

# St Columba's Church

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- ❖ Parish Safeguarding Representative: Claire Graham. Tel 01244 341287 or 0788 055 3830.

## 25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015

### MASS TIMES:

Saturday Vigil Mass: 7.15 p.m.  
Sunday: 9.15 a.m.

Monday: 11.00 a.m.  
9.15 a.m.

Tuesday: 9.15 a.m.  
Wednesday: 9.15 a.m.  
Thursday: 1.30 p.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:

Mary O'Hora  
Bernard & Joan Jones  
(Diamond Wedding)

The Parish  
Service of Word & Holy  
Communion

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NO MORNING SERVICE  
**REQUIEM – Paul Bowler**

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Fr Terry Boylan  
Patrick Regan  
The Parish

### OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate: £495.90  
Planned Giving: £488.04  
Average Weekly Standing Orders: £683.00

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Ann Kettlewell, Frank Smith, Thomas McLoughlin, Charles McDonnell, Carrie Wells, Kathleen Green, Jane Anne Sherwood, Kathleen Lockhart, Jane Ann (Ann) Melia, Mary Elizabeth Pendlebury, James Gregory Murphy, Sinead Osborne, Anne Veronica Kirby, Terence James Whatmough, Cyril Diego DeSouza, Elizabeth Conlon, James Watts, Mark Anthony Colegate, Canon Francis Murphy, Michael Paul Smith, Fr. John Lennon, Francis Joseph Dean, Peter Wood, Elizabeth Hughes, Veronica “Ronna” Boyle, Dorothy May Swinton, Kevin McNicholas, Joseph Bullen.

### CONFESSIONS:

Each Saturday 6.45 to 7.10pm. (before the Saturday Vigil Mass). Please note that while Fr. Cooke is away confessions are not heard on Saturday mornings.

### HOME MISSION SUNDAY:

Today is a **Day of Special Prayer for Home Missions**. To mark this occasion the Bishops of England & Wales have issued a Pastoral Letter inviting every member of the Catholic community to pray for, participate in and support the work of evangelisation in England and Wales. Copies of the Pastoral Letter are in the porches, along with some prayer cards. The Pastoral Letter may also be found on the Resources section of the parish website.

- At all Masses this weekend the local organiser **for Aid to the Church in Need** will be making an appeal on behalf of the Charity.

### SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

20th Sept Margy & Jacque MacMillan  
27th Sept Sewing Group WREN Bid  
3<sup>rd</sup> Oct. Scouts Scouts

The next coffee rota is on the notice board in the Hall. *Tea, coffee and juice are served in the hall after both Sunday morning Masses. All are welcome.*

### RED MISSION BOXES:

Will those holding red Mission Boxes please leave them in the Sacristy for Margaret Curtis. You can reclaim your box from the rear porch. Thank you for your continued support.

### FR. COOKE:

Father sends his warm thanks for your prayers, good wishes and “Get Well” cards. He is now resident again in the Presbytery, but will not be returning to duty just yet. He continues to recuperate and convalesce and asks please that you respect his peace and privacy at this time. Thank you.

*Fr Peter Asenga of the Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers) is celebrating all Masses with us this weekend. We welcome him and thank him for his support.*

### BAPTISMS:

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

Congratulations to **Zachary James McIntosh** and **Florence Heather Toop** who were baptised last weekend; and also to **Maia Rose Martland** who is to be baptised today. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

### MORNING PRAYER:

Each morning at 9.00 a.m. in the Sacristy Office, Monday through to Saturday, except Wednesdays.

### LATELY DEAD:

Please remember in your prayers **Paul Bowler**. His funeral will be at St. Columba's on **Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> September at 1.30 p.m.**

Please remember in your prayers **Eileen Letitia Jones**. Her funeral will be at St. Columba's on **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 10.45 a.m.** and committal at Blacon Crematorium at 12.00 noon.

### THE BACKGROUND TO READING AT MASS:

A short talk will be given by David Savage at 7.30 p.m. on **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September** in the Iona Chapel. Aimed at existing and potential readers but all interested parishioners are invited to attend. See the poster on the Notice Boards.

### CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations to **Bernard and Joan Jones** on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding Anniversary – married on 17<sup>th</sup> September 1955. The 9.15 a.m. Mass this Sunday is for them. May God bless them.

