

# St Columba's Church

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- ❖ Chester Hospitals' Chaplaincy: Tel: 01244 364543, answer phone available.
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## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER, 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL 2016.

### MASS TIMES:

Saturday Vigil Mass:  
Sunday:

### INTENTIONS:

7.15 p.m. Peter Kelly.  
9.15 a.m. Margaret Mary McGeachin.  
11.00 a.m. Parish.

Monday 9.15 a.m. Service of Holy Communion.  
Tuesday: 9.15 a.m. – do -  
Wednesday: 9.15 a.m. – do -  
Thursday: 9.15 a.m. – do -  
Friday: 9.15 a.m. – do -  
Saturday: **NO MORNING MASS**  
Saturday Vigil Mass: 7.15 p.m. Kathryn Sanson RIP.  
Sunday: 9.15 a.m. The Parish.  
11.00 a.m. Cliff Jones.

### WELCOME:

We welcome Fr. Isidore Madueke, with us to celebrate all Masses this weekend.

### MORNING PRAYER:

Each morning at 9.00 a.m. before the Blessed Sacrament in the Iona Chapel, Monday through to Friday, except Wednesdays, when Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour are said at 9.15 a.m. prior to Mass.

### CONFESSIONS:

**There will be no Confessions this weekend.**

### BAPTISMS:

By appointment. After speaking to Fr. Jonathan to arrange a date, please contact Claire O'Donnell 07743 704383 (text or 'phone).

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Annie Rowlands, Stephen Andrew O'Brien, Doreen Carrington, Joseph Logan, Margaret Jones, Hugh Gale, Thomas Townson, Norma Kirwan, Frank McNamara, Frank Sullivan, Frances Fearon, Margaret Beckett, Mabel Josphine Douglas, Kathleen Frances Blohm, Anna Maria Borg, Vincentius Dilworth D. Keogh, Stan Smith, Ann Houghton, Joan Irene Wells, Isiah O'Grady, Percy Massey, George Shirley, Agnes Mary Johnston, Ellen Langford, William Jeffs, Dorothy Jean Roberts, Winifride Pauline Boot, Bernard McAlinden, Mary Pearse, Leonard Dagger, Helen Webster, Florence Jane Worrall, James Loughlin, Anne Marie Fearon, Elizabeth Evans, Herbert Clarke, Hermon Siddall, Robert McMahan, Florence Mary Jewsbury, Kathleen Ann Thomas, Joan and Vic Iddow, John Galvin, Michael Grant Leonard, Grace Williams.

### HOSPITAL MASS:

The regular "First Thursday" Mass will be celebrated on 7<sup>th</sup> April at 12.15 p.m. in the Countess of Chester hospital Chapel. This is for patients/outpatients, staff, families and friends, and the wellbeing of our hospitals, including the Bowmere. All are welcome.

### NEW OFFICE!:

The Church Office has now moved from the Presbytery into the Church Office. The Office will be open between 10.00 – 12 mid-day Monday to Friday. The Office Telephone Number is: 624019. The Office email address is: [stcolumbas2016@outlook.com](mailto:stcolumbas2016@outlook.com)

### MUSIC AT THE 11.00 a.m. MASS

Today we are introducing the music of the New Celtic Liturgy which has the words of the new translation of the Mass. We will be using it each Sunday for the next few weeks. Please remember to pick up the music sheet each week from the hymn book stand and do your best to join in the singing.

### OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate:	£1254.60
Planned Giving:	£636.09
Average Weekly Standing Orders:	£683.00
<b>Donations:</b> CAFOD:	£20.48
Lenten Arms:	£5.30
Candles:	£61.41

### UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Broadway West, Totland Grove and Derwent Road.
- For the Zoo and all who work there.
- For a deeper awareness of our environment.

### OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:

The new envelopes for 2016-17, which come into use next weekend, are available in the rear porch. Please collect yours and dispose of any out of date envelopes which you may still have. Any problems, or if you want to know more about Planned Giving and Gift Aid, please contact David Savage on 380626.

### CONFIRMATION:

If you wish to be Confirmed this year please put your details on one of the lists in the front or back porch to join the preparation programme. To be Confirmed you must be in high school Year 8 or above on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2016 (i.e. be at high school in Year 7 now, or older – there is no upper age limit). Further details will be given out at a meeting after Easter – date to be announced in the church newsletter. For more information speak to Denise Lusk at church or ring 379742.

## DIVINE MERCY SERVICE

at St Theresa's Church, Blacon on 3 April at 3pm

The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun, who recorded the revelations she received about God's mercy. St. Faustina recorded our Lord's promises of specific, extraordinary graces: "The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion will obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." There is also a requirement to do acts of mercy. Divine Mercy Sunday is an opportunity for us to pray for mercy for mankind in a specific way, during this designated Year of Mercy. The service will include the opportunity to go to confession before 3pm, the Chaplet prayers, Holy Communion and Benediction. All are warmly welcome.

### FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

- Tuesday **St. Vincent Ferrer** (1350-1419). Born in Valencia, the son of an Englishman who had settled in Spain. As a Dominican friar he undertook preaching missions throughout France, Spain and Italy. He was also influential in helping to end the schism between the Avignon and Roman papal claimants.
- Thursday **St. John Baptist de la Salle** (1651-1719). Born into a noble family in Rheims, France. Founder of the order Brothers of the Christian Schools, he devoted his life to education and was a notable pioneer in education for the working classes, the training of teachers, and the rehabilitation of disturbed children. He was canonised in 1900 and later declared patron of all school teachers.

### DIARY DATE, FRIDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> APRIL:

One of St. Theresa's young parishioners is going to Krakow in July to the Pope's International Youth Conference. To help raise funds to support him, a Musical Evening has been arranged for **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 22<sup>nd</sup> in St. Columba's Hall, 7.30-10.30 p.m.** Please do your best to support this event. Tickets are now on sale at **ONLY £7.00**. For tickets ring Bernard Payne 350323 or Ann McCarthy 375606. See posters in the church porches for more details.

### PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:

A Five Day Pilgrimage to Lourdes, from **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2016**, has been arranged, as an opportunity to celebrate the Holy Year of Mercy. The cost is £599 for full board. For more information, see poster on notice board. Forms are available from Fr. Jonathan or contact Fr. Paul O'Grady 0151 330 6588.

### PASTORAL COUNCIL:

The next meeting of the Pastoral Council will be held on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April**. The Minutes of the last meeting are available on the Notice Board in the front porch. The Council has vacancies for new members, if you are interested in finding out what this entails then please contact the Secretary, David Savage, on 380626.

### MISSION TODAY:

The Spring edition of Mission Today are available from both the front and rear porches.

### THANK YOU FROM ICKLE PICKLES:

A big thank you to all who kindly assisted and supported the Easter Sunday events in aid of Ickle Pickles. Only three brave souls took part in the Fancy Dress: well done to you! With coffee & cake sales, felt flower sales, the cloth doll auction and some very generous donations, we raised £213, which has been sent to Ickle Pickles to help the tiniest of babies born in the U.K.

For further info, visit: [www.icklepickles.org](http://www.icklepickles.org)

### PLANNED GIVING AND GIFT AID:

If you would like to know more about these schemes, which can increase your offerings by 25% at no cost to you, please contact David Savage 280626.

### SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

**3rd April** Marie Cunniff- Cakes with coffee **Hospice**  
**10th April** Sue Carr **Third World**  
**17th April** Ruth & Jacquie **BUZZ**

### Group

*Tea, coffee and juices are served in the hall after Sunday morning Masses. All are very welcome.*

### ST. COLUMBA'S SOCIAL EVENTS DIARY:

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April** Family Bingo.  
**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June** BBQ to celebrate St Columba's Anniversary.  
**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** Annual coach trip to Worcester.

### FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL FAMILY BINGO NIGHT:

We will be holding a family Bingo night on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April** starting at 7 p.m. come along and join in the fun. Teas coffees squashes provided, if you would like something stronger please bring your own alcoholic drinks, entrance fee 50p for everyone.

### RED MISSION BOXES:

Could those holding Red Mission Boxes please leave them in the Sacristy for Marg Curtis 318424. The boxes can be collected from the table in the rear porch. Thank you for your continued support.

### CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION:

**Rounders and Swing Band Dance Night** – The Parents' Association invites you to a game of Rounders followed at 7pm by musical entertainment by the the school's acclaimed City Jazz Swing Band on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April**, 4pm until late, in the School Hall. Tickets £5 for one or both events, available from the school, on 01244 981600 or on the night. Proceeds will go towards the building of the new Hockey Pitch. Many thanks for your support.

### CHURCHES TOGETHER IN UPTON:

Churches Together in Upton have started an initiative to extend the current practice of praying for the residents of particular roads by encouraging individual prayer requests. These can be made in writing to: Prayer Meeting, Upton United Reformed Church, Heath Road, Chester, or email: [info@uptonurc.org.uk](mailto:info@uptonurc.org.uk).

Churches Together in Upton hold a Coffee Morning each Monday at The Pavilion, Wealstone Lane (next to the Library) from 10 a.m. to noon - an ideal opportunity to meet and make friends in a relaxed welcoming atmosphere. If anyone is interested in helping out, please come along on a Monday to find out more.

### 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:

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

**WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY, ASCENSION SUNDAY, 8<sup>th</sup>  
MAY 2016:**

World Communications Sunday reflects Our Lord's mandate that we "*Go out to the whole world and proclaim the Good news*". On this day, Catholics are encouraged to pray for all those professionals who work in the field of communications. A particular prayer intention is for those who communicate on behalf of the Catholic Church in this country through the Catholic Communications Network (CCN), the Communications Office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. It supports the Bishops in their key national priorities in education; combatting human trafficking, life issues, safeguarding, prisons, interfaith relations and vocations, to name but a few.

CCN is responsible for developing the public profile of the Church in the press, radio and TV, digitally and across social media platforms. It is also a very helpful resource for national and international media professionals.

Please help CCN to continue this work through contributing generously to the collection on the day. Prayer cards for the Day will be available, and Parish resources will be online at: [www.catholicnews.org.uk/wcd2016](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/wcd2016)