

# St Columba's Church

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## FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2016.

### MASS TIMES:

Saturday Vigil Mass:	7.15 p.m.	Elizabeth Williams
Sunday:	9.15 a.m.	Mary Regan
	11.00 a.m.	Mary I Styles
Monday:	9.15 a.m.	Des Bolger
Tuesday:	9.15 a.m.	Alan Chappell (RIP)
Wednesday:	9.15 a.m.	Terence Cunniff (RIP)
Thursday:	9.15 a.m.	Beatrice Thompson (RIP)
	12 noon	<b>REQUIEM Patricia Barker</b>
Friday:	7.00 p.m.	Catherine Padfield (RIP)
		(Followed by Stations Of The Cross)
Saturday:		<b>NO MORNING MASS.</b>
Saturday Vigil Mass:	7.15 p.m.	Lesbia Sullivan
Sunday:	9.15 a.m.	The Parish
	11.00 a.m.	Annie Roberts

### BAPTISMS:

By appointment. After speaking to Fr. Jonathan to arrange a date, please contact Claire O'Donnell 07743 704383 (text or 'phone).

### MORNING PRAYER:

Each morning at 9.00 a.m. before the Blessed Sacrament in the Iona Chapel, Monday through to Friday, except Wednesdays, when Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour are said at 9.15 a.m. prior to Mass.

### CONFESSIONS:

Each Saturday, in the morning 10.00 to 10.30 a.m. and in the evening 6.45 to 7.10 p.m. (before the Saturday Vigil Mass).

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: John Burrell, Anthony Xuereb, Philip Anthony (Tony) Lambe, Terence (Terry) Cunningham, Gemma Elizabeth Holcroft, John Nigel Burrell, Veronica Eileen McPeake, William Rodgers, Frederick Fletcher, Dolores Coriam, Walter Kenneth James Cooper, Michael Hutfield, Fred Hutfield, Alan Frederick Barker, Lily Margaret Jones, Michael Hogan, Margaret Hennessy, Thomas Anthony Evans, Gerald A Rigby, James Rooney, William Patrick Lester, John Christopherson, June Winifrede Mullins, Winifred Basaraba, , Teresa Cowdrey, Fr. Bernard Wilkinson, Carol Vozniack, Irene Quance, Cornelius Lally, Jane Henderson, Marjorie Dodman, Daniel John Darcy, Dorothy Sybil Jefferies, Pauline O.Connor, Martin McKenna (Snr), Annie Elizabeth Bowler, Edward Sweeney, John Weaver, Margaret Sutcliffe.

### LATELY DEAD: Patricia Barker & John Shanley:

We remember them in our prayers. May they rest in peace, and may God comfort their families and all who mourn.

### OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate:	£536.02
Planned Giving:	£508.41
Average Weekly Standing Orders:	£683.00
<b>Donations:</b> Fr. Cooke Buffet	£29.00
Candles:	£53.56
Coffee Morning	£38.20

### LENTEN DEVOTIONS:

**On Fridays during Lent daily Mass will be in the evening at 7.00 p.m.** followed by Stations Of The Cross and (except on 11<sup>th</sup> March) Benediction.

### UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Ellesmere Avenue, Pensby Avenue and Kendal Close.
- For Pax Christi, Saving To Share, Mission Groups, Christian Aid, Cafod and Traidcraft.
- For our mission in the wider church.

### SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

6th March	Catholic High PTA	Themselves
13th March	Sue & Margy	Parish
20th March	Alison & Paul	Tombola
27th March	Annette Alburquerque	Fancy Dress & Cakes Ickle Pickles

Tea, coffee and juice are served in the hall after Sunday morning Masses. We urgently need volunteers to manage these mornings - either to raise money for the parish or a charity of your choice. If you can devote a couple of hours, please put your name on the rota in the hall or contact Margaret Curtis 318424.

### A JOURNEY THROUGH LENT:

The talks on the readings for the Sundays of Lent continue on Tuesday at 7.00 p.m. in the Iona Chapel, when we'll be looking at the readings for the fifth and final Sunday. A warm welcome is extended to all parishioners. You don't have to come every week, just drop in when you can. See the Notice Boards for more details.

### CONFIRMATION:

Our next celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will be on Friday 28th October 2016 at 7pm. To be Confirmed this time you must be in year 8 at high school, or older, on the Confirmation day, or already at high school. There is no upper age limit for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. More details will be announced soon.

**FOOTSTEPS TO THE CROSS (Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> March 7.30 p.m.):**

This will be led by the youth of our parish and will focus on Jesus' journey with his cross and the people he met. Although led by our young people the service is for all ages. Please come along and support our young people.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN UPTON:**

The final one in the series of **Lent Reflections** takes place this week, **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March** at 6.45 p.m. in the Iona Chapel. All are very welcome.

