

St Columba's Church

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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD SUNDAY 4th JANUARY 2015

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: 10.00 a.m.

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Friday: 9.15 a.m.

Saturday: 9.15 a.m.

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INTENTIONS:

Gavin Webster
Special Intention

The Parish

Joan Cotter

C. Lavender

REQUIEM:

CHARLES FISHER

Mr. & Mrs. Woolnough

Grace Stringer

James Chapman

Many thanks for your generous Christmas offerings, gifts and cards, they are much appreciated. I hope you all had an enjoyable time during the holiday break and wish you all a Happy New Year.

Fr. Cooke

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.

BAPTISMS:

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

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

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

OFFERTORY (27-28th Dec.):

Loose Plate: £372.71

Planned Giving: £395.78

Average Weekly SOs: £510.00

Donations for candles: £238.94

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: 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, Constance Wendy Mitchell, Margaret Kennedy, Catherine Lawson, Cyril Watkin, James Fairclough, Roy Sutton, Theresa Borg and Victoria Phillips.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

Jan 4th Sewing Group

Jan 12th 21st. Guides Parish

Jan 18th Annette Albuquerque Ickle Pickles

Ickle Pickles are the smallest and sickest babies who need intensive care in Neonatal Units.

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

If you would like to support a charity by making coffee in the Hall after Sunday morning Mass please contact Margaret Curtis, 01244 318424.

HOSPICE COLLECTION:

The two previous Coffee Mornings raised £63.74 which has been donated to The Hospice of the Good Shepherd .Thank you very much.

SVP MONTHLY COLLECTION:

The customary monthly collection on the first weekend of the month will this time be held over until 7-8th February. Many thanks for your continuing support.

ST PIO PRAYER GROUP:

The next meeting is on Thursday 8th January 2015 starting at 7.30 p.m. at 10 Totland Grove, Newton, Chester CH2 2EY. New members are very welcome.

VISITING CHOIR, 11.00 MASS:

For the 11:00 Mass this Sunday we welcome the Octavo Consort - a group of young, experienced choral singers, from Chester and elsewhere. They will sing the Gloria, Sanctus and Agnus Dei from William Byrd's *Mass for Five Voices* and a motet during communion – as well as joining the congregation for the usual hymns and carols at Mass. Octavo is directed by Tom Coxhead of this parish. Tom is in his final year studying music at Durham University and is the Director of Music at Hatfield College.

PASTORAL LETTER 28-12-14:

Copies of Bishop Mark's Pastoral Letter reflecting on "*The Vocation and Mission of the Family*", the title given by Pope Francis to the forthcoming Synod, are available in both church porches. This is the third in a series, the others being "*On Overcoming the Crisis of Marriage and the Family*" 09-11-14 and "*On the Universal Call to Holiness*" 30-11-14. All can be accessed at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org (also from the parish website).

FEAST OF THE WEEK – 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 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 pagan, Gentile world.

DIRECT HELP FOR SIERRA LEONE:

I am receiving daily requests from young people and families in Sierra Leone for direct help with food buying, non Ebola medical treatment etc. One Christian boy called Anthony still a teenager at school would like to start a small shop if he could get £100 investment because he wants to make a small profit to pay for his school fees.

If anyone would like or love the opportunity to give direct please ring Heather Lannin on 07840 621878, thank you.

JUSTICE & PEACE DAY OF REFLECTION:

Saturday 24th January, 10.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. here in St. Columba's Hall. This event is arranged by the Diocesan Commission for the Promotion of Justice, Peace & Social Responsibility. It is for parish reps and for anyone who is interested or involved in justice and peace work or issues. See posters in the porches or on the parish website.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18th – 25th January, 2015:

Here in Upton, we will be marking the Week of Prayer at the alternative time, Pentecost. (17th -24th May). However, many parts of the county are coming together to celebrate the octave at its traditional January time. The service for Churches Together in Cheshire is being held at 6.00 p.m. on **Sunday, 25th January** at St. Mary's Parish Church, Nantwich, hosted by the Nantwich Christian Council. The preacher will be Bishop Mark. See poster in the porches and on the parish website.

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 Muriel Green.
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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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