### DIOCESAN EVENTS:

- **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September:** Diocesan History Day, St. Mary of the Angels, Hooton CH66 1QJ
- **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September:** Caritas Roadshow “Being a Church for the Poor”, Ellesmere Port Catholic High School, CH65 7AQ.
- **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October:** RCIA Formation Day for Catechists and Clergy, St. Columba’s Hall.
- **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October:** Vigil of Prayer for the Pope’s Synod on the Family, Shrewsbury Cathedral, SY1 1TE.

Further details of all these events on posters in the porches, and also on the parish website.

**An update on the Diocesan Roadshow:** Speakers will include Bishop Mark and Helen O’Brian. There will be workshops on Foodbanks, Women in Poverty, the SVP and the Olive Branch – an organisation supporting those affected by drug addiction. There will be an opportunity to attend the “Marketplace” where local groups, parishes and organisations will showcase what they do to promote Social Action in the Diocese. We will be accompanied by John Battle and invited MPs. Register with [Pauline.mcculloch@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:Pauline.mcculloch@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) or telephone 0151 652985. Please bring a packed lunch, drinks will be provided.

### HARVEST THANKSGIVING MASS:

Next Sunday, **27<sup>th</sup> September**, we will be having our Harvest Thanksgiving Mass at 11.00 a.m. As we give thanks for our own harvest we will be thinking of people in the Third World whose harvest may have failed. We would therefore ask you to kindly put your harvest gift in the CAFOD Harvest Day envelopes which will be available with the Church Newsletters next weekend (**the Fast Day itself is Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October**). The envelopes will be collected in the normal collection baskets at Masses on 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> October.

If any of you have had success with your crops and would like to offer them at the coffee morning for donations to CAFOD, please bring them to the Hall on Sunday morning next week.

### CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES (CCRS):

CCRS is a basic course in theology, designed for people who are engaged in the communication of their Catholic Faith, whether directly or indirectly. It is open to everyone. You can complete the Certificate or just attend the sessions. The course starts with the Old Testament Module and is held at Our Lady’s Ellesmere Port, on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October and Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> November from 10.00 am to 3.30 pm. For further details please contact Rowena Nield [rowena.nield@sky.com](mailto:rowena.nield@sky.com) or 0161 4408619. Please see poster in the porch or on the parish website.

### HOLY ASCENSION PARISH CHURCH:

The Vicar, Revd. David Sayle is on the move. His last service at Holy Ascension is Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> September. From October he will be looking after 6 rural parishes in South Devon. We send our good wishes for his move and also to Holy Ascension Parish as they move to appoint his successor.

### UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- Residents of St. Christopher’s Close, Dale Drive, and Heath Rd
- For the Treasurers, Finance Organisers and the Gift Aid Recorders
- For those who are responsible for the financial affairs of our Churches.

### FLOWER DEMONSTRATION:

In the Hall, Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> October at 7.30 p.m. with National Demonstrator, Diane Fair. Proceeds in aid of Guide Dogs.

Tickets £8 available from Sue Carr 312892 or Frances 342959.

### DEMENTIA AWARENESS:

Holy Ascension Church is hosting a second Dementia Awareness session as part of their new initiative to create a Dementia Friendly Church and Community. They aim to raise awareness of Dementia and understand how our community can help people to ‘Live well with Dementia’.

Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> September, 10 a.m. at the Community Hall, Demage Lane, Upton, CH2 1EL.

All are welcome to attend this FREE session to find out more. Further information also available from Ali or Margaret on: [families@holycascension.org.uk](mailto:families@holycascension.org.uk)

### CHARITY CONCERT 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER:

Chifundo UK and Soroptimist International of Chester are holding a concert featuring A Handbag of Harmonies and the Queen’s School Chamber Choir in aid of the SOKO Fund, an educational charity providing university scholarships for women in Malawi, on **Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm** in St. Columba’s Church. Tickets £12 Adults, £6 under 18s, including refreshments. Carol Galvin has a supply of tickets or you can phone Susan Flynn 01244 381490 or email [chair@chifundomalawi.org](mailto:chair@chifundomalawi.org) Further information: [www.chifundomalawi.org](http://www.chifundomalawi.org)

### QUIZ EVENING FRIDAY, 16<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER:

Over the last few years this Quiz Evening, arranged on behalf of Churches Together in Upton, has proved very popular and sociable. The Quiz is hosted by St. Columba’s and will be held in our Hall, starting at 7.30 p.m. Tables of six, admission on the door £1 adults, 50p children. Further information on posters and flyers.

### ST. COLUMBA’S HALL BOOKINGS:

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

### NEXT WEEK’S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Rebecca Vaughan  
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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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