

St Columba's Church

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TWENTYFIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY, 24TH AUGUST 2014

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:	12.45 p.m.
Thursday:	9.15 a.m.
Friday:	9.15 a.m.
Saturday:	9.15 a.m.
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	11.00 a.m.

INTENTIONS:

Joseph Murphy. A.
Chris Broome. RIP.
Mick Holland.
Patrick O'Donovan. A.
Murphy Family. RIP.
Maureen Grew. RIP.
Kevin Kirwan.
Fr. Denis Marmion.(SVP)
Fr. Lawrence. OFM Cap.
The Parish.
Gladys and Bob Carr. A.
Martin Keith Griffiths. A.

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.

CONFESSIONS:

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

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: Joseph Strong, May Strong, Lesley Strong, Rosa Carney, Philip McEnery, Bernard Lumby, Patricia Carole Copeland, Mary Kathleen Hanna, Mary Agnes Moore, Mary Steadman, Loretta Roberts, Paul McKenna, Robert Croft, Christian Nicholas, Gwen Jones, Tom O'Loughlin, Lucienne Brayet, Eileen Casey, Mary Doyle, Michael Holland, Winifred Walker, Kathleen Hopkins, Evelyn Woods, Violet Winifred Bailey, Ursula Joan Sarsfield, Harold Boulton, Robert Carr, James (Jimmy) Tallon, David Kilcoyne.

OFFERTORY

Loose Plate:	£435.41
Planned Giving:	£429.43
Average Weekly SOs:	£510.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.

If you are interested in joining the Planned Giving and/or Gift Aid schemes, please ring David Savage on 01244 380626.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- Pray for the residents of Greenfields, Flag Lane North and Oakfield Avenue.
- For the Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Lay Readers, Parish Assistant and Local Church Leaders.
- For all those not yet connected to the life of the Church or who have lost their faith.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

24th August Pat & John SPUC
31st August Jackie Turvey Sea Cadets & Parish
7th September Ruth & Jacque BUZZ Group
Teas, coffees and juices are served in the hall after both Sunday Masses. All are very welcome.
Any enquiries please contact Margaret Curtis 318424.

POPE FRANCIS' VISION FOR THE CHURCH:

St. Agnes Church, Darmonds Green, West Kirby, CH48 5DU will host a half day conference (11 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.) on **Saturday 4th October** on the Pope's very significant document *Evangelii Gaudium*, "The Joy of the Gospel". The speaker will be Brian Davies, who, after a career in adult and Higher Education and as CAFOD's Head of Education, has been involved in talks and reflections in various parts of the country. The event is free and includes tea and coffee. You are asked to bring your own lunch. To register an interest (necessary for catering purposes), please email mgtacook@aol.com or leave a message on 0151 625 6512.

HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME:

A list of Ministers who take Holy Communion to parishioners at home is now displayed in the Sacristy. Please will the Ministers concerned help keep the list up to date by checking their details and informing Fr. Cooke or Rev. Lawrence Hordley of any future changes.

Fr. Cooke encourages all parishioners to inform us of anyone they know of who is in need of either Holy Communion or the Sacrament of the Sick at home, so that necessary arrangements can be made. Thank you.

UPTON CHURCHES "5th SUNDAY" SERVICES:

Churches Together in Upton have recently revived their earlier tradition of holding a joint service on those occasions when a calendar month includes a 5th Sunday. The next such Sunday will be 31st August, when St. Columba's will be hosting the service at 7.00 p.m. This particular service will celebrate the roles of the great northern saints, Aidan, Cuthbert and Bede – Aidan's feast being 31st August, Cuthbert 4th September. Posters in the porches and on our website.

GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION:

The Flower Festival will be in Church from Thursday 4th to Sunday 7th September. The Church will be open from 10.30 to 6.30. During this time we will require 3 or 4 Stewards in the Church at all times. Can you help? Please check calendars – lists for volunteers will be available next week – or ring Sue 312892. We will also require help with refreshments in the Hall during this period. We are also looking for a 'dressmaker's dummy' to borrow for this period.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

- Wednesday: **St. Monica** (332-387). Born in North Africa. Especially famous as the mother of three children, the eldest Augustine, who was a very wayward child and youth – but "her patient treatment of him over many years of anxiety ended by his conversion; she is seen as the model of Christian mothers".
- Thursday: **St Augustine of Hippo** (354-430). The great Doctor of the church. Monica brought him up a Christian, though unbaptised. His later studies of philosophy drew him away from Christian life and for fifteen years he lived with a mistress with whom he had a son. A teaching post in Milan brought him into contact with the Milanese Bishop, Ambrose, and the combined influence of Ambrose and his own mother drew him back into the church in the year 387 – shortly before Monica's death. For more than 30 years Augustine served as Bishop of Hippo, back in North Africa and is renowned for his writings.
- Saturday: **Sts. Margaret Ward, Margaret Clitherow and Anne Line**. All died because they dared to support, help or hide priests in 16th century England. They are three of the "Forty Martyrs" of England and Wales canonised in 1970 by Pope Paul VI. **Margaret Ward**, a "gentlewoman of Congleton" entered into the service of a recusant family in London. She assisted the escape of a priest from Bridewell prison but was then tracked down, arrested and martyred at Tyburn on 30th August 1588. **Margaret Clitherow** of York converted to Catholicism though her husband remained Protestant. With his understanding she harboured priests in the house, where Mass was secretly celebrated. When this was discovered she was arrested but refused to plead and was executed by crushing on 25th March 1586. **Anne Line**, from Dunmow in Essex, was also a convert, and kept house for priests in London. After people were seen coming to the house to attend Mass she was arrested, tried, and executed on 27th February 1601.

CALLING ALL GOLFERS!

The diocesan Catholic Children's Society is holding a fundraising Charity Golf Tournament on **Monday 22nd September** at Wirral Ladies Golf Club. Each team of 4 can be made up of Ladies, Men's and mixed groups. Golf and buffet cost £160.00 per group. Your support would be very much appreciated to make this a wonderful day. For further details see poster on parish website or the Society's webpage www.cathchildsoc.org.uk

A CAFOD PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST:

"They will hammer their swords into ploughshares and their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, no longer will

they learn how to make war." Isaiah 2:4

God of peace, bearer of hope,
we seek your help for the peoples of the Middle East.

Quiet the clamour of war and guide us towards peace.

Where there is hatred and division
sow seeds of calm and openness.

Where there is destruction help us to rebuild.

Where children are crying bring an end to tears.

Shelter your peoples and protect them

Guide them and keep them from harm.

Show us how to break down the barriers of history
and fear

and breathe whispers of hope.

Amen.

- Go to www.cafod.org.uk for more information about CAFOD's appeals in support of their work with partner agencies in Gaza and Iraq.

CATECHIST DAYS:

Fr. Chris Matthews from the diocese has provided advance notice of forthcoming Catechist Days. All the events below will take place here at St. Columba's. Further details, including times and booking forms, will be available over the summer. While each of the series of three Catechist Days can stand alone, each day will build on the previous session(s) together building a course, and attendance at all three is recommended:

- **Saturday 27th September** - day one for new and existing catechists;
- **Saturday 15th November** - day two for new and existing catechists;
- **Saturday 6th December** - day three for new and existing catechists.

Also:

- **Saturday 11th October** - Annual Day for RCIA catechists.

Dates for the autumn diary!!!

ST COLUMBA'S HALL BOOKINGS:

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

E-mail: columbashallbookings@gmail.com

NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Brian Webster

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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.

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