

# St Columba's Church

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2015

### MASS TIMES:

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.

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12.15 p.m.

Thursday: 9.15 a.m.

Friday:

2.15p.m.

7.15 p.m.

Saturday: 9.15 a.m.

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### INTENTIONS:

Elizabeth Williams BR

The Parish

Mary Isabel Styles

Syd Merchant

Frances Connolly SVP

Austin Pinnington

12.15 p.m. **REQUIEM Karol Kunicki**

Vera Harvey

**NO MORNING MASS**

2.15p.m. **REQUIEM Patricia McClure**

7.15 p.m. **Service for Justice & Peace**

Flood

Margaret Lever

The Parish

11.00 a.m. Terry Cunningham & Alan

Barker

### LATELY DEAD:

**Patricia McClure** – Requiem Mass Friday, 13th March at 2.15 p.m.

**Karol Kunicki** was the young Polish man who died in the tragic accident on Hoole Bridge recently. He leaves behind Ania and their two young children. Please keep all of them in your prayers.

## SUNDAY EVENING REFLECTION ON MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE:

- What do we think the Church should be thinking about and teaching in a very changing world with regard to this matter?
- How much can the Church change what should be its pastoral approach?
- What values should our young people have?

SUNDAY EVENING IN THE HALL AT 7.00 P.M.

### LENTEN DEVOTIONS 13<sup>th</sup> MARCH:

Devotions on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 7.15 p.m. will be in the form of a Service for Justice and Peace. All very welcome. There will not be Benediction and Holy Communion on this occasion.

### BAPTISMS:

By appointment. After speaking to Fr. Cooke to arrange a date, please contact Claire Graham on 01244 341287 / 0788 055 3830.

### MORNING PRAYER:

Each morning at 9.00 a.m. in the Sacristy Office, Monday through to Saturday, except Wednesdays when Novena prayers are held at 9.15 a.m. before Mass commences.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

*Please remember in your prayers:* Lilian May Adams, Marlene Rose Tyrrell, Bernard Leigh, John Cummings, Owen Foulkes, James Marron, John Joseph O'Boyle, Margaret Turner, Harold Joseph Phelan, Major John Edward Jones, Eileen Harrison, Emily Marian (Marie) Leonard, John McHugh, June Adrienne Angela Garnett, Adriano Semenzato, Llewellyn Eaton, Wilfred Lee, Anna Spiten, Sheila Kilcoyne, Gwilym Griffiths, Eric Shanley, Thomas Croghan, Anne Rigby, Lilly Shirley, Agnes O'Connell, John Cummins, Hector Burton, Mary Anastasia Jeffs, Joan Wilkin, Mary Jeffes, Gladys Murdoch, Elizabeth Dalziel, Ernest Roberts, Elizabeth Rodgers, Thomas Burke, John Parker, Robert Moor.

### CONFESSIONS:

Each Saturday; after morning Mass, and in the evening from 6.45 until 7.10 p.m.

### OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate : £431.12

Planned Giving: £566.50

Average Weekly SOs: £510.00

*Many thanks for your generous support.*

SVP Collection: £272.10p. We will donate £100

worth of food for food bank. **Many thanks.**

No SVP collection next month because of Easter.

### SPUC White Flower Collection:

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children is holding the Annual White Flower Appeal at St. Columba's this weekend. SPUC defends Human Life, from conception to natural death. Please give generously to our collection. Thank you.

### SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

Mar. 8<sup>th</sup> CHS PTA Themselves

Mar. 15<sup>th</sup> Sewing Group

Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup> Alison & Paul Tombola

*Teas, coffees and juices are served in the Hall after both Sunday morning Masses. All are welcome.* The next coffee rota is on the noticeboard in the Hall.

There are some vacancies. If you would like to volunteer please add your name.

### **“THE CALL, THE JOURNEY AND THE MISSION”:**

As mentioned in our previous newsletters, the Bishops of England and Wales are inviting us to reflect on marriage and family life, in preparation for the further Synod taking place in Rome in October 2015 on the theme “*The Vocation and Mission of the Family in the Church and in the Contemporary World*”.

Fr. Cooke encourages St. Columba’s parishioners to use this Lenten season as the opportunity to consider and respond to the consultation document.

