallon, Reginald Walpole, Anne Cunniff, Ivy Katherine Vickery, Mary McCallum, Michael Gritten, William Carter, Edward Halligan, John Mahoney, Robert Stephen Macdonald, Vicky Smith, Susan Pollock, Charles Dutton, Christine Elizabeth Colgan, Gladys Lilian Shanley, Mary Thompson, Patricia Banks, Margaret Johnstone, Malcolm Anthony de-Monte, Mary (Mollie) Callow, Robert Charles Gore and Julia Jones.

CONFESSIONS:

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

COFFEE/TEA: Tea and coffee are served in the Hall after both the Sunday morning Masses. All are very welcome.

OFFERTORY 14TH JAN:

Loose Plate: £567.22
Planned Giving: £453.45
Two Coffee Mornings: £53.39

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The Residents of Newton Lane, Appleton Road, and Handforth Road.
- The Archive Group, Social Committees and Fundraising Groups.
- The fellowship and sharing at social gatherings.

MASS FOR MARRIAGE, SAT. 9TH FEB:

Couples celebrating special anniversaries of their wedding (Silver, Ruby, Golden, Diamond or Platinum) in 2013 are particularly welcome to this celebratory Mass at Our Lady & the Apostles, Stockport, at 2pm. If you wish to receive an invitation from the Bishop, please let Fr. Russell or Lawrence have your details as soon as possible.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE 1ST MARCH 2013 :

This year the service will be held at Holy Ascension church at 10.30am on Friday 1st March. It has been arranged by the women in France who have chosen as their theme a quotation from St Mathew's Gospel: "*I was a stranger and you welcomed me.*" This ecumenical service will be shared with the congregations of the United Reformed church and St Columba's. Together we shall form one link in the chain of prayer that will be taking place in services across the world over the 24 hours of 1st March. If you would like to take part in the service as a reader please let me know as there are opportunities for more readers this year and, if you are a French speaker/singer, it would be good to hear from you too. The plan is to meet together at an agreed date in February to rehearse the service. The duration of the service is about one hour, followed by refreshments.

CHRISTINGLE APPEAL FOR "OAKS":

Many thanks for the kind donations to the OAKS charity for the school in Bo, Sierra Leone. The amount raised was £490, and Margaret Jarrett is sincerely grateful for our ongoing support.



YEAR OF FAITH 2012
2013

YEAR OF FAITH: The Week of Christian Unity ends with the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul, recalling the occasion when Jesus called him as he was on his way to Damascus. Subsequently he became one of the greatest evangelisers in the history of the Church and a model for our Year of Faith. This reminds us of

the good which can be achieved by praying to the saints. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that "their intercession is their most exalted service to God's plan. We can and should ask them to intercede for us and for the whole world." In the practice of our faith we call upon various saints, our own baptismal patron, the patron of our parish, patrons for different needs, such as St Jude for hopeless cases or St Anthony for finding something which has been lost, or perhaps we have a saint whose spirituality appeals to us, like St Therese and her *Little Way*. Another way of obtaining graces is to pray for the repose of the Holy Souls and ask for their prayers in return. In this way we begin to live in our faith and within the communion of saints on earth, in heaven and in purgatory, and our faith becomes the most important thing in our life.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN:

The Society is making its Annual White Flower Appeal on 19th & 20th January. Our thanks to Fr. Cooke for allowing this Appeal.

As SPUC upholds the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death, its work covers a wide spectrum of Pro-Life and Family issues. You can help with this work by taking a SPUC postcard from the Church porch, removing the prayer-card to use at home, filling in the declaration supporting true marriage, and returning it to SPUC, either today or by post. Please give generously to this Appeal and continue to pray for the Pro-Life campaign.

CHESTER & ELLESMERE PORT DISTRICT SVP – WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE 2013:

The pilgrimage will be from **Monday, 8th to Thursday, 11th April**. The cost (assuming 50 including driver on pilgrimage) will be approx. £170 per person, including coach travel, accommodation, meals in Walsingham, and gratuities. For details and to arrange to join the pilgrimage, please contact **Brian Forrest 01244 318863**.

CAKES FOR ICKLE PICKLES:

Sunday 20th January: Delicious cakes will be on sale in the Church Hall, along with tea and coffee, after both Masses. All proceeds will go to Ickle Pickles - a nationwide charity supporting hospital neo-natal units where the tiniest and sickest newly-born babies are cared for. Do come: eat cake and help the babies!

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PRAYER:

Next week's theme is: **Holocaust Memorial Week**.

