

St Columba's Church

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SUNDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2015 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.

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

INTENTIONS:

Joan & Frederick Hodson.
Hanna Connolly. RIP.
The Parish.
Teresa Connor.RIP.
Mike Ashcroft.
Margery Whatmough.
Anne Fitzpatrick.
Patricia Duggan
Bob Meadows.SVP
Fr Peter Finnerty.
Tim Ehlen.
The Parish.

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:

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

LATELY DEAD:

Bob Meadows, Gillian Frances Pendleton and Raymond Storton; please remember them in your prayers.

BAPTISMS:

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

OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate: £450.44
Planned Giving: £521.50
Average Weekly SOs: £510.00

Many thanks for your generous support.

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

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Mary O'Gorman, Bridget Rhoden, Anne Heaney-Glynn, Anne Helen Fitzpatrick, George Fletcher, Roman Borysewski, Clifford Sale, Stephen Hunt, Kitty O'Donnell, Racheal Andrews, Minnie Brown, Elizabeth Tiffin, Madeline Vozniak, Dorothy Poole, Edward Kiernan, Tom Wilkinson, Isabella Boulton, William Byrne, Bigview Tadeusz Roszvwowski, Frank Burton, Alice Edna Bellis, Margaret Price, Bruno Walmsley, Patrick O'Gorman, Mabel Volk, Kerry Maria Duffy, Christopher John Bryan, Michael Allen, Vincent Murphy, Margery Angela Whatmough, Michael Jones, Kathleen Bernadette McGoldrick, Thady Byrne, Sr. Andrea O'Malley, Joan Davies, Janet Bailey, Brian Dunn, Fr. James Molloy, Lesbia Sullivan, Christopher Woods, Edward Joseph Brecon, Ernest Kendal, Ann Mary Hughes, Ray James, Marjorie Sweeney, Ida Trumdale, Ethel McGlown, Robert Shelton, Kathleen O'Farrell, Joseph Hanratty, David Harris and William Bailey.

SVP MONTHLY COLLECTION:

The monthly collection will be after Masses this weekend, 31st January – 1st February. Many thanks for your continued support.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Dunham Way, Chirk Close and Tintern Avenue;
- the prayer groups and ecumenical prayer groups;
- those who have nobody to pray for them.

HOSPITAL MASS:

The regular "First Thursday" Mass will be celebrated on 5th February at 12.15p.m. in the Countess of Chester Hospital Chapel. This is for patients/outpatients, staff, families and friends, and the well-being of our hospital. All are welcome.

PRAYER CYCLE:

During Ordinary Time (Winter) and up to Lent we are asked to pray for these intentions: Peace on Earth; Christian Unity; the Sick and their Carers; Victims of Trafficking and those working to combat it; Students & Teachers; the Unemployed.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

- Monday: **The Presentation of the Lord.** This feast, 40 days after the birth of Christ, marks the occasion of the presentation of Jesus at the Temple. Inspired by the words of the canticle ("a light to the revelation of the Gentiles"), by the 11th century the custom had developed of blessing candles on the Feast of the Presentation, hence the alternative name of the feast, Candlemas.
- Tuesday: **St. Werburgh**, a saint closely associated with Chester. A "Saxon Royal", she was born around 650 A.D. near Stone (in what is now Staffordshire). She became a nun and rose to be Abbess of Ely, subsequently founding or reforming a number of convents across the huge extent of the Diocese of Lichfield (coinciding with the greater part of the Saxon Kingdom of Mercia). She was buried at one of her convents (Hanbury, Staffordshire) but at the time of later Danish invasions her remains were brought to the comparative safety of the Saxon stronghold at Chester, where her shrine was a renowned place of pilgrimage. The Minster established at her shrine in Chester later became the Benedictine Abbey, then still later Chester Cathedral.

THANKS FROM THIRD WORLD GROUP:

Last week's coffee and cake sale raised the wonderful sum of £207. Many thanks to everyone for their support, whether helping with the coffees, making cakes or buying them – and for your generous donations via the church wall boxes and standing orders. Money raised goes to support our three regular links: Bro. James Kimpton in South India, Fr. John Kirwan in DR Congo, and OAKS school in Bo, Sierra Leone.

FIRST SACRAMENTS:

We pray for the children who have just received the Sacrament of First Forgiveness. As they now go on to prepare for First Holy Communion, pray for their families, teachers and catechists at this important time in their faith journey.

CHURCHES TOGETHER LENT STUDY GROUPS:

This year's Lent Study Groups will be held in the Kempe Room at Holy Ascension Church on the six Tuesdays in Lent: **24th February, 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st March.** There will be two sessions: at 2.00 p.m. and repeated at 7.30 p.m.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

Feb 1st Scouts' Parade

Feb 8th Chris & Liz Nichols Tombola

Feb 15th CWL CWL

If you would like to support a charity by making coffee in the hall after Sunday morning Mass please contact Margaret Curtis 318424.

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

"WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE LAITY?"

This is the title of the Annual Lecture on **Saturday 7th February**, 2.00 p.m. in Chester Cathedral main nave, admission free. It will be given by Elaine Graham, Canon Theologian at the Cathedral. Her lecture will survey some of the main thinking over recent years across the denominations regarding the relationship between ordained and lay ministry, and consider what the future prospects may be for the laity in Church and society. See posters in the porches and on our parish website.

NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & READERS ROTAS:

Please pick up a copy of your new Rotas (which includes Holy Week) from the front porch. Please can I ask you to find a replacement should you be unable to carry out your duty - especially during Holy Week.

SVP THEATRE SHOW:

Do you fancy a night out on the 4th March? We have been allocated tickets for a show Neighbourhood Watch at the Gladstone Theatre, Port Sunlight Village. Tickets are £8.00 and all monies will go towards the upkeep of our holiday home at Talacre. Anyone wanting tickets, please contact Brian Forrest (01244 318863).

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 Harry Sweeney.

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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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