

# St Columba's Church

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## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2014

### 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.

Wednesday **REQUIEM** 11.00 a.m.

Thursday: 9.15 a.m.

Friday: 9.15 a.m.

Saturday: 9.15 a.m.

Saturday 12.00 noon

Saturday Vigil Mass: 7.15 p.m.

Sunday: 9.15 a.m.

11.00 a.m.

### INTENTIONS:

Ray James &

Elizabeth Williams

Margery Whatmough &  
Patricia Duggan.

Francis Watts.

Jean Lesley O'Brien

Eileen O'Donovan.

Eric Gerrard.

David Beckett.

Torchiaro Family.

Holy Souls.

Marriage & Family Life

Eric Shanley

Paul O'Brien

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.

### BAPTISMS:

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

### RECENTLY DIED:

Please remember in your prayers: Eric Gerrard a staunch, long time member of the parish and Sister Mary of the Angels, a humble Carmelite, who went to God on 31<sup>st</sup> January, and who after working as a cleaner and visiting Lourdes 33 times entered Birkenhead Carmel 30 years ago.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

*Please remember in your prayers:* Kathleen O'Farrell, Joseph Hanratty, David Harris, William Bailey, 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, Bernard Nicholas, Francis James Watts, Hilda Heveran, Sydney Joseph Merchant (B.E.M.), Joyce Wynne, Susan McGann, Margaret Finnigan, Bridget Mary McManus, Lilian May Adams, Marlene Rose Tyrrell, John Cummings, Owen Foulkes, James Marron, Margaret Price, John Joseph O'Boyle and Margaret Turner.

### OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate: £458.64

Planned Giving: £512.30

Average Weekly SOs: £547.00

Thank you for your generous support.

### CONFESSIONS:

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

### UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

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

### RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND – SPECIAL COLLECTION:

This annual collection will be held over the next two weekends, **15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> February**. Special envelopes are available in the porches for you to take home and return to the collection plate over the next two weekends. Instructions are on the envelopes for those of you who donate by gift aid to enable the fund to recover income tax. Leaflets are available if you wish to donate by bankers order. All donations will enable the Fund build up to meet the future needs of our sick and retired priests.

### ST. PIO PRAYER GROUP:