Lord, help us to remember no person is an island; every person is a piece of the continent,

a part of the main, any person's death affects us, because we are all involved in humankind. Amen.

NEEDLES AND PINS: The next meeting will be on Wed. 23rd January at 2.00 p.m. in the church hall.

BIBLICAL HEBREW FOR ADULTS: This free course will re-start on Wed. 23rd January.

OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: It began on Friday 18th Jan and runs until Friday, 25th Jan. Each evening at 6.30 p.m. will be a short service organised by Churches Together in Upton and hosted by the URC Heath Rd. All are warmly invited.

CAFOD: A meeting to pray for the work of CAFOD will be held on Tuesday 22nd January from 2.00-2.45 p.m. at Ann McCarthy's house, 49 St Chad's Road, Blacon. All welcome.

CHESTER HOMELESS: Thank you for all your donations which have been delivered. Many are asking what is happening about the Centre. Well no one really knows! What is certain is that they have lost the funding. Many staff have gone and the Centre is running on a shoestring. The training and education continues, because without this they will never be able to join the jobs market, become independent and to this end they need computers, printers etc. I know some people like to update their machines regularly and I ask that you keep the centre in mind. The volunteers who run the kitchen welcome all tinned goods - soups, beans, meats, veg and anything that can be used for hot meals and sandwiches. In this cold spell warm clothes are also needed - coats, jackets, hats, gloves, scarves, jumpers etc. Sturdy shoes and jeans are always needed as are deodorants, soaps, shaving gel etc.

CATHOLIC PARLIAMENTARY AND PUBLIC POLICY INTERNSHIPS:

For the last ten years the Catholic Bishops Conference has run internships for recently graduated Catholics. This year there will be at least 6: three with Christian MPs at Westminster, two in public policy with CAFOD and one in a media internship in Archbishop's House Westminster. All run from Sept 2013 to July 2014 and include accommodation and subsistence allowances. Details and application forms from:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/catholic-internships>

The closing date is **25th Feb 2013**.

PARISH WEBSITE – HELP NEEDED:

After George Cooke's move from the area we are looking for someone with experience with WordPress to help us adapt our website. If you can help, please contact Bernard Payne on 01244 350323 or bernard.payne691@btinternet.com

NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Harry Sweeney

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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. Please take your newsletter home with you and use it for reference and prayer during the week.

DIOCESAN EVENTS:

- **“Introduction to Liturgy”** - Marian Tolley will be leading two sessions on **Saturday 26th January and Saturday 2nd March** at The Parish Centre at Our Lady Star of the Sea & St Bernard of Clairvaux in Ellesmere Port (Enfield Road CH65 8BY) from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please bring a packed lunch – tea and coffee provided. These sessions form part of the CCRS but would be of interest to anyone involved in any aspect of liturgy. The cost is £25 for both days. For further information please contact Rowena Nield 0161 440 8619.
- **“The Mystery of the Church According to Vatican II”** - Day of Reflection for ACTS (Adult Catholics Together Spiritually). **Saturday 2nd February**, 9.30am to 5.30pm at Savio House Bollington. ACTS is a group for young adults in the 18-35 age bracket. See poster in front porch, or call/email Siobhan on 07761138947 or siobhanbc@talktalk.net
- **Shrewsbury Catholic Voice** - The diocesan quarterly magazine will be re-launched in A4-size format at the start of Lent next month. The larger format will offer the opportunity to run more stories and pictures that reflect the lives of our parishes. Stories (no more than 400 words) and pictures (hi-res jpeg format) may be sent to the editor simon.caldwell@dioceseofshrewsbury.org by **30th January**.

HOSPICE QUIZ EVENING:

A Quiz Evening in support of the Hospice of the Good Shepherd will be held in the Hall on Fri 22nd Feb starting at 7.30 p.m. Teams of 4-6. Raffle. Admission £1.50 per person including ‘nibbles’ and hot drinks. Bring your own beer or wine (and glasses). Please come along to support our local hospice and to have an enjoyable but not too taxing evening.

The ROSARY and the YEAR OF FAITH

Mention was made a few weeks ago that cards would be available explaining how to say the Rosary and including all twenty mysteries with coloured illustrations. The Piety Stall now has copies of this very useful and attractive fold-out card, price £1. A children’s book on the rosary is also available. This is full of coloured illustrations and would make a ideal gift for a child’s First Holy Communion. It is priced at £4 and copies can be ordered by the ladies of the piety stall.