

# St Columba's Church

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## 26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015

### MASS TIMES:

Saturday Vigil Mass:	7.15 p.m.	<b>INTENTIONS:</b> Fr Terry Boylan.
Sunday:	9.15 a.m.	Patrick Regan.
	11.00 a.m.	The Parish.
Monday:	9.15 a.m.	Bob Killen. RIP.
Tuesday:	9.15 a.m.	Frank Queenan.
Wednesday:	10.45 a.m.	REQUIEM – Eileen Letitia Jones.
Thursday:	9.15 a.m.	Terry Whatmough.
Friday:	9.15 a.m.	Lily Duggan.
Saturday:	9.15 a.m.	NO MORNING SERVICE.
Saturday Vigil Mass:	7.15 p.m.	Priest's Intention.
Sunday:	9.15 a.m.	Marie Carthy.
	11.00 a.m.	The Parish.

### NO CONFESSIONS ON SATURDAY.

### BAPTISMS:

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.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Peter Wood, Elizabeth Hughes, Veronica "Ronna" Boyle, Dorothy May Swinton, Kevin McNicholas, Joseph Bullen, Bertie O'Malley, Mathildis Perry, Katie Fitzpatrick, Elizabeth Maria McCarron, John McHugh, Brenda Liggett, Philip Addison, Maureen Green, William Baker, Michael Davis, Bernard Joseph Fitzpatrick, Joseph Crimes, Patrick Patten, Margaret Murray, Austin Pinnington, June Semenzato, Eric Melia, Patricia Holloway, Jack Derbyshire, Doreen Nicholls, Joyce Bownas, Annie Brennan, John Cotgrove, Ellen Barlow, Anthony John Baker, Gale Bunker, Frank Queenan, Kathleen Galvin, Patrick Ryan, Anthony Lavender, Kathleen (Doris) Gallagher, Patricia O'Gorman, Veronica Maquire, McNamara, Mary Southall, Patrick Joseph Hickey, Michael John Avery, Dennis O'Loughlin, Katherine Doran, Dorothy Maude Murphy, Anthony Marshall, Frank Stone, Guiseppe De Riso, Fanny Pratt, William Egerton, William (Billy) Harrison, Eric Hill, Josephine Fitzpatrick, Charles Patrick Creighton, Esther Veronica Thomas, Olive Joyce Pascall, Gerald Fergus Patrick Doran, Michael Jones, Maureen Fynn.

### OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate:	£452.73
Planned Giving:	£420.20
Average Weekly Standing Orders:	£683.00

### SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

27 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Sewing Group	WREN Bid
4 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	Scouts	Scouts
11 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	Lisa Gornell	Parish

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.

### UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- Residents of Lawn Drive, Earls Oak and Windmill Rise.
- For Dorin Park School.
- For all who are physically or mentally disabled, their teachers and families.

### CHESTER AND ELLESMERE PORT SVP – WALSINGHAM MEETING:

A meeting is to be held at St. Mary's Church Hall, Childer Thornton for people who went on the Walsingham Pilgrimage this year, to discuss if we go again next year, and any changes that is needed. The Parish Hall will be open on **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September** at 7p.m, meeting starting at 7.30p.m. You travel along A41 from Chester to Hooton, and it is on the left.

### HARVEST THANKSGIVING MASS:

This Sunday we have 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. Please put your harvest gift in the **CAFOD Harvest Day envelopes, available in both porches this weekend.** The Fast Day itself is **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**, and the envelopes can be returned via the normal collection baskets at Masses next weekend.

## RESPONSES FOR THE 11.00 HARVEST MASS:

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap.

Alleluia!

### Communion Antiphon:

Lord, the earth is filled with your gift from heaven: man grows bread from the earth, and wine to cheer his heart.

## AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED:

Following the appeal last weekend, Karen Blundell the local organiser for ACN has written to thank the parishioners of St. Columba's for a total contribution of £735.45 in appeal donations and £122.52 in sales of books and gifts. Thank you all for your generous response.

## FORMATION DAY FOR RCIA CATECHISTS AND CLERGY:

This takes place on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** here at St. Columba's. Deacon Philip White will be speaking about RCIA and Canon Law; a look at some of the challenges and scenarios we can face when people seek full Communion with the Church, and some of the Canonical solutions that may be possible. In the afternoon, Barbara Davies will be looking at how we introduce others to prayer and support them as they deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ. 10.00 a.m. for 10.30 start. Please bring a packed lunch. We ask a donation of £5 per person to help cover the costs of the day. It is essential you register in advance of the day and this can be done by either emailing [pauline.mcculloch@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:pauline.mcculloch@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) or calling 0151 652 9855.

## 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.

## YOUNG ADULTS WEEKEND RETREAT – 23-25 OCTOBER:

The annual retreat of ACTS (Adult Catholics Together Spiritually) is taking place this October and if you are aged between 18 – 35 you are welcome to join us. Mgr. Paul Groghan, (until recently chaplain at Trinity University, Leeds) will lead us prayerfully through the weekend. The retreat will take place at Sandymount Retreat Centre, Blundellsands (four minutes from the sea!), near Liverpool. The cost is £120 but we will ask for **an anonymous donation so people give what they can!** If you would like to join us or wish to know more about it, please contact Siobhan at [siobhanbc@talktalk.net](mailto:siobhanbc@talktalk.net) or tel: 0161 477 2783 or mobile 07761 138947.

## 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.

## 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)

## FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

- 27<sup>th</sup> September: **St. Vincent de Paul** (1581-1660). Born in SW France, and ordained priest at the exceptionally early age of 19. Initially his work was among rich court families but he was more and more drawn to work among the poor, and he went on to found congregations of priests and nuns dedicated to work for the poor and the sick. His life and teaching inspired the founding in 1833 of the lay confraternity of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, active down to this day in many parts of the world.
- 1<sup>st</sup> October: **St. Theresa of Lisieux** (1873-97). A Carmelite nun, entering the monastery at Lisieux at the age of 15, dying of TB at the age of 24 having borne her illness and suffering with great fortitude. Known through her autobiography *The Story of a Soul*, she was loved for her unaffected simplicity and is remembered for her fidelity to ordinary duties as the path to sanctity.

## A BIG THANK YOU:

Belated thanks to the very generous people who gave money some months back to buy a total of 3 bicycles for the children of St Mary's Children's Home in Sierra Leone. Three very happy young people are now able to cycle to school thanks to you. More always required in case anyone wants the opportunity to give in this way, it is always greatly appreciated. For further information, please contact Heather on 07840621878.

## 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:

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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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