

St Columba's Church

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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD SUNDAY 3rd JANUARY 2016

MASS TIMES:

Saturday Vigil	7.15 p.m.	INTENTIONS:
Sunday	9.15 a.m.	Gavin Webster.
	11.00 a.m.	Helen Whitcombe R.I.P.
Monday:	9.15 a.m.	The Parish.
Tuesday:	9.15 a.m.	Service of Word & Communion.
Wednesday:	10.00 a.m.	" "
Thursday:	9.15 a.m.	Requiem, Walter James Hale.
Friday:	12 noon	Service of Word & Communion.
Saturday Vigil:	7.15 p.m.	Requiem, Alistair Sinclair
Sunday:	9.15 a.m.	Margaret Lennon R.I.P.
	11.00 a.m.	Special Intention JR.
		The Parish.

WELCOME:

This weekend Fr. Cooke will be celebrating the 7.15 p.m. Vigil Mass. At 9.15 a.m. on Sunday, we welcome Fr. Jim Durkin from St. Francis, and at 11.00 a.m., we welcome Fr. Colin Wilson (Retired).

MORNING PRAYER:

Each morning at 9.00 a.m. in the Sacristy Office, Monday through to Saturday, except Wednesdays.

BAPTISMS:

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

CONFESSIONS:

Each Saturday, from 6.45 to 7.10 p.m. (prior to the Vigil Mass).

LATELY DEAD:

Please remember in your prayers **Walter James Hale** and **Alistair Sinclair**.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Eileen Josephine Donoughue, Ada Laura Savage, Sean Floyd, Harold Sweeney, Lawrence Stevens, John Hughes, Margaret Johnson, Frances Joseph Burk, Christopher Garner, Ester Rose Parker, Susan Sweeney, Agnes Morris, Martin McKenna (Jnr), Mary Upton, Robert Henry (Harry) Barton, Mary (Marie) Rose Shepherd, Les Christian, John Lloyd Hughes, Hilary Makinson, Alf Humphreys, Horace (James) Doyle, Mary McCowne, Colin Blyth, John Ibell, Gerard McGlown, Helen Cadden, Desmond Sutton, Michael Nicholson, Arthur Healey, Ivy Brithwaite, John Woods, John Bullen, Margaret Judge, Belle McRoberts, Frank Fell, Joseph Bowes, Jimmy Roy Ward, Joan Mary Cotter, Ivy Whitmee, Norah Byrne, Margaret Kennedy, Constance Wendy Mitchell.

OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate:	£458.87
Planned Giving:	£308.80
Average Weekly SOs:	£683.00
Candles:	£157.44

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.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

3 rd Jan	Sewing Group	Parish.
10 th Jan	21st Guides	Themselves.
17 th Jan 9.15a.m.		Parish.
17 th Jan 11a.m.	Fr. Cooke Farewell Gathering.	
24 th Jan	Annette Albuquerque	NEONatal.

There are many Sunday coffee mornings vacant this coming year. We urgently need volunteers to manage these mornings - either to raise money for the parish or a charity of your choice. If you can devote a couple of hours, please put your name on the rota or contact Margaret Curtis (318424) for more details.

Tea, coffee and juice are served in the hall after both Sunday morning Masses. All are welcome.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Dorset Road, Shipbrook Road, Mannings Lane South and Peckforton Way.
- For the work of Churches Together in Upton and Churches Together in Chester.
- For the Churches in Upton: Holy Ascension, United Reformed, St Columba's and the Baptist Church.

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION AND READERS ROTA:

Please ensure you pick up new Rota from the table in the front porch. This Rota includes Lent. Carol will send out the Holy Week Rota later. *Many thanks.*

THANK YOU:

Beryl Chapman and family thank you all for your Masses prayers and good wishes. Much appreciated. Progress is slow but sure.

