

# ST. COLUMBA'S

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Please see pamphlets in Church Porches for more details*

## THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> 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.  
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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:

Priest's Intention.  
G.L. Shanley . A.  
The Parish.  
Maureen from St.  
Columba's.  
NO MORNING MASS.  
Service for Rosemary  
Larson.  
Dennis Healey.  
Mary O'Gorman.A.  
Jack Sheehan.  
May Moore. R.I.P.  
William Reid.  
Patrick O'Gorman. A.  
Lesbia Sullivan.

### 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 29<sup>th</sup>  
January at 9.15 a.m.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Margaret Johnstone, Malcolm  
Anthony de-Monte, Mary (Mollie) Callow, Robert Charles Gore,  
Julia Jones, Mary Thompson, Sean Murphy, Anne Gritten, Adam  
Turner, Josephine Patricia Grehan, Phoebe Phillips, John Martin,  
Marie Cousins, Patrick Foley, Jean Anderson, Margaret Barrow,  
Jim Grisdale, Bernard Smith, Mary O'Gorman, Bridget Rhoden,  
Anne Heaney-Glynn, Anne Helen Fitzpatrick, George Fletcher,  
Roman Borysewski, Clifford Sale, Stephen Hunt, Kitty O'Donnell,  
Racheal, Joseph Blagg, Dr de Gamrose, John Joseph Lynch, Nellie  
Tyldesley, Minnie Brown, Elizabeth Tiffin, Madeline Vozniak,  
Edward Kiernan, Tom Wilkinson, Isabella Boulton, William  
Byrne, Bigview Tadeusz Roszvwowski, Frank Burton, Alice Edna  
Bellis, Bruno Walmsley, Patrick O'Gorman, Mabel Volk, Kerry  
Maria Duffy, Christopher John Bryan.

### 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 – along with  
plenty of cakes this week, with the money  
raised going in support of our parish third  
world projects. All welcome.

### OFFERTORY 20<sup>TH</sup> JAN:

Loose Plate: £410.56  
Planned Giving: £385.37  
Average Weekly Standing Orders: £556.00

### UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- Pray for the residents of Shocklach Road,  
Horrocks Road and Boleworth Road.
- For the choirs, music groups and Sing  
Praise.
- For uniting all who play and sing from the  
three churches.

### WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE 1<sup>ST</sup> 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.

### PASTORAL COUNCIL:

The Pastoral Council meets tomorrow Mon 28<sup>th</sup>  
Jan.

## YEAR OF FAITH:



A feature of the apparitions of Our Lady at Lourdes and Fatima is the saying of the rosary. The same feature occurred centuries earlier when Our Lady appeared, again to an illiterate shepherd girl Benoite Rencurel, at Laus in the mountains of Southern France in 1664.

The rosary had developed over the previous centuries as a way of contemplating events in the life of Our Lord and his Mother, whilst at the same time reciting prayers familiar to every Catholic. Popes have encouraged the faithful to pray the rosary daily. Blessed John Paul II added the luminous mysteries and asked us to include the prayer taught by Our Lady to the Children at Fatima, "O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of your mercy."

*Fold-out laminated cards in full colour price £1, and a children's book in full colour price £4, are available at the piety stall. Both of these can be of great help in saying our rosaries, and the children's book would be suitable for a First Holy Communion gift.*

## MASS FOR MARRIAGE, SAT. 9<sup>TH</sup> 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.

## FIRST FORGIVENESS CELEBRATION:

On **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February** at 11.30 a.m. 29 children from the parish will receive the Sacrament of First Forgiveness. Please pray for the children and their families at this special time in their faith journeys.

## NEW VOLUNTEERS FOR BAPTISM INSTRUCTION:

A new team of Baptism instructors is being formed to visit families of young children to be baptised in the parish. If you have had a role with the previous team and would like to continue or if you would like to join the team please contact Claire Graham. The team will visit families in pairs and we envisage there will be 2 to 3 visits throughout the year. (Tel: 01244 341287 / 07880553830)

## 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](mailto:bernard.payne691@btinternet.com)

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS ROTA:

Please will you pick up your copy of the new Rota from the front porch. I am in the process of doing the Holy Week Rota and will put an entry in the newsletter when this is ready for collection.

## DIOCESAN EVENTS:

- **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](mailto:simon.caldwell@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) by **30<sup>th</sup> January**.
- **"The Mystery of the Church According to Vatican II"** - Day of Reflection for ACTS (Adult Catholics Together Spiritually). **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:siobhanbc@talktalk.net)

## CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PRAYER OF THE WEEK:

The theme is Love One Another:

*Lord, Jesus gave us the commandment to 'Love the Lord your God, with all your heart, body and mind and to love your neighbour as yourself. Help me to put this into action and to reflect the love Jesus showed for others in my everyday life. Amen*

## PARISH BUILDINGS COMMITTEE CHURCH HEATING:

A great deal of heat is lost in the front porch and the church when any of the doors are kept open. Please try to keep all the doors closed and do not prop them open either before or after Mass. A number of people have asked if the battery in the smoke detector in the front porch needs replacing as it has recently been 'bleeping'. The battery is new but the detector reacts to cold air – another good reason to keep the doors closed! All the heaters in church are linked and operate together – if any are turned off the others automatically work harder and for longer to compensate. We would be very grateful if they could be left alone – please.

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

### **LAST CALL FOR CAFOD CALENDAR:**

This is the last Sunday, parishioner Kevin Keegan will have a 2013 Calendar available. Featuring images of Venice the calendar costs £7.00 with £2.00 going to CAFOD.

### **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 **25<sup>th</sup> Feb 2013**.

### **CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CHESHIRE:**

CTIC are seeking to appoint an Ecumenical Development Officer to take a leadership role in enabling local congregations and Cheshire Church leaders to work together for mission and service. This is a salaried post, 15 hours per week, open to lay or ordained members of one of the constituent denominations. **Closing date 1<sup>st</sup> February**. Full details from [www.cte.org.uk/cheshirejob](http://www.cte.org.uk/cheshirejob)

### **HOSPICE QUIZ EVENING:**

A Quiz Evening in support of the Hospice of the Good Shepherd will be held in the Hall on Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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### **THANK YOU FROM ICKLE PICKLES:**

Thanks to all who baked, bought and ate cakes in aid of Ickle Pickles last Sunday. Thanks also to those generous people who made cash donations: we raised £128.89 in total. This will help Ickle Pickles to support U.K. neo-natal units by buying equipment such as incubators and ventilators, vital to the survival of tiny pre-term babies and those born with significant health problems. To find out more about Ickle Pickles, visit [www.icklepickles.org](http://www.icklepickles.org)

### **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.

### **CHESTER & ELLESMERE PORT DISTRICT SVP – WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE 2013:**

The pilgrimage will be from **Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> 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**.

### **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.

### **VATICAN II FIFTY YEARS ON:**

Autumn last year was the fiftieth Anniversary of the calling of the Second Vatican Council. The Opening Session was 11<sup>th</sup> October 1963, and the Closing Ceremony 8<sup>th</sup> December 1965. Four Sessions were held in those years, involving some two and a half thousand Bishops and theologians, assembled in St Peter's in Rome.

To mark this anniversary, there will be a series of four talks by Fr. Paul Shaw in St Werburgh's (CH1 1QJ) on Thursday evenings this spring at 7.30 p.m.

- Thursday January 31<sup>st</sup>: The Calling of the Council
- Thursday February 7<sup>th</sup>: The Work of the Council
- Thursday February 14<sup>th</sup>: The Council's Greatest Document
- Thursday February 21<sup>st</sup>: The Legacy of the Council