

St Columba's Church

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- ❖ Chester Hospitals' Chaplaincy: Tel: 01244 364543, answer phone available.
- ❖ Parish Safeguarding Representative: Claire Graham. Tel 01244 341287 or 0788 055 3830.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 7th FEBRUARY 2016

MASS TIMES:

Saturday	12.00 noon
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.
Ash Wednesday:	9.15 a.m.
	7.15 p.m.
Thursday:	9.15 a.m.
Friday:	11.30 a.m.
Saturday:	9.15 a.m.
Saturday Vigil Mass:	7.15 p.m.
Sunday:	9.15 a.m.
	11.00 a.m.

INTENTIONS:

Diocesan Mass for Marriage and Family Life
The Parish
Peggy Nichols
Rosemary Prendergast RIP
Pat Cummins & Judy Hough
Beryl Chapman (successful Operation)
Sean McCabe (A)
James Chapman
Eileen O'Donovan (A)
REQUIEM
Reginald Paul Harrison
No service
Maureen O'Hora
Joan & Frederick Hodson
The Parish

BAPTISMS:

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

MORNING PRAYER:

Each morning at 9.00 a.m. in the Sacristy Office, Monday through to Friday, except Wednesdays.

LATELY DEAD:

We remember in our prayers Mae Kay. May God comfort and support her family.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Fr. James Molloy, Lesbia Sullivan, Christopher Woods, Edward Joseph Brecon, Ernest Kendal, Ann Mary Hughes, Ray James, Marjorie Sweeney, Ida Trumdale, Ethel McGlown, Robert Shelton, Kathleen O'Farrell, Joseph Hanratty, David Harris, William Bailey, Kathleen Stone, Annie Sweeney, Stephanus Windsor, George Hollingsworth, Alfred Winn, Rachel Joyce, William Thompson, William Victor (Vic) Fry, George Ogg, Ellen Ferguson, Joseph Hilton, Sheila Davies, Trudy Potts, James Frances Blythin, Henrietta Helen Bond, John James (Sean) McCabe, Bernard Nicholas, Francis James Watts, Hilda Heveran, Joyce Wynne, Sydney Joseph Merchant (B.E.M.), Susan McGann, Margaret Finnigan, Bridget Mary McManus, Lilian May Adams
1998 Marlene Rose Tyrrell, Bernard Leigh

CONFESSIONS:

Each Saturday 6.45 p.m. to 7.10 p.m. (before the Saturday Vigil Mass).

OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate:	£399.46
Planned Giving:	£456.70
Average Weekly Standing Orders:	£683.00
Candles	£ 46.21

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

7th Feb	Chris & Liz Nichols	Tombola
14th Feb	CWL	CWL
21 st Feb	The Mosquera Family	Parish

There are a few Sunday coffee mornings vacant this coming year. 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 for more details.

Tea, coffee and juice are served in the hall after Sunday morning Masses. All are welcome.

FIRST FORGIVENESS:

We pray for the children who have just received the Sacrament of First Forgiveness. As they now go on to prepare for First Holy Communion please pray for them, their families, teachers and catechists at this important time in their faith journey.

LENT AND EASTER AT ST COLUMBA'S:

The usual Lenten leaflets are being distributed this weekend. In addition there is also a small booklet about the Year of Mercy for everyone as an aid during this Year of Jubilee. Please take the leaflet and booklet home with you.

Fr. Jonathan will lead Stations of the Cross on **Friday 12th February** at 7.15 p.m. followed by Benediction.

LENT FAST DAY:

This year, Lent Fast Day is on **Friday 19th February**. The CAFOD Fast Day envelopes will be found with the Newsletters next weekend. The envelopes can be returned, with your offerings, via the normal Offertory baskets on 20th - 21st February, or the following weekend. Thank you for your support.

