

# ST. COLUMBA'S

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Please see pamphlets in Church Porches for more details*

## THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY 2013

### 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.

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Thursday: 9.15 a.m.

Friday: 9.15 a.m.

Saturday: 9.15 a.m.

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### INTENTIONS:

William Reid

Patrick O'Gorman A.

Lesbia Sullivan

Jack Sheeran

Private Intention

Priest's Intention

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Ray James A. and

Hughie Middleton

Anne Fitzpatrick

Frank Watts

### MORNING PRAYER:

9.00 a.m. in the Sacristy Office, except on Wednesday, when Novena prayers are held at 9.15 a.m. before Mass commences.

### BAPTISMS:

After speaking to Fr Cooke to arrange a date, contact Claire Graham on 01244 341287 / 07880553830.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Minnie Brown, Elizabeth Tiffin, Madeline Vozniak, Edward Kiernan, Tom Wilkinson, Isabella Boulton, William Byrne, Bigview Tadeusz Roszvwowski, Frank Burton, Alice Edna Bellis, Bruno Walmsley, Patrick O'Gorman, Mabel Volk, Kerry Maria Duffy, Christopher John Bryan, Vincent Murphy, Margery Angela Whatmough, Michael Jones, Kathleen Bernadette McGoldrick, Thady Byrne, Sr. Andrea O'Malley, Joan Davies, Janet Bailey, 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, William Bailey, Annie Sweeney, Stephanus Windsor, George Hollingsworth, Alfred Winn, Rachel Joyce, William Thompson, William Victor Fry, George Ogg, Ellen Ferguson, Joseph Hilton, Sheila Davies, Trudy Potts, James Frances Blythin, Henrietta Helen Bond.

### CONFESSIONS:

Confessions are heard every Saturday after morning Mass, and in the evening from 6.45 p.m. – 7.10 p.m.

### COFFEE/TEA:

Tea and coffee are served in the Hall after both the Sunday morning Masses. All welcome.

### OFFERTORY 27<sup>th</sup> JAN:

Loose Plate: £457.37

Planned Giving: £95.80

Average Weekly Standing Orders: £556.00

Donation (Badminton Group) £150.00

Thank you very much for your generous support.

### SVP COLLECTION:

The monthly collection will take place this weekend, 2-3 February. Thank you for your continued support.

### UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- Pray for the residents of Dunham Way, Chirk Close and Tintern Avenue.
- For the prayer groups and ecumenical prayer groups.
- For those who have no-one to pray for them.

### WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:

This year the local service will be held at Holy Ascension Church at 10.30 a.m. on **Friday 1st March**. The theme has been arranged by the women in France, drawing from St. Matthew's Gospel: "*I was a stranger and you welcomed me.*" The ecumenical service will be shared with the United Reformed Church and St. Columba's, and will form one link in the chain of prayer across the world that day. If you would like to take part in the service as a reader please let us know, and, if you are a French speaker/singer, it would be good to hear from you too. Please contact Jackie Worrall, 01244 380776.

### VOLUNTEERS FOR BAPTISM INSTRUCTION:

A new team of Baptism instructors is being formed to visit families of young children to be baptised in the parish. If you had a role with the previous team and would like to continue, or if you would like to join the team, please contact Claire Graham. The team will visit families in pairs and we envisage there will be 2 to 3 visits throughout the year. (Tel: 01244 341287 / 07880553830).

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS/READERS ROTA:

Please pick up your copy of the new Rota from the front porch. Carol is in the process of doing the Holy Week Rota and will put an entry in the newsletter when this is ready for collection.

## YEAR OF FAITH



YEAR OF FAITH 2012  
2013

The greatest gift we have ever been given is the Holy Eucharist. When Jesus said the words of consecration at the Last Supper, he took the two staple things for life, food and drink, and made them his Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. No longer were they bread and wine, but they had become God himself. They were not a symbol of God or a representation of God, but God himself. At the same time Jesus gave the power to priests to do something that the angels cannot do, to change the bread and wine into God.