**GIFT AID:**

As the end of the Tax Year approaches you are reminded to check that you will have paid enough Income Tax in 2015-16 to cover the tax that will be reclaimed on your gift aided donations. If in any doubt, please contact David Savage tel. 380626.

**LENT APPEAL FOR SIERRA LEONE:**

I will be making another humanitarian holiday trip to Sierra Leone, West Africa for Easter this year leaving March 23rd. The young RC orphans and teenagers are begging me for secondhand (or no longer needed) laptop computers, gameboys, cameras and telephones to take to them as useful gifts. Please contact Heather on 07840621878 if you have any and/or would like to share...Thank you. With appreciation.

**EASTER SUNDAY CHILDREN'S FANCY DRESS COMPETITION:**

In aid of Ickle Pickle's neo-natal charity, a Fancy Dress Competition will be held in the Church Hall after 11 o'clock Mass on **Easter Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> March**. Entry fee £1. Prizes for the winners of each age group: under 5; 5 - 8; 9 - 12. Each competitor will also receive a Certificate of Participation.

Hand-crafted cloth dolls will be auctioned and delicious home-made cakes will be on sale.

Every penny raised will go to Ickle Pickles to help buy life-saving equipment for babies born too soon, too small and too sick to survive on their own.

For further details, please call Annette on 01244 399707 or email [annettealbuq@gmail.com](mailto:annettealbuq@gmail.com)

- **HELP NEEDED!** Volunteers are needed to serve tea and coffee and sell cakes on 27<sup>th</sup> March, whilst the Fancy Dress Competition is taking place. (also after the 9:15 Mass). If you can bake a batch of cakes to sell, that would be much appreciated. Please call Annette if you are able to assist in any way.

**LENT FAST DAY:**

Thank you very much for supporting Lent Fast Day. A total of £534.50 has been sent to CAFOD in support of their work in developing countries.

**RED MISSION BOXES:**

Could those Parishioners holding Red Mission Boxes please leave them in the Sacristy for Marg Curtis (318424) to collect.

The boxes can be collected from the table in the rear porch. Thank you for your continued support.

**CHESTER DEBATING SOCIETY:**

Chester Debating society is holding an extra debate on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March** with the motion 'The Christian Church should reject same sex marriage'. Proposer: John Cheek (Broadcaster), Opposer: Rev. Dr. Trevor Dennis (retired Vice Dean of Chester Cathedral).

The debate will be held in the church hall of St Mary's Church in Handbridge, Chester at 7pm for 7.15pm.

**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)

**FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 29 FEB-13 MAR:**

Fairtrade Fortnight happens annually, when events of various kinds are held in all parts of the country to promote the ideals of Fairtrade. Events in Chester this year include:

- **"The True Cost of Fashion"**: Chifundo UK, a charity that supports women in Malawi, is organising a fashion show and sale of ethical fashion products, with a screening of the 2015 film "The True Cost" about the untold story of 'fast fashion' and how Fair Trade can tackle the down side for workers and global climate change. **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March**, 7:30 p.m, here in St. Columba's Hall. Free entry, donations invited.
- **"Fairtrade Fundays"**: Being held on **Sat 12<sup>th</sup> and Sun 13<sup>th</sup> March**, 11 a.m.to 4 p.m. each day. Activities for young people in the newly-developed Activity Zone in Grosvenor Park.

See posters for more information.

**ST PIO PRAYER GROUP:**

Next meeting 7.30 p.m. **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March** at 10 Totland Grove, Newton, Chester CH2 2EY.

**DIOCESAN YOUTH EVENT:**

*To all young adults of the Diocese:* Bishop Mark invites you to join him in responding to Pope Francis' call to 'Enter the Door of Mercy' in this Holy Year. The Jubilee Year event for young people will take place at Saint Chad's High School in Runcorn on **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March** to hear from John Pridmore (former East End gangster), and the Cenacolo Community (a life-changing community for addicts), as well as taking time for prayer, reflection, Adoration and to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The afternoon is a great opportunity to gather together with other young people in a spirit of faith and friendship. More information on the posters (in the porches and on the parish website).

**ANNUAL NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH:**

The Novena to St. Joseph will take place from **10<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> March** at St. Joseph's Church in Maidenhead and at Herbert House, Freshfield, Liverpool. Each year the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St. Joseph, their patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society and the missionary outreach of the Church, as well as, for the intentions of all those who support their work. You are invited to send in your petitions and/or to request a Novena booklet to enable you to join in from home by praying the daily Novena prayer, Please write to Fr. Liam Cummins MHM, St Joseph's Missionary Society, 58 Cookham Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7HT or email

[novena@millhillmissionaries.com](mailto:novena@millhillmissionaries.com) For more information please see the displayed posters in both front and rear porches.

**NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:**

Will be compiled by Muriel Green, 01244 383836.

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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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