WELCOME TO FR. JONATHAN BRANDON

We extend the warmest of welcomes to Fr. Jonathan as he becomes our Parish Priest this Sunday. We hope he will be happy and fulfilled in his new ministry. We welcome also to St. Theresa's, Blacon, Fr. Isidore Madueke, who is to assist Fr. Jonathan for 12 months in the work of bringing the two parishes together as one. With the parishioners of St. Theresa's, may we assure them both of our prayers and support for their task.

FR. JONATHAN INTRODUCES HIMSELF:

I was born in Birkenhead on 11th August 1976 the youngest of three children. My family moved to West Wirral when I was a baby and I grew up in Our Lady of Pity Parish, Greasby and St Agnes, West Kirby.

I went to secondary school at St Mary's College, Wallasey and then studied languages at the University of Liverpool. After University I worked for a year.

In 1999 I was accepted as a student for the priesthood by Bishop Brian and I trained for the priesthood at Ushaw College, Durham. I was ordained priest on 11th June 2005. I served as an assistant priest at St Peter's, Hazel Grove from 2005-2009 and then went to undertake further studies in Rome. In 2012 I returned to the Diocese and was appointed private secretary to Bishop Mark and Parish Priest of Holy Angels, Hale Barns.

When the Bishop asked me to come to St. Columba's and St. Theresa's he said that he wanted me to take up my new appointment by Lent, I am not sure if he is sending me to you as your penance, but I am very much looking forward to serving and working with you all in bringing our parishes together and renewing our life and mission in the service of Christ and His Church. Let us pray for one another.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN UPTON:

- A series of three short Lent reflections will be held here, at St Columba's, **on the following Thursdays: 25 February, 3 March and 10 March.** Please join us in the Iona Chapel at 6.45 p.m. All very welcome.
- Churches Together in Upton have started an initiative to extend the current practice of praying for the residents of particular roads by encouraging individual prayer requests. Requests can be made by writing on a piece of paper and posting it to Prayer Meeting, Upton United Reformed Church, Heath Road, Chester, or by email to info@uptonurc.org.uk
- Churches Together in Upton hold a coffee morning each Monday at The Pavilion, Wealstone Lane - 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Whitton Drive, Sutton Drive, Bidston Close and Greenfield Lane.
- The Babies and Toddler Group, Sunshine Tots, Praise & Play and for all the leaders
- Young families.

A JOURNEY THROUGH LENT:

The series of talks on the readings for the Sundays of Lent commences on **Tuesday 9th February** at 7.00 p.m. in the Iona Chapel, when we'll be looking at the readings for the first Sunday of Lent. The talks are intended mainly for Readers, especially those reading during Lent, but a warm welcome is extended to all interested parishioners. You don't have to come every week, just drop in when you can. See the Notice Boards for more details.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

The next Catholic Women's League meeting will be held on **Monday 8th February** at St Francis Church commencing with Mass at 12 noon followed by the meeting. Please bring your own lunch, tea and biscuits will be provided. If any ladies of the parish would care to join us you will be very welcome.

ST PIO PRAYER GROUP:

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

HOSPICE SUPPORT GROUP QUIZ:

This **Friday February 12th** at 7 p.m. in the Hall, Raffle, Refreshments. Admission £2.00. Teams of 4-6. See poster on Notice Board.

WORLD YOUTH DAY KRAKOW 2016:

For any 16 – 35 year olds there are still a few places available on the Diocesan trip to Poland (19th July – 2nd August 2016) to celebrate with Pope Francis and other young people from all over the world. **The last date for applications is Monday 8th February.** For further details view the website: <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/youth>

PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FUND:

This collection will remain open for a couple of weeks. Envelopes are available in both porches for your donations together with information about setting up a Standing Order to the Fund.

TO ALL PARISH KEYHOLDERS:

Please, would anyone who has a key to St Columba's Presbytery hand it to Fr. Jonathan at a convenient opportunity; and would those who hold keys to the church make themselves known to Fr. Jonathan so that an up to date record of holders can be made. Thank you.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE MANCHESTER:

Starts Ash Wednesday. Take a stand for life this Lent. Sign up online www.40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/manchester-2/ or call Michael 07810 791032.

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 Ann Siddall
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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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