



St Columba's Church

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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD SUNDAY 5TH JANUARY 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: REQUIEM 9.40 a.m.

Saturday: 9.15 a.m.

Saturday Vigil 7.15 p.m.

Sunday: 9.15 a.m.

11.00 a.m.

INTENTIONS:

Gavin Webster

Thomas McWilliams

The Parish

Henry O'Connor

Grace Stringer

Charles Chase

Phyllis Heap RIP

Kathleen Tallon

Peter McKenna RIP

Joan Cotter

Peg Walker

The Parish

MORNING PRAYER:

9.00 a.m. in the Sacristy Office, except on Wednesday.

BAPTISMS:

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

CONFESSIONS:

On Saturdays, after the morning Mass, and in the evening from 6.45 to 7.10 p.m.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: 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, 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, Victoria Phillips, Reginald Benwell, Patrick Connelly, Margaret Josephine Hope, Anne Brough, Catherine (Kitty) Floyd.

OFFERTORY (28-29 Dec.):

Loose Plate: £571.01

Planned Giving: £418.10

Average Weekly SOs: £547.00

Many thanks for your generous support.

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.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

Jan 5th Sewing Group Themselves

Jan 12th Maggie Jarrett OAKS

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

RED MISSION BOXES:

Could parishioners holding Red Mission Boxes please leave them in the Sacristy for Margaret Curtis to collect. Your box can be collected from the rear porch.

Thank you for your continued support.

ST PIO PRAYER GROUP:

The next meeting is on Thursday 9th January at 7.30pm at 10, Totland Grove, Chester CH2 2EY.

A THANK-YOU FROM FATHER:

Father Cooke wishes to thank the parishioners for their generous Christmas offerings, cards and gifts, they were much appreciated.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:

Following the Christmas and New Year break, the new school term starts on Monday 6th January. The theme for the week is **Let's Start Again** and the prayer is:

Lord,

Jesus always gave people the opportunity to have a fresh start.

Help me and others to make a fresh start in the New Year.

Amen.

CHESTER & ELLESMERE PORT FOODBANK:

This local Foodbank has been running for a little over a year, providing emergency food supplies for individuals and families in the local area – and also raising awareness of the range of issues surrounding food poverty. The Foodbank operates along the lines established by the nation-wide charity, The Trussell Trust. It is having to extend its area of operations to cover other parts of West Cheshire, and to reflect this it is being renamed the West Cheshire Foodbank.

The Foodbank has been looking for additional collection points, and we are hoping that St. Columba's can host such a collection point – so that donations of non-perishable food items can be left for passing on to the Foodbank and distribution to those in need. We will announce further details on these arrangements very soon, but in the meantime more about the work of the local Foodbank and the agencies that support it can be found at www.westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY:

Traditionally, the Week of Prayer has been held from 18th to 25th January, the octave of Saints Peter and Paul. However, in some localities the Week is observed at the time of Pentecost – that great feast commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles.

Churches Together in Upton, bearing in mind all the snow and ice we experienced on those dates in January 2013, have agreed that in 2014 the Week of Prayer will be observed at Pentecost time, so it will run from **1st to 8th June**, with St. Columba's hosting the prayer services each evening.

The January dates will however be observed elsewhere in Chester – and an ecumenical service is to be held in Chester Cathedral on **Sunday 19th January** at 3.30 p.m. when the preacher will be Lord Carey, former Archbishop of Canterbury.

SHREWSBURY CATHOLIC VOICE:

Copies of the Advent/Christmas 2013 issue of the Diocesan magazine are still available, price £1. Articles include an illustrated account of the Diocesan Holy Land Pilgrimage in October, and a "Year of Faith in Neston" – an account of the ways in which the parish of St. Winefride's observed the holy year.

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 Ian Johnson,

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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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