

St Columba's Church

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY 3rd MAY 2015

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.
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Sunday:	9.15 a.m.
	11.00 a.m.

INTENTIONS:

Rigby Family.
The Parish.
Private Intention.
Kevin Haddock. RIP.
Bill Smith. RIP.
Private Intention.
Wyn McSweeney.
Holy Souls.
Priest's Intention.
Nora & Stan Wynne.
The Parish.
Richard & Nina Curtis.

BAPTISMS:

Charlie Coulthard, Margo Carey and Isla & Grace Novak were recently baptised. Please pray for them and their families as we welcome them into our church family.

By appointment. After speaking to Fr. Cooke to arrange a date, please contact Claire Graham on 01244 341287 / 0788 055 3830.

MORNING PRAYER:

Each morning at 9.00 a.m. in the Sacristy Office, Monday through to Saturday, except Wednesdays when Novena prayers are held at 9.15 a.m. before Mass commences.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: James Connolly, Kevin Fearon, Ian Christopher Gaynor, Joan Crump, Ofelia Lanzetta, Rose Creedon, Vincenzo Perruzza, William Walker, Stella Loughlin, Michael Gerald Taylor, Bernard Bownas, Alan Taylor, Helen Veronica Mack, Peter Concannon, Terence George Maloney, Bill Heeney, Ann Jane Harrison, Carolyn Thornton, Ken Hall, George Lavender, Wilfred Turner, John Ray Green, Patricia Westrom, Marie (Nancy) Dagger, George Gibbons, William Johnson, William Huxley, Mary Ellen McCorry, Mary Vivien Dagger.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS:

Family celebrations of the Sacrament have now begun and will continue throughout May. At the 11.00 a.m. Mass each Sunday some or all of the central benches will be reserved for the children and their families. We pray for and congratulate those making their First Holy Communion this weekend: Liam Gil-Haag, Jago Gitz Fitton, Polly Gitz Fitton, Emmeline Graham, Oliver Neve, Michael O'Brien, Tallula Palmer, Bruno Rippon, Tomas Torchiario-Masague, Henry Whitfield and Lily Wiles.

CONFESSIONS:

Each Saturday, after morning Mass, and in the evening from 6.45 until 7.10 p.m.

OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate:	£490.29
Planned Giving:	£450.74
Average Weekly SOs:	£683.00

Many thanks for your generous support.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

May 3 rd Sewing Group	Funds for Africa
May 10 th Elizabeth & Christopher	Tombola
May 17 th Heather & Jackie	Sierra Leone

The next coffee rota is on the notice board in the hall. There are some vacancies. If you would like to volunteer please add your name to the rota or contact Margaret Curtis 318424.

Teas, coffees and juices are served in the hall after both Sunday morning Masses. All are welcome.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Abbots Park, Milbourne Close and Neston Drive.
- For the Sewing Groups and Card Club.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN UPTON:

This group, which includes St. Columba's, Holy Ascension and the United Reformed Church, has for many years organised ecumenical activities in Upton. It has always been well supported by St. Columba's parishioners. Two long-serving representatives from St. Columba's on the CT Upton committee are planning to stand down during the summer. This is a good opportunity for one or more people who might like to help the development of inter church activities in Upton. If you feel you might be one of those persons, or would like to know more, please ring Bernard Payne (350323) or David Savage (380626).

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

Thanks to all those who made the bingo night a success and also thanks to all the helpers. Look out for information on the following:

Sunday 7th June - Annual BBQ to celebrate the anniversary of St Columba

Friday 24th July - Coach trip to Lancaster

READERS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Inside each Newsletter this weekend, you will find a leaflet inviting St. Columba's parishioners to consider whether they might contribute to the life of the parish as a Reader or Eucharistic Minister. Expressions of interest from any parishioner over the age of 16 would be very welcome – you'll find marked boxes in the porches for return of the forms.

