

St Columba's Church

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

SUNDAY 6th APRIL 2014

MASS TIMES:

Saturday Vigil Mass:	7.15 p.m.	INTENTIONS:	Bernard Leigh.
Sunday:	9.15 a.m.		Noreen and John.
	11.00 a.m.		The Parish.
Monday:	9.15 a.m.		Service of Word & Communion.
Tuesday:	9.15 a.m.		-“-
Wednesday:	9.15 a.m.		-“-
Thursday:	9.15 a.m.		Cyril Baxter.
	7.15 p.m.		Penitential Service For Lent.
Friday:	9.15 p.m.		Llewellyn Eaton. SVP
	7.15 p.m.		Stations of the Cross and Holy Communion.
Saturday:	9.15 a.m.		Sean McCabe.
Saturday Vigil Mass:	7.15 p.m.		Mary McCafferty.
Sunday:	9.15 a.m.		Bill Keys.
	11.00 a.m.		The Parish.

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.

BAPTISMS:

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

LATELY DEAD:

Please remember in your prayers Maureen Tolefree.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Vincentius Dilworth, D. Keogh, Stan Smith, Ann Houghton, 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, Jessie Christian, Paul Maiden, Vincent Thomas Devane.

CONFESSIONS:

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

SVP MONTHLY COLLECTION:

The SVP monthly collection will be taken this weekend, 5th-6th April. Many thanks for your continued support.

WELCOME AND THANK YOU:

To Priests from St Francis' parish, celebrating all Masses with us this weekend, a warm welcome and thanks for their support."

OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate:	£545.80
Planned Giving:	£444.75
Average Weekly SOs:	£547.00
Donation –Piety Stall:	£150.44

Thank you for your continued generosity.

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE:

On **Thursday 10th April** at 7.15 pm, there will be a Lenten Penitential Service at St. Columba's Church. Visiting Priests will be available for confessions.

GOLDEN JUBILEE FOR THE FOUNDING OF THE PARISH OF ST. COLUMBA:

Donations for the Processional Cross, the Tabernacle refurbishment and other items for the Church, please mark your gift envelopes 'Golden Jubilee'. Thank you.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

6th April	Pat & John	SPUC
13th April	Marie & Sue	Parish
20th April	Jackie Turvey	Sea Cadets & Parish

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

RED MISSION BOXES:

Could those 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.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

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

EASTER FLOWERS:

There will be a collection after all Masses next weekend towards the cost of flowers to decorate the Church during the Easter season and the coming few months. Thank you in anticipation of your continued generosity and support.

50th ANNIVERSARY:

As part of the celebration 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 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 info please ring Sue 312892

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – HELP WANTED:

This Liturgy takes place in the Hall during 11.00 a.m. Mass. Could you join the group of 15 to help pass on your faith to our children? All ideas and materials are provided. You only need to be there once every 5 weeks, and always swap if needed. Please contact Catherine on 383866; 07462 780302; or catherine.green@care4free.net

CONFIRMATION:

The next parish celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will be on Friday **3rd October 2014** at 7pm. To be Confirmed you must be in school year 8, or older, on the Confirmation day. If you would like to be Confirmed please sign the list in the front porch. As usual we will prepare together with St. Theresa's parish and candidates from other Chester parishes. For more information contact Denise Lusk on 379742.

CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS:

We need two or three more catechists to help prepare our young people for Confirmation. If you would like to help (it's a good thing to do and generally fun) please contact Denise Lusk on 379742. We will have a training session before the programme begins.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:

The new orange envelopes for the tax year 2014-15 should be used from today. Any of last year's pink envelopes which you may still have may be put out for recycling. A number of orange envelopes remain uncollected in the church porch; please remember to collect them if they are yours. Any problems or queries please ring David Savage 380626.

PASTORAL COUNCIL:

The next meeting has been rearranged and will now be held on **Wednesday 23rd April**. In the meantime the Minutes of the last meeting are displayed on the Notice Board.

THANK YOU:

On behalf of the children and adult helpers of St Marys Children's Home in Sierra Leone, a huge thank you for the recent donation from our, St Vincent De Paul group. The million leones£300, total donation enabled them to buy a freezer/fridge that they have been without now for the last 3years....in that heat !!!! They are very grateful indeed. Also thanks for the £60 I made last Sunday for Sierra Leone, at the coffee morning with my great little helpers ...you know who you are!

LONDON MARATHON 2014:

Chester Lions Club kindly secured a place for Heather Lannin this year as she attempts to run the London Marathon on April 13th for the Hospice of the Good Shepherd. All sponsorship welcomes to raise £1500 for new day centre in Backford. www.justgiving.com/Heather-Lannin

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION:

Bedding Plant Scheme – The P.A. is once again running its successful bedding plant scheme to raise much needed funds for the school. Forms available from school (01244 981600) or in the Church's porch. Orders to be received by school by **Friday 25th April**. Completed orders will need to be collected from the school car park on Saturday 17 May between 10.00 and 11.00 am. Delivery is also available for a small charge. Thanks for all your support.

WORLD WAR ONE MEMORIAL:

For soldiers who died or survived WWI.

Families in Parish who have records or name of relatives, please contact Fr. Paul Shaw of St Werburgh's Chester; or cheshire.historian@fsmail.net For more information, please see the website for the Great War Project: www.stwerburghchester.co.uk/more-about-st-werburgh's/great-war.aspx

NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING – NON-EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER 101:

We recently had a complaint from a neighbour about gatherings of youths in one of the outside porches of the church – which he found intimidating. This led to a meeting with a Support Officer from the Chester Outer Neighbourhood Policing Team, who drew our attention to the new system for contacting the police on any matter of concern that might not warrant a 999 call: you dial the number 101 and your call will be put through to the relevant Neighbourhood Policing Team.

'FED UP OF COOKING ON A FRIDAY? THEN POP INTO THE 'POP-UP RESTUARANT':

For one night only, the Ellesmere Port and Chester Lourdes Youth group is running a Pop-Up restaurant' at St. Columba's church hall on **Friday 11th April** as part of their fundraising. Doors open at 7pm for a delicious but simple two-course meal, with full table service for £7 per person, under 12's free. Choice of main course: chilli con carne, chicken curry, beef hot pot, veggie option and a children's dish. Bar available. To book or enquire please contact Ellie Edwards (01244 300338 or email findellieedwards@hotmail.co.uk) with your name and number, and if possible an indication of your choice of mains and the number in your party.

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 Brian Webster
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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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