How can we thank Jesus for his gift? In the silence of our hearts after receiving Holy Communion, we can remember the word **ALTAR**, **A** for adore, **L** for love, **T** for thank, **A** for ask and **R** for resolve. This can help to focus our thoughts during those intimate moments after we return to our place in the pew. The Sacrifice of the Mass is the greatest event on earth and the union of God with us the most wonderful thing to ever happen to us. May these thoughts deepen our faith in this special Year.

### FIRST FORGIVENESS CELEBRATION:

On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 29 children from the parish received the Sacrament of First Forgiveness. Please pray for the children and their families at this special time in their faith journeys.

### ST. COLUMBA'S ALTAR SERVERS:

- Congratulations to Milin Dinu, Eimeren (Tanya) Dizon and Mary Santos who were enrolled in the Guild of St Stephen during 11 a.m. Mass last Sunday. We thank them and all our Servers for their commitment to Serving.
- All boys and girls who have made their First Holy Communion are eligible for training to serve at the Altar. Application forms are available in the church porches, or speak to Fr. Cooke or Lawrence.

### PARISH BUILDINGS COMMITTEE - CHURCH HEATING:

- A great deal of heat is lost in the front porch and the church when any of the doors are kept open. *Please* try to keep all the doors closed and do not prop them open either before or after Mass.
- A number of people have asked if the battery in the smoke detector in the front porch needs replacing as it has recently been 'bleeping'. The battery is new but the detector reacts to cold air – another good reason to keep the doors closed!
- All the heaters in church are linked and operate together – if any are turned off the others automatically work harder and for longer to compensate. We would be very grateful if they could be left alone – please.

### PARISH BUILDINGS COMMITTEE - JAN 2013:

- A brown fabric has been chosen to cover the kneelers to complement the colour of the wood and of the carpet. In February, one kneeler will be covered and returned for a final check on the colour. The rest will then be done in small batches.
- To protect the carpet from candle wax we now have drip shields to be used with hand held candles at the Easter Vigil, Baptisms etc.
- We hope to have the side walls of the inside of the church painted before Easter and are considering estimates for painting the outside of the church later in the year.
- The next meeting will be on **Monday 4th March 2013, 7.30 pm in the church office**

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### VATICAN II FIFTY YEARS ON:

To mark this notable anniversary, there are a series of four talks being given by Fr. Paul Shaw in St. Werburgh's (CH1 1QJ) on Thursday evenings at 7.30 p.m.

- Thursday January 31<sup>st</sup>: *The Calling of the Council*
- Thursday February 7<sup>th</sup>: *The Work of the Council*
- Thursday February 14<sup>th</sup>: *The Council's Greatest Document*
- Thursday February 21<sup>st</sup>: *The Legacy of the Council*

### RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND – SPECIAL COLLECTION:

The annual collection for this fund will be held over the next two weekends, **9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> February**. Special envelopes are available in the porches today for you to take home and return to the collection plate the following weekend. Instructions are on the envelopes for those who donate by Gift Aid to enable the fund to recover income tax. Leaflets are available should you wish to donate by bankers order. All your donations will enable the Fund to be built up to meet the future needs of our sick and retired priests.

### CHESTER & ELLESMERE PORT DISTRICT SVP – WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE 2013:

The pilgrimage will be from **Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> April**. The cost (assuming 50 including driver on pilgrimage) will be approx. £170 per person, including coach travel, accommodation, meals in Walsingham, and gratuities. For details and to arrange to join the pilgrimage, please contact **Brian Forrest 01244 318863**.

### HOSPICE QUIZ EVENING:

A Quiz Evening in support of the Hospice of the Good Shepherd will be held in the Hall on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** starting at 7.30 p.m. Teams of 4-6. Raffle. Admission £1.50 per person including 'nibbles' and hot drinks. Bring your own beer or wine (and glasses). Please come along to support our local hospice and to have an enjoyable but not too taxing evening.

### HALL BOOKINGS:

**Bookings and enquiries to the Muddimans,  
0755 311 4531 or  
[columbashallbookings@gmail.com](mailto:columbashallbookings@gmail.com)**

### NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Alison Wrigglesworth  
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Items for inclusion can also 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. Please take your newsletter home with you and use it for reference and prayer during the week.