- Copies of the Bishops’ 4-page document are available in both porches – and are also accessible on the parish website, Resources section.
- A parish gathering to explain in more detail the Bishops’ invitation, and to explore the ways we can respond, is being held **this Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March, 7.00 p.m. in the Church Hall. YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO ATTEND THIS GATHERING.**

If you are unable to attend the gathering, please still take a copy of the document – it contains details of how to submit your responses to the Bishops, via the diocese’s Marriage and Family Life Commission

### **TRAINING & COMMISSIONING OF MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION & READERS:**

The Diocesan Liturgy Commission has published the following list of Training & Commissioning Days. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion & Readers may attend any of these days to suit themselves. Please inform Carol Galvin or Fr. Cooke if and when you plan to attend so that names from the parish may be submitted to the organisers:

- Stockport & Tameside, Stockport – 6<sup>th</sup> June 2015
- North Cheshire, Chester/Runcorn – 10<sup>th</sup> October 2015
- South Trafford & Wythenshawe, Altrincham/Wythenshawe – February/March 2016
- Shropshire, Telford – May/June 2016

Details of venues and times, etc. will be published when available nearer to the dates. You are welcome to attend any of the days, even those outside our area.

### **GIFT AID:**

As the end of the financial year approaches those of you who contribute to the parish in the Gift Aid Scheme are reminded to ensure that you have paid enough income tax in 2014-15 to cover your donations.

### **OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:**

The new envelopes for the tax year 2015-16 which begins on the weekend of 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> April are available for collection from the rear porch. Any problems please ring David Savage 380626.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MEETING:**

The Commentary Mass for **all parents and the children** who are making their First Communion in May will be in St. Columba’s Church at 6.30 p.m. **this Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> March.**

### **PARISH CATECHISTS:**

All catechists involved in the preparation programmes for Baptism, First Sacraments and Confirmation, and in the Children’s Liturgy team are asked to look at the two posters in both porches giving details of the Formation Day for everyone on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March, and dates for other relevant days for catechists. These posters can also be seen on the Noticeboard section of the parish website.

### **ST PIO PRAYER GROUP:**

The next meeting will be on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 p.m. in 10 Totland Grove, Newton, Chester CH2 2EY. New members welcome.

### **THANK YOU:**

The family of Frances Connolly would like to thank all her friends and those who attended her funeral and the celebration of her life for their kind wishes and prayers. Your donations of some £250 have been sent to Br. Kimpton at Reaching the Unreached, a charity that Frances always supported.

### **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.

### **UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:**

*This week we pray for the Residents of:*

- Ellesmere Ave, Pensby Ave, and Kendal Cl.
- For Pax Christi, Saving to Share, Mission Groups, Christian Aid, CAFOD and Traidcraft.
- For our mission in the wider Church.

### **CHURCHES TOGETHER IN UPTON:**

**Lent Study Groups** are hosted this year by Holy Ascension Church held in the Kempe Room on each Tuesday in Lent. The remaining dates are **10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> March** and you can choose between two sessions at 2.00 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. All welcome.

**A Fellowship Lunch** of Soup and Sandwiches is being held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 12.00 to 1 p.m. at Upton United Reformed Church, Heath Rd. All welcome. Donations will go in support of the Hospice of the Good Shepherd at Backford.

### **PRIESTS’ RETIREMENT FUND:**

The total donated to this fund in the recent special collection was £548. A further £81 is expected to be recovered from income tax paid on donations made under the Gift Aid Scheme making a total of £629. Thank you for your generosity.

### **FLOWER WORKSHOP:**

St Columba’s flower ladies are holding a flower workshop in the hall on Thursday afternoon 19<sup>th</sup> March. Anyone interested please put your name on the list in the back porch, or see Sue, Anne, or Marie. No skills required, it will be fun. (Full details on the list.)

### **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:**

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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.

Website: [www.stcolumbachester.org.uk](http://www.stcolumbachester.org.uk)

**ST WERBURGH'S GREAT WAR STUDY GROUP:**

St Werburgh's parish are searching for photographs of all 120 of their fallen men (see [www.stwerburghchester.co.uk](http://www.stwerburghchester.co.uk)). They only have 24 so far. They also need information about their parishioners who died during the Great War. If anyone has any information, however seemingly small, they would be very pleased. Contact [Cheshire.historian@fsmail.net](mailto:Cheshire.historian@fsmail.net) or tel. 01244 851717.