

# St Columba's Church

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> MAY 2014

### 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:	9.15 a.m.
Thursday:	9.15 a.m.
Friday:	9.15 a.m.
Saturday:	9.15 a.m.
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Sunday:	9.15 a.m.
	11.00 a.m.

### INTENTIONS:

Private Intention (Cherry)
Dave Beatty
The Parish
Gerry Cummins RIP
Rosie Smith
Harry Dubois
Cyril Baxter
Sean McCabe
Dick Jones
The Parish
Mary Regan
Kathleen O'Brian

## THERE WILL BE AN APPEAL AT ALL MASSES TODAY FOR THE FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND

### 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. to 7.10 p.m.

### BAPTISMS:

By appointment. After speaking to Fr. Cooke to arrange a date, please contact Claire Graham on 01244 341287 / 07880 553830.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

*Please remember in your prayers:* Kevin Fearon, Ian Christopher Gaynor, Joan Crump, Ofelia Lanzetta, Rose Creedon, Vincenzo Perruzza, William Walker, Stella Loughlin, Michael Gerald Taylor, Bernard Bownas, Alan Taylor, Helen Veronica Mack, Peter Concannon, Terence George Maloney, Bill Heeney, Ann Jane Harrison, Carolyn Thornton, Ken Hall, George Lavender, Wilfred Turner, John Ray Green, Patricia Westrom, Marie (Nancy) Dagger, George Gibbons, William Johnson, William Huxley, Mary Ellen McCorry, Mary Vivien Dagger, Dennis O'Gorman, Bertha Lofthouse, Anthony Wall

### FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND:

Pat Bevans will be speaking at Mass this weekend about the diminishing number of Christians living in the Holy Land in very difficult circumstances.

### OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate:	£532.93
Planned Giving:	£524.70
Average Weekly SOs:	£510.00
Coffee Morning	£ 27.90

*Thank you for your continued generosity.*

### UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Abbots Park, Milbourne Close and Neston Drive;
- For the Sewing Groups and Card Club.

### RED MISSION BOX HOLDERS:

Mgr. Canon James Cronin has sent a special letter and poster, which is on the message wall in the front porch of the Church, thanking all those who support the Red Box in our Parish. St. Columba's raised £2,215 in 2013. Thank you so much for your continued support.

### SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

4th May	Marg & Jacque	Monies to fund Fellowship Lunch
11th May	Ruth & Jacque	Buzz Group
18 <sup>th</sup> May	Scouts	Parish

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

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS:

Family celebrations of the Sacrament have now begun and will continue throughout May. At the 11.00 a.m. Mass each Sunday some or all of the central benches will be reserved for the children and their families. We pray for and congratulate those making their First Holy Communion this weekend: Dylan Larsen, Matthew Lee, Theodora Regan, Julia Garcia-Diaz, Grace Huxley (Blessing), Jacob Kearney, Oliver Liddiard, Sean Lynch, Rosie McAlavey, Joseph Pierce, Anthony Sta-Cruz.

### GOLDEN JUBILEE OF THE FOUNDING OF THE PARISH OF ST. COLUMBA AND OUR CHURCH:

Thank you to people who have already contributed to our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Appeal for new items for the church. If you wish to contribute to the cost of the new Paschal candlestick, processional cross and refurbishment of the Tabernacle, please put your donation in an envelope marked '50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gift to St Columba's'.

## 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS – ALL OUR YESTERDAYS:

As part of the celebrations we would like an “All Our Yesterdays”, a display of photographs showing Christmas Fayres, Garden Parties, Guides, Scouts, etc. over the past 50 years. We would also like pictures of the original stained glass windows, usually found on wedding or First Communion snaps. Please have a look in your cupboards. Photos can be left in a box in the Sacristy. Please put your names and phone no. on the back to be returned to you eventually. Does anyone know of any weddings that took place in St. Columba's in 1965/66? We would like to hear about them. Further information, please ring Sue 312892.

## GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS – MULTI-NATIONAL PARISH:

As part of our celebrations we would like to reflect the growing and important multi-national aspect of the Parish. Anyone who would like to contribute and assist with this - perhaps we could have an initial chat, in the Iona Chapel, **after either Mass next Sunday 11th May**. Alternatively give me a ring: Sue Carr, 01244 312892.

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, 11-17<sup>th</sup> MAY:

- **Fellowship Lunch, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May.** This lunch is being held on behalf of Churches Together in Upton, 12.00 noon to 1.30 p.m. in the Kempe Room at Holy Ascension Parish Church, Church Lane Upton. All money raised will go in support of Christian Aid. *All welcome.*
- **Envelope Collections:** Working in conjunction with the other Upton churches, St. Columba's takes responsibility for Christian Aid Week house-to-house collections in some of our local streets (A-D alphabetically). The envelopes are set out in the rear porch, made up into bundles for each street, with all necessary instructions. The envelopes are for delivery next weekend, for subsequent collection during that week. **If you are able to help with some of these collections this would be very much appreciated.** For more information please contact Bernard Payne, 01244 350323.

## CONFIRMATION:

The next parish celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will be on Friday 3rd October 2014 at 7pm. As usual we will prepare together, at St. Columba's, with St. Theresa's parish and candidates from other Chester parishes. To be Confirmed you must be in school Year 8, or older, on the Confirmation day (no upper age limit). If you would like to be Confirmed please sign the list in the front porch. If you're not sure, why not come for a few sessions to find out more and then decide? Please sign up ASAP as an email will be sent out shortly with further information. More information from Denise Lusk on 379742.

## CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS:

Thank you very much to those who have come forward to help prepare our young parishioners for Confirmation. We would like one or two more catechists to cover when team members are off. We will have a training session before the programme begins. Please contact Denise Lusk on 379742 if you can help.

## ST PIO PRAYER GROUP:

The next meeting is on Thursday 8 May at 7.30pm at 10 Totland Grove, Newton, Chester CH2 2EY. New members welcome.

## URGENT HELP REQUIRED FOR PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:

The Chester ACROSS Group require a number of helpers, at least one of whom must be female, for our pilgrimage to Lourdes overland by Jumbulance from Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May. The cost is £750 but help may be available to those who cannot afford the full amount. For further information, please contact Marion Marsh on 07969 261997 or Tony Murphy on 07881 656974.

## SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE - DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

- **Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> June** Annual BBQ (free) and
- **Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> July** Coach trip to Lichfield.

## ANOTHER DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

**Thursday 8th May:** “ECO FASHION SHOW” at the John Prescott Theatre, West Cheshire College, Ellesmere Port, at 7.30 p.m. Profits will fund Malawi Women to do tailoring courses. Taking part are the college students, Chifundo Fashion and volunteers from Save the Children Shop. Tickets are £6 adults and £3 for 19 years and under—available from the College Reception, Save the Children Chester shop, or Chifundo 01244 381490.

## GIFT AID RETURN 2013-14:

The annual claim for refund of income tax from offertory donations made under the Gift Aid scheme during 2013-14 has just been made. The total against which the claim was made was £44,153.60, and this should result in a return to the parish, after deduction of the diocesan commission, of £10,044.94. Thanks to all of you who contribute under this scheme. Should you be interested in joining the scheme, which enables the parish to reclaim from HMRC the income tax you have paid on your donations at no cost to you, then please contact David Savage on 380626 or [savage214@btinternet.com](mailto:savage214@btinternet.com).

## 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:

This 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.

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