ST COLUMBA'S PARISH SAFEGUARDING:

If any member of the parish community wishes to discuss safeguarding in relation to children/vulnerable adults please contact the Parish Safeguarding Representative: Claire Graham on 01244 341287 or 07880553830. Alternatively, the Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator, Andrew O'Brien, can be contacted on 01516529855 or cpva@DioceseOfShrewsbury.org

NEPAL EARTHQUAKE APPEAL:

CAFOD (a member of DEC, the coalition of aid agencies) has launched a £3m emergency appeal following the earthquake in Nepal. Thousands of people in this already impoverished country have been killed and many thousands more are in urgent need of food, water, shelter and emergency supplies. 8 million people are affected. CAFOD is responding and has deployed a team to provide specialist support. **If you would like to support this appeal, please take a CAFOD envelope from either porch and return it next weekend in the normal offertory baskets. Additionally, for the month of May donations made through the Third World wall boxes (in either porch) will go towards the Nepal Appeal.** Donations can also be made online via www.cafod.org.uk or www.dec.org.uk

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION:

- **Twitter** – The Catholic High School Parents Association is now on Twitter. If you would like to be kept up to date on all events and fundraisers, then follow us **@pa_chs** Tell as many parents/people as you can to follow us too!
- **Swing Band Dance Night** – The Annual Dance Night with music from the school's acclaimed City Jazz Swing Band is on **Friday 8th May**, 7 – 11pm, in the School Hall. Family tickets £5, available from the school, on 01244 981600 or on the night.

Thanks for all your support.

THE LAY VOCATION: *What is it? How can I live it?*

A day of reflection on this topic is being held on **Saturday 16th May**, 10.30am to 3.30pm at Ellesmere Port Catholic High School. It will be led by Fr. Christopher Jamison OSB (Director of the Department for Vocations of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales) as part of his 4-day visit to the diocese. He will lead a reflection on the living of the vocation of the laity within marriage, or as a single person, of whatever age. **ALL ARE WELCOME!** £5 donation. Please bring a packed lunch. To register please email pauline.mcculloch@dioceseofshrewsbury.org.uk or phone 0151 652 9855.

BUZZ ACTIVITY YOUTH GROUP:

A BIG thank you from me & the Buzz Activity Youth Group for supporting the recent Coffee & Cakes sale! A tremendous £178.50 was raised! This will go towards funding the Summer programme of events, including arts & crafts sessions, days out & sports activities. Funding can be very difficult to access, but is vital to allow them to continue their work supporting children & young people with additional needs. Many thanks to you all, Ruth Gerrard.

HOSPITAL MASS:

The regular "First Thursday" Mass will be celebrated on 7th May at 12.15pm in the Countess of Chester hospital Chapel. This is for patients/outpatients, staff, families and friends, and the wellbeing of our hospital. All are welcome.

CALLED TO BE ...?

'Called to be ...?' is the question Fr. Christopher Jamison O.S.B will explore on **Friday 15th May** from 7 p.m. with young adults aged 16 to 30 years of age. Join Fr. Christopher at St. Werburgh's Parish Centre in Chester for food, drink and a chance to ask 'what kind of person does God want me to be?' For more details, please see the posters in the porches, or visit the Diocesan Website www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/youth

OUR LADY FATIMA DAY ON SUNDAY 10th MAY:

Our Lady Fatima Day at The Sacred Shrine of Peter, Paul & Philomena, Atherton Street, New Brighton on **Sunday 10th May**. Mass at 10.30am followed by Procession with statue, free hot lunch provided. Followed by Marian talk at 2pm, 3.15pm Exposition, Rosary Silent Adoration, Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. All are welcome! Contact Rachel on 07770266679 for further details.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, 10th – 16th MAY:

We are looking for volunteers to help play our local part the annual house-to-house collection. The envelopes are available this weekend, set out on the table in the rear porch. They are made up into bundles for each of the local streets we have been allocated. Each bundle contains all necessary details regarding collecting arrangements. If you are able to cover any of the local streets, please add your name to the list, indicating which street(s). Your help will be very much appreciated. Further information from Bernard Payne, 01244 350323.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE DIOCESAN BRANCH:

The AGM will be held on Saturday 9th May commencing with Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Mark Davis at 12noon followed by lunch in the hall and the AGM meeting. All welcome to the Mass.

NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Brian Webster

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Items for inclusion to be in the blue folder in the Sacristy by 9.00 a.m. on Thursday.

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ST. COLUMBA'S HALL BOOKINGS:

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

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