

# St Columba's Church

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

19th APRIL 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:	12.45 p.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:

Edward Clarke A.
Private Intention (L.H.)
The Parish
Rosie Smith A.
Private Intention
Frances Connolly
Gerry Cummins A.
David Columbine
Priest's Intention
Sylvia
Joan Wells
The Parish

### 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 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. to 7.10 p.m.

### LATELY DEAD:

David Columbine and Lucy McHugh

### ANNIVERSARIES:

*Please remember in your prayers:* Eric Siddall, Freda Mary Wilson, Edward Clarke, Richard Heveran, Edward Clark, Elizabeth Poole, Veronica Fletcher, Margaret May Weston, Rodney Peter Jones, Mary Wiinefred Murphy, Brendan Joseph Nolan, Susan Josephine McLaughlin, Bridgit Ann Garner, Maria O'Sullivan, Alison Margaret Kelly, Mary Grubb, Derrick Wyndham Jones, Leslie Charles Ivor Hutfield, John Lloyd Hughes, Sarah McNicholas, Arnie Williams, Nora Mahoney, Edward McAleavy, Philip Pace, Alan Edward Callow, John Ryan, Denis Albert Woods, Fr. Bernard McLeary.

### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

We remember the sick of the Parish at this time.

Please pray for Ged McEnery who is seriously ill in Walton Hospital.

### OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate:	£546.46
Planned Giving:	£563.91
Average Weekly SOs:	£683.00

*Many thanks for your generous support.*

### CLATTERBRIDGE CANCER CENTRE:

Thank you so much for your support for last Sunday's Coffee morning - with the sale of coffee and cakes and donations £350 was raised for this very worthy cause. Once again many thanks for your generosity and support

### UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

*This week we pray for:*

- The residents of Essex Road, Deva Lane and Walnut Close.
- The library, pavilion and recreational areas in our community.
- All adults and children that they will be safe as they enjoy leisure time.

### SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

April 19th Ruth & Jacque	BUZZ Group
April 26th Jacque & Marg	Fellowship Lunch
May 3rd Sewing Group	Funds for Africa

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.*

**SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE:** Coffee & cakes this week are provided by the Buzz Youth Activity Group, part of the Cheshire Centre for Independent Living.

This local weekly group enables children & young people with additional needs, to participate in social and leisure activities that they may otherwise struggle to access.

Do please come & support us. As well as the usual coffee & cakes, there are some house plants & handmade Holy Communion cards for sale.

### 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 0151 652 9855 or

[cpva@DioceseOfShrewsbury.org](mailto:cpva@DioceseOfShrewsbury.org)

### 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).

### THE CALL, THE JOURNEY AND THE MISSION:

Following the parish gathering on 8<sup>th</sup> March, parishioners are invited to a follow-up meeting this **Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> April**, at 7:00pm - 09:00pm in the Church Hall. This is to help people respond to the Bishop's questions, leading to the Synod on the Family in October. It will be a facilitated discussion which builds on the initial gathering that introduced the questions and be structured to give people an opportunity to share views, before considering what responses we might make - either as individuals or as a parish.

### GENERAL ELECTION FORUM:

In addition to the Churches Together Forum held last Friday, there will be a further opportunity to quiz the General Election candidates, this time specifically on **international development issues**. This will be on **Wednesday 22nd April**, 7.00 p.m. in Binks Building, near the Parkgate Road entrance of the University of Chester. This meeting is organised jointly between the Chester World Development Forum and the University's Department of Geography and Development Studies. This is an open meeting and all are welcome.

### "BAND TOGETHER TO END EBOLA":

An eclectic mix of some of the best musical performers in the Chester area at The Guildhall, Watergate Street CH1 2LA, **Thursday April 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 7.30 pm. Admission £5 in aid of DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee Appeal) to combat Ebola.

Hosted by Chester World Development Forum.

Tickets phone 07840621878 or CAFOD 01244 677594

Email: shrewsbury@cafod.org.uk

### SOCIAL ACTIVITIES, DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

- **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April:** Family Bingo Evening
- **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June:** Annual BBQ to celebrate the anniversary of St Columba
- **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July:** Coach trip to Lancaster

**The BINGO Evening on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00 p.m. is a free event; bring your friends and family for a fun time.  
Notices in the Porches**

Keep an eye on the newsletters and notice boards for further information.

### CAR BOOT SALE:

St Werburgh's and St Columba's PTA are holding a car boot / table top sale at school on **Saturday 25th April**, 2pm - 5pm. There will also be refreshments on sale in the school hall. If you would like a car or table top space please contact Clare McCarthy on 01244 401848 or 07763455514 (spaces must be booked in advance).

### FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE OF RICHARD AND NINA:

Richard Curtis, of this Parish, is getting married to Nina Flanagan at The Holy Ascension Church Upton, on Saturday 25th April. Any St. Columba's parishioners who know Richard and would like to come along to the service at 1.00 p.m. are more than welcome to witness this happy event.

### SPUC PRO-LIFE CHAIN:

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children is holding its annual Pro-Life Chain on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April** 11.00 to 12.30. This is a silent, still and peaceful demonstration, displaying the Pro-Life message to passers-by on Hoole Road.

Please pray for the success of this, and join us if you can, even for a short time. Thank you.

### VERDI REQUIEM:

A performance of the Verdi Requiem will be given by Ellesmere Port Music Society and the Wirral Philharmonic Orchestra on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April** at 7.30 p.m. in Ellesmere Port Civic Hall. Details can be found on posters in the porches or on the parish website, or ring Pauline Payne on 01244 350323.

### 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.
- **Bedding Plant Scheme** – The P.A. is once again running its successful bedding plant scheme to raise much-needed funds for the school. Forms available from school (01244 981600) or, soon, in the church porches. Orders to be received by school by **Monday 27th April**. Completed orders will need to be collected from the school car park on **Saturday 16th May** between 10.00 and 11.00 a.m. Delivery is also available for a small charge.

Thanks for all your support.

### FOODBANK:

Many thanks to all parishioners who have been donating food items. We now know that toiletries are also very acceptable – shampoo, shower gel, deodorants, and disposable nappies for families with babies (formula milk cannot be accepted, however). Items currently in shortest supply are listed on the lids of the collection boxes, e.g. coffee, sponge pudding, pasta sauces, jams and cuppa soups. The warehouse has a good supply of pasta, beans and meat meals at the moment. More information online:

<http://westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk> (It also has information about volunteering.)

### ST. COLUMBA'S HALL BOOKINGS:

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

E-mail: columbashallbookings@gmail.com

### NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Ann Siddall

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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. Website: [www.stcolumbachester.org.uk](http://www.stcolumbachester.org.uk)