

ST. COLUMBA'S

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Please see pamphlets in Church Porches for more details*

THIRD SUNDY OF LENT

SUNDAY, 3RD MARCH 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.
12.15 p.m.
Wednesday: 9.15 a.m.
Thursday: 9.15 a.m.
Friday: 9.15 a.m.
7.15 p.m.
Saturday: 9.15 a.m.
Saturday Vigil Mass: 7.15 p.m.
Sunday: 9.15 a.m.
11.00 a.m.

INTENTIONS:

Margaret Byrne
Rosario Daly
The Parish
Verlin William Hickman
NO MORNING MASS
**REQUIEM FOR
GERALD GALVIN**
For 80th Birthday
Sydney Merchant, B.
Geoffrey Ehlen RIP
LENTEN DEVOTIONS
Dennis Scawen-Woods
The Parish
Gerry Galvin
Sydney Merchant. A.
Alan Barker, A.

LATELY DEAD:

Gerald Galvin. Please remember Gerry, a long and very supportive Parishioner. We ask God to comfort Carol in this great loss to the Parish.

Adriano Semenzato died last week. We ask God to comfort June and may Adriano rest in peace with our Risen Lord.

BAPTISMS:

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

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers:

Cornelius Heffernan, Elizabeth Heffernan, Thomas Conlon, Ulrica Lester, Mary Dutton, Ian Allmark, Anne Holland, Ellen Catherine Kerr, Sheila McCabe, Alfred Bolton, Sheila Faye, Bridget Roberts, Joan Burrows, Cornelius Murphy, Noel Morrissey, John Burrell, Anthony Xuereb, Philip Anthony (Tony) Lambe, Terence (Terry) Cunningham, Gemma Elizabeth Holcroft, John Nigel Burrell, Veronica Eileen McPeake, William Rodgers, Frederick Fletcher, Dolores Coriam, Walter Kenneth James Cooper, Michael Hutfield, Fred Hutfield, Alan Frederick Barker, Lily Margaret Jones, Michael Hogan, Margaret Hennessy, Thomas Anthony Evans, Gerald A Rigby, James Rooney, William Patrick Lester, John Christopherson, June Winifrede Mullins, Winifred Basaraba, Teresa Cowdrey, Fr. Bernard Wilkinson, Carol Vozniack, Irene Quance, Cornelius Lally, Jane Henderson.

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.

CONFESSIONS:

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

COFFEE/TEA:

Te and coffee is served in the Hall after both the Sunday morning Masses. All are very welcome.

OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate:	£487.71
Planned Giving:	£459.12
Average Weekly Standing Orders:	£556.00

PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FUND:

This collection raised £1,005 with a further £187 recoverable through the Gift Aid Scheme. Thank you for your generosity.

EXPOSITION DURING LENT:

As part of the Year of Faith initiative, Exposition will take place after Mass each Wednesday, until 11.00 a.m., during Lent.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

This service will be held every Friday evening during Lent at 7.15 p.m.

S.V.P. COLLECTION:

The SVP collection will take place this weekend, 2nd-3rd March. Many thanks in advance for your continued support.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Rosewood Avenue, Whitby Avenue and Egerton Drive.
- For those on the brass and flower rotas and those who distribute flowers.
- For those who clean our churches and halls.

YEAR OF FAITH:



YEAR OF FAITH 2012
2013

This week we look for the four characteristics of the Church, namely that it is One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic. At the time of the Last Supper Christ prayed to His Father. "I do not pray for these only (that is, the Apostles) but also for those who believe in me.... that they may all be one." So the Church is united in the

way it is governed under the Pope; it is one in faith and one in worship. The holiness of the Church follows from the holiness of its founder, who exhorted us to attain perfection higher than the natural virtues of truthfulness and honesty. So his followers try to live holy lives and many saints have been blessed with the gifts of miracles and visions. Following Christ's exhortation to his Apostles to preach to "all nations" the Church has spread to the ends of the earth, and encompassed all peoples. In this way it is catholic, meaning universal. The last characteristic of the Church is its Apostolic Succession, which we have already looked at in the previous newsletter.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church is recommended reading for the Year of Faith; many find it heavy. The compendium is much easier to read and can be ordered for you from the CTS by the ladies of the piety stall, price £6.95.

FOOTSTEPS TO THE CROSS:

This Lent service, led by the young people of St. Columba's parish, will be on **Friday, 8th March** at 7.15 p.m. Footsteps to the Cross is a prayerful reflection based around the people Jesus met on his journey with His cross. Please come and support our young people.

If you are at High School and would like to read, or welcome people to the service, please contact Denise Lusk on 01244 379742. Thank you.

GETHSEMANE TO GOLGOTHA:

Mother Prioress and the Sisters of Birkenhead Carmel invite you for Meditations, Music and Prayers for the Fifth Sunday of Lent. The service, which will focus on Christ's Agony in the Garden and his Seven Last Words on the Cross is on Sunday, 17th March, commencing at 3.00 p.m. Members of our choir will be taking part. If you would like to go but are not sure of how to get there, please telephone Bill Baker (01244 376701).

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE 2013:

There will be a meeting at St. Saviour's Church Hall, Ellesmere Port on 21st March at 7.30 p.m. for all the Parishoners going on the trip, and final payments will need to be made on the night.

HOSPICE QUIZ:

The Hospice Quiz held recently raised £206. Many thanks to St. Columba's for the use of the Hall.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH – 7TH MARCH:

The next in the series of Fellowship Lunches arranged by Churches Together in Upton will be on Thursday, 7th March, 12.30 noon to 1.00 p.m. at Upton United Reformed Church, Heath Road. All very welcome; donations in support of the Hospice.

SHREWSBURY CATHOLIC VOICE:

The Lent/Easter issue of the Diocesan magazine is now out, in its new A4 format. Copies are available in both porches, price £1.00. The editor Simon Caldwell explains that the new format will allow room for local news articles, inviting readers to submit news items and jpeg format pictures for consideration for publication in the *Voice* – to simon.caldwell@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT:

This annual national highlighting of Fairtrade issues runs through to 10th March. There are leaflets in both porches giving details of a range of local events, including a film show at Grosvenor Museum on Tuesday evening (free entry but phone 972435) and a Fairtrade wine tasting on Friday evening in the HQ Council Building (£6 entry, call 972435).

PARISH HALL:

Unfortunately the Hall Management are unable to continue in this role due to other commitments. Therefore we are looking for a person or people (committee) to take on the hall management. If you think you might be interested in this vital role within the Parish, please contact, in the first instance, Fr. Cooke or Paul Wigglesworth (01244 382457). Hall bookings and enquiries can still be made via the Muddimans 07553114351 or columbashallbooking@gmail.com

NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Brian Webster
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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.

The Newsletter and earlier issues may also be seen on the Parish Website:
www.stcolumbachester.org.uk