

ST. COLUMBA'S

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Please see pamphlets in Church Porches for more details*

SUNDAY 7th APRIL 2013 – SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS & SERVICE TIMES:

Saturday Vigil: 8.00 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.
Saturday Vigil: 7.15 p.m.
Sunday: 9.15 a.m.
11.00 a.m.

INTENTIONS:

Josefina Barbon
Terry Cunningham RIP
The Parish
Frank Sullivan
Gerry Galvin
Private Intention
Katherine RIP
Private Intention
Private Intention
Priest's Intention
Josefina Barbon
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.

CONFESSIONS:

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

BAPTISMS:

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

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: 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, Veronica Underwood, James O'Flaherty, Alice Jane Kennedy, Frank Royle, Siobhain White, Jessie Christian, Paul Maiden, Vincent Thomas Devane, Anthony McAleavy, Caroline Shone, Henry McGuinness, Angela Bird, John Palmer

LATELY DEAD:

Please remember Graziella Baker, who died this week. She was Marian and Bill Baker's daughter-in-law. She was Italian and married to Aidan Baker, and she was a lovely person who will be missed very much.

Please also remember Miss Celia Mitchell who died recently – she had a long and active life. Her funeral Mass will be at St Francis, Chester, next **Wednesday 10th April** at 12 noon. We offer our sympathy to her family and assure them of our prayers.

COFFEE/TEA:

Tea and coffee are served in the Hall after both the Sunday morning Masses. All welcome.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA 2013:

April 7th Pat Wilkinson
April 14th Anne and Anthony Mosquera
April 21st Jackie Turvey
Enquiries to Margaret Curtis 01244 318424

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:

The new pink envelopes begin today. A considerable number have not yet been collected and are available in the rear porch.

GIFT AID DONORS OVER 65:

Are you a Gift Aid donor aged 65 or over? If your income for 2012/13 is £25,400+ and you Gift Aid your donations to the Parish, it may be worthwhile letting HMRC know as there may be a personal tax benefit. An information sheet is available from David Savage, tel. 380626 or savage214@btinternet.com.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

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

ST PIO PRAYER GROUP:

The next meeting is on **Thursday 11th April** at 7.30pm, at 10 Totland Grove, Newton, Chester, CH2 2EY.

RED MISSION BOXES:

Could those Red Mission Box holders please leave their box in the Sacristy for Margaret Curtis to collect. If you wish to Gift Aid please attach a note to your box. Boxes can be collected from the rear porch. Thank you for your continued support.

FOOD OF THE WORLD EVENING:

There will be a "Food of the World" evening on **Friday 12th April** at 7.00p.m. in aid of Refugees/Asylum Seekers, and will be held at Kingsway Cafe (in the corner at the parade of shops). Why not come along and support this most worthy cause and enjoy some of the delicious dishes from around the world. Tickets are £5.00 each and available to purchase from someone in the porch after all the Masses this Sunday, and from Kingsway Cafe.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

- April 7th is the feast of **John-Baptist De La Salle** (1651-1719) founder of the teaching order Brothers of the Christian Schools. He was "a notable pioneer in education for the working classes, in the training of teachers and in the rehabilitation of delinquents". In 1950 Pius XII named him patron of schoolteachers.
- April 11th is the feast of **Stanislaus of Cracow** (1010-79), bishop and martyr, patron of Poland. While Bishop of Cracow, his outspoken condemnation of corruption led to his murder at the hands of the king, Boleslaus.

PARISH BUILDINGS COMMITTEE, MARCH 2013:

The kneelers have been re-covered. They look good and are comfortable. It was agreed to consider re-covering the chairs used on the altar. The inside walls of the church and the radiator covers have been painted. It is hoped that we will be able to have the outside of the church painted later in the year. We ask members of the congregation to use the gas lighter, not matches - please - to light votive candles, to avoid burns to the carpet. The heating system's ability to warm the church quickly and economically has been much appreciated on a number of recent occasions.

The next meeting will be on **Monday 29th April**, 7.30 p.m. in the church office.

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PARISH HALL: Sue Carr has now taken over management of the Parish Hall. All bookings and enquires are still to be made via columbashallbookings@gmail.com or by phoning 07553 114531.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- **Friday 26th April** - Beetle Drive in the Hall.
- **Sunday 9th June** - BBQ to celebrate the Feast of St Columba.

PARISH WEBSITE:

We are now fully up and running with the new website, based on the WordPress system, but utilising the same address as before:

www.stcolumbachester.org.uk

We're intending to keep the website fairly simple and very easy to use, but we will be interested in any suggestions you might have for its further development. Please send your comments either to Rebecca Vaughan on **rebecca_vghn@yahoo.co.uk** or to **bernard.payne691@btinternet.com**

ECO CHIC FASHION SHOW:

A fund-raising fashion show is being held on **Thursday 25th April** at 7.30 p.m. in the Rotunda at West Cheshire College's Ellesmere Port site, Sutton Way. The proceeds will go in aid of a project that helps to empower women in Malawi, and which is fostering links between West Cheshire's Fashion Department and the Beehive Tailoring School - part of the wide-ranging Krizevac Project which is based near Blantyre. Tickets for the evening will be £6, students £2. For further information and for tickets please phone 01244 381490.

MENDELSSOHN'S ELIJAH:

This choral concert will be given by Ellesmere Port Music Society and Wirral Philharmonic Orchestra on **Saturday 20th April** at 7.30 p.m. in Ellesmere Port Civic Hall. Details may be found on posters in the porches (also on the St. Columba website) or ring Pauline Payne, 01244 350323.

CHESTER HOMELESS:

Thank you for all your enquiries regarding the Centre. As you are probably aware, since losing the funding there have been many changes, but the remaining Staff (reduced from 36 to 3 full-time and 4 part-time) has managed to keep the Centre going, and still providing the much needed walk-in facility for breakfasts from 9 to 10.30am together with medical help and assistance. The hot showers, laundry, help and advice, and referrals onto accommodation are also still in place. Hopefully Crispin House will be opening up some time in the near future. They are in desperate need of help but keeping an amazingly positive approach.

As always they are in need of warm clothing. Now that they are not controlled by the Council, they can provide the Homeless with blankets and sleeping bags so these can now be donated. Tinned and dried goods together with toiletries, laundry powder etc are always needed. The website has had to be altered due to the withdrawal of funding but the good news is that the new website will soon be up and running and ready to be accessed. They do have a Facebook page for those of you able to access it - Chester Aid to the Homeless. From this site you will be able to see at a glance the different facilities that they are providing.

For detailed information the Manager, Rob, is more than happy for you to contact him on 07716855348. In the meantime Maggie Burns is available on Chester 341509 after 7 p.m. for suitability of donations etc. Thank you most sincerely for your continued support of this very necessary and worthy cause.

FOOTBALL KITS FOR AFRICA !

Please donate any 2nd hand /unwanted football kits (part or full) to be sent to Africa with the Kits4Kids charity. Take any donations to the Football Boutique in Rufus Court who are storing the kits until we have collected 100 to send. Any queries phone Heather 0784062 1878

NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Bernard Payne.

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Items for inclusion can also 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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