

St Columba's Church

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EASTER SUNDAY, 5th APRIL 2015

MASS TIMES:

Holy Saturday:

8.00 p.m.

EASTER 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.

Saturday Vigil Mass:

7.15 p.m.

Sunday:

9.15 a.m.

11.00 a.m.

INTENTIONS:

EASTER VIGIL.

Ann Langheld RIP.

The Parish.

Frances Connolly.

Private Intention.

Priest's Intention.

Peggy & George Walker.

Private Intention.

Priest's Intention.

Frederick & Joan Hodson.

Parish.

Margaret Leaver.

A very happy and blessed Easter to all at St. Columba's

BAPTISMS:

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

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:

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

LATELY DEAD:

Kath Thompson has died a very loyal and strong Catholic, we pray for her and her family.

Also David Columbine has died, may God give him comfort and strength in heaven.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Frank McNamara, Frank Sullivan, Frances Fearon, Margaret Beckett, Mabel Josphine Douglas, Kathleen Frances Blohm, Anna Maria Borg, Vincentius Dilworth D. Keogh, Stan Smith, Ann Houghton, Joan Irene Wells, Isiah O'Grady, Percy Massey, George Shirley, Agnes Mary Johnston, Ellen Langford, William Jeffs, Dorothy Jean Roberts, Winifride Pauline Boot, Bernard McAlinden, Mary Pearse, Leonard Dagger, Helen Webster, Florence Jane Worrall, James

Loughlin, Anne Marie Fearon, Elizabeth Evans, Herbert Clarke, Hermon Siddall, Robert McMahon, Florence Mary Jewsbury, Kathleen Ann Thomas, Joan and Vic Iddow, John Galvin, Michael Grant Leonard, Grace Williams, Francis Hugh McCann, Mary Barrett, John Fell, Mary Brain, James O'Flaherty, Alice Jane Kennedy, Frank Royle, Siobhain White.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

We remember the sick of the Parish at this time.

Please pray for Ged McEnery.

OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate: £465.84

Planned Giving: £517.74

Average Weekly SOs: £683.00

Donations: Piety Stall £100.00

Many thanks for your generous support.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

April 5th SPUC SPUC

April 12th Sue Carr Clatterbridge

Coffee and cakes stall after both Masses next Sunday 12th April - in aid of Clatterbridge Cancer Care centre. Please come over to Hall and support this worthy cause.

The next coffee rota is on the notice board in the Hall. There are some vacancies. If you would like to volunteer please add your name or contact Margaret Curtis 318424.

Teas coffees and juices 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 Broadway West, Totland Grove and Derwent Road.
- For the Zoo, all who work there.
- For a deeper awareness of our environment.

HOSPITAL MASS:

The first Thursday of April being Maundy Thursday, the regular "First Thursday" Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 9th April at 12.15 p.m. in the Countess of Chester Hospital Chapel. This is for patients/outpatients, staff, families and friends, and the wellbeing of our hospital. All are welcome.

RED MISSION BOXES:

Could those Parishioners holding Red mission Boxes please leave them in the Sacristy for Margaret Curtis to collect. Thank you for your continued support.

NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:

There remain, in the rear porch, several sets of envelopes for the new tax year 2015-16 which begins next weekend **11th/12th April**. Please make sure that you have collected yours. Any envelopes remaining from 2014-15 can be disposed of. Any problems please ring David Savage 380626.

THE CALL, THE JOURNEY AND THE MISSION:

Following the parish gathering on 8th March, parishioners are invited to a follow-up meeting on **Sunday 19th April** at 7:00pm - 09:00pm in the Church Hall. This is to help people respond to the Bishop's questions, leading to the Synod on the Family in October. It will be a facilitated discussion which builds on the initial gathering that introduced the questions and be structured to give people an opportunity to share views, before considering what responses we might make - either as individuals or as a parish. If you would like to attend the meeting please would you add your name to one of the lists in the porches. Thank you.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CHESTER:

Churches Together are following recent tradition of holding an **Election Forum** at which the candidates for the Chester City Constituency of the main political parties will answer questions from the general public. This will be at 7.30 p.m. on **Friday 17th April** at the Catholic High School, Old Wrexham Road, Handbridge.

There will be a further opportunity to quiz the General Election candidates, this time specifically on international development issues, on **Wednesday 22th April**, 7.00 p.m. in Binks Building, near the Parkgate Road entrance of the University of Chester. This meeting is organised jointly between the Chester World Development Forum and the University's Department of Geography and Development Studies. This is an open meeting and all welcome.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES, DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

- **Friday 24th April:** Family Bingo Evening
- **Sunday 7th June:** Annual BBQ to celebrate the anniversary of St Columba
- **Friday 24th July:** Coach trip to Lancaster

Keep an eye on the newsletters and notice boards for further information.

JAZZ NIGHT AT ELLESMERE PORT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:

An evening of musical entertainment from the City Jazz Orchestra and Singers on **Friday 24th April**, 7.30 - 11pm, at Ellesmere Port Catholic High School. Tickets cost £5 (accompanied children gain free entry) with proceeds going to the Ellesmere Port and Chester Lourdes Youth Group. Please bring your own refreshments. For tickets please contact Amy O'Donnell on 07854290897.

VERDI REQUIEM:

A performance of the Verdi Requiem will be given by Ellesmere Port Music Society and the Wirral Philharmonic Orchestra on **Saturday 25th April** at 7.30 p.m. in Ellesmere Port Civic Hall. Details can be found on posters in the porches or on the parish website, or ring Pauline Payne on 01244 350323.

FIRST AID KIT:

This is now in an alcove in the front porch. There is also a wheelchair, drinking water, cups, tissues, sick bowl etc. – if needed. Could we please ask anyone qualified to use these items to make themselves aware of their position, in case needed in an emergency?

ST. COLUMBA'S HALL BOOKINGS:

For all Hall bookings and enquiries please contact Sue Carr on 07553 114531
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NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Alison Wrigglesworth
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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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