CLERGY APPOINTMENTS:

In the light of Fr. Cooke's impending retirement, Bishop Mark has now announced a number of appointments affecting St. Columba's and other Chester parishes:

- **Fr. Jonathan Brandon** (currently Parish Priest at Holy Angels, Hale Barns) moves to St. Columba's as Parish Priest to bring together the two parishes of St. Columba's and St. Theresa's Blacon - these eventually to be served by one priest. Fr. Jonathan will be resident at St. Columba's and his appointment takes effect from 7th February. He continues his work as Diocesan Vocations Director.
- **Fr. Isidore Madueke** (currently at St. Luke's, Frodsham) is appointed to assist Fr. Jonathan in the transition of the two parishes, and will be resident at Blacon. His appointment takes effect on 20th February.
- **Fr. Jim Kenny** (currently at St. Theresa's) takes over as Parish Priest of St. Luke's Frodsham with effect from 20th February.
- **Fr. Martin Onuoha** (currently at St. Clare's, Lache) moves to Holy Angels, Hale Barns as Parochial Administrator, with effect from 7th February.
- **Fr. Chukwuemeka Nwachukwa** (currently at St. Michael and All Angels, Birkenhead) moves to St. Clare's as Parochial Administrator, with effect from 7th February.

Please keep the Clergy in your prayers as they prepare to take up their appointments, and may they receive the warmest of welcomes in their new parishes.

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY:

This Sunday we celebrate the **Epiphany of Our Lord** – transferred to the Sunday nearest the traditional date of 6th January, 12 days after Christmas. The Feast of the Epiphany (from the Greek meaning Manifestation) celebrates the arrival of the “three wise men from the East” to do homage to Jesus, the infant King of the Jews. The occasion thereby symbolises the spread of the Good News to the Gentile world.

VISITING CHOIR 3rd JANUARY 11.00 MASS:

Again this year, The Octavo Consort join us for the 11:00 Mass on Epiphany Sunday, **3rd January**. The Octavo Consort is a group of young, experienced choral singers from Chester and elsewhere. They will sing the Gloria, Sanctus and Agnus Dei from Palestrina's Missa Brevis and a motet during communion as well as joining the congregation for the usual hymns and carols at Mass. The Octavo Consort is directed by Tom Coxhead of this parish. After graduating last summer, Tom is now Organ Scholar at Ripon Cathedral.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO ROME FOR THE HOLY YEAR OF MERCY:

Bishop Mark will lead a Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome for the Holy Year of Mercy from **17th -21st October 2016**. We will visit the major Basilicas of Rome including passing through the Holy Door at St. Peter's. In addition there will be a General Audience with the Holy Father and a visit and Holy Hour at the Venerable English College. Flights are from Manchester and accommodation is on a half board basis with lunch included on the first day. The cost is £695 in a twin room or £565 in a triple room. A very limited number of single rooms are available at a supplement of £130. Numbers are restricted to 100 so early booking is recommended. Full information and booking forms can be downloaded from the Diocesan Website. Alternatively contact Fr. David Long on 0151 638 1520.

FR. COOKE'S LEAVING:

- If you would like to contribute to Fr. Cooke's Retirement Collection, envelopes are available this weekend. It will be helpful if these are returned at the latest by Sunday 10th January. **There will be a “Farewell Gathering” in the Hall after the 11.00 a.m. Mass on Sunday 17th January.** All will be welcome at this gathering.
- Richard Curtis is compiling material regarding St. Columba's and Fr. Cooke during his time at the parish for use in a leaving book. If you have any photos, digital or developed (these can be scanned and then returned) or anything else that you think is appropriate, please get in touch with him at: **rich.curtis89@yahoo.co.uk** or 07787782255.

HOSPITAL MASS:

The regular "First Thursday" Mass will be celebrated on **7th January 2016** at 12.15pm in the Countess of Chester Hospital Chapel. This is for patients/outpatients, staff, families and friends, and the wellbeing of our Hospitals (Bowmere included). All are welcome.

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 Brian Webster.

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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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