



St Columba's Church

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PENTECOST SUNDAY SUNDAY, 8TH JUNE 2014

MASS TIMES:

Saturday Vigil Mass:	7.15 p.m.
Sunday:	9.15 a.m. 11.00 a.m.
Monday: (R.O'Sullivan).	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 Mass:	7.15 p.m.
Sunday:	9.15 a.m. 11.00 a.m.

INTENTIONS:

Gerry Cummins.
Mary & Ray Green. A. The Parish.
Thanksgiving
John Roe.
Marie Terese Camilieri.
Joan Wells.
Cyril Baxter.
Bernard Leigh
Sean McCabe.
The Parish.
Mary Edwards.

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.

We welcome Emma who was baptised last Sunday.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Helen Maria Madden, Berti (Ian) McClellan, Catherine Lavelle, David Morgan, Harry Underwood, John Cunningham, Mary Austin, Roy Anthony Duckers, Maureen Jamieson, Cyril Wilkes, Monica (Mary) Callow, Brian Harrison, Eileen Agnes Lunt, Doris Scott, Mary McGonagle, James Whitcombe, Mary Elizabeth Green, Michael Mitchell, Edward Rogers, Thomas McGreavy, Mary O'Loughlin, Bernard McNicholas, Matthew Baker, Charles Francis Evans, Thomas Owain Christopher Arnold, Christopher Johnson, Winifred Roche, Maureen Mair, Percy John Tobin, Dieta Fairclough, George Shaw, Clare Walker and Jacqueline Ann Macdonald.

CONFESSIONS:

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

OFFERTORY (week ending 1st June):

Loose Plate:	£500.73
Planned Giving:	£473.69
Average Weekly SOs:	£510.00

Thank you for your continuing generosity.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

8th June, SUMMER FAIR & BBQ - Social

Committee

15th June CWL.

CWL

22nd June 9.15a.m. Mass Tea & Coffee as normal

11.00a.m. Holy Communion Mass &
Party in Hall.

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

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Plas Newton Lane, Wealstone Court and Surrey Road
- The Deanery Synod representatives
- All our joint services in our churches, schools and in the cathedral

FEASTS OF THE WEEK: ST. COLUMBA

On Monday we celebrate our Patronal Feast of St. Columba. We are familiar with Columba's story but can always rejoice at its re-telling. Born in Donegal in 521 into a royal family, he trained as a monk and himself founded a number of monasteries in different parts of Ireland. He went into voluntary exile from Ireland in 565, reputedly in repentance for his part in a violent, bloodletting disagreement over the possession and copying of sacred manuscripts. With 12 companions he sailed for Scotland, setting up a new monastery on the island of Iona. From the base of Iona, St. Columba and his followers and successors had enormous influence on the course of Christian history throughout Scotland, and in north-eastern England through the foundation of Lindisfarne. He died in 597, the same year as the arrival of St. Augustine to the Kentish shore. He is noted for his love of all creatures, human and animal.

Also:

Wednesday, St Barnabas. Barnabas was a Jew from Cyprus and one of the first converts in Jerusalem. He introduced Paul to the twelve apostles and worked with him in Antioch.

Friday, St Anthony of Padua. Born in Lisbon he is remembered and loved as an inspired preacher a servant of the poor and a worker of miracles.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:

The theme this week and next is **Looking Forward**. The prayer is:
*Dear Lord,
Let me be willing to see the bigger picture in all things.
Help me to look forward, make decisions and set targets that will
allow me to follow the plans you have for my life.
Amen*

SVP:

The SVP monthly collection will be taken after all Masses this weekend (7th – 8th June). We thank you for your continued support.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS:

All the children will come together for the Parish Thanksgiving Mass on **Sunday 22nd June** at 11.00.a.m. Please continue to pray for them at this special time.

ST PIO PRAYER GROUP:

The next meeting is on Thursday, 12th June, at 7.30pm in 10 Totland Grove, Newton, Chester CH2 2EY. New members welcome.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY, 1st – 8th JUNE:

Thank you to everyone who has been supporting the series of services hosted by St. Columba's this week – and each evening the Iona Chapel has been nicely full. The final service of the Week of Prayer is **this Sunday, at 7.00 p.m.** in the main church, followed by teas and coffees in the Hall – a chance to socialise with members of Holy Ascension and United Reformed churches as well as our own parishioners. All welcome!

CHESTER CAFOD SUPPORT GROUP:

- Ecumenical "Songs of Praise" in St. Theresa's Church, on **Sunday 15th June** at 4pm to celebrate the work of CAFOD, Christian Aid and Tearfund. Refreshments to follow in the Parish Centre.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

- The Annual BBQ is on **Sunday, 8th June, after 11 o'clock Mass** to celebrate the anniversary of St. Columba. The BBQ is free however donations will be welcomed for hot beverages after both morning masses.
- This year's Coach Trip is to the historic cathedral town of Lichfield on **Friday, 25th July**, leaving St. Columba's at 9 a.m. A list for names and information on Lichfield is up in the front porch of the Church. The cost is £10.50p.

THANK YOU FROM RICHARD CURTIS:

I thank all parishioners who sponsored my 10km run in Aberdeen, the money going to The Sandpiper Trust Charity, which helps provide medical equipment for remote GP practices. With the help of Margaret Curtis, collecting at coffees after Sunday Mass and the badminton members, £126 was raised. this is the link to the webpage:<http://www.justgiving.com/Run4SandPiper>.

RED MISSION BOXES:

Could those parishioners holding Red Mission Boxes please leave them in the Sacristy for Margaret Curtis to collect. Thank you for your continued support.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS/ READERS ROTA:

A copy of the new Rota is available for collection from the front porch.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

The next meeting will be at 7.30 p.m. on Monday, 9th June in St Francis church hall. The guest will be Fr. Marmion. All are welcome to attend.

ST WERBURGH'S GREAT WAR PROJECT:

On Saturday, 14th June 2014 from 12.00 noon to 4.00 p.m. at St Werburgh's Parish Centre in Brook Street, Chester. Bring your own WW1 memorabilia to show others and browse amongst the displayed items. All are most welcome.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY FURNITURE UNIT:

The Chester & Ellesmere Port SVP Furniture Unit includes St Columba's parish in its collection of furniture, household effects and scrap metal. Funds raised are used to purchase our holiday home (caravan) when it needs replacing – costing about £50,000 after 10 years service. Offers of furniture can be made by ringing 0151 355 0689, answerphone available. If all else fails, please contact a member of our parish SVP.

TRUDY AXON RECENTLY DIED:

Although a parishioner of St. Werburgh's, Trudy Axon frequently attended Mass at St Columba's and may be known to parishioners here and to the local medical fraternity since she was a nurse at the Deva Hospital for many years. Her funeral will be at St Werburgh's church at 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 13th June.

LOST PROPERTY:

Any jackets, tops, umbrellas, glasses, books etc left in Church or Hall over the past few months are now in a box in the Hall. Please have a look - anything not claimed by 22nd June will be disposed off.

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 Alison Wrigglesworth, Tel: 01244 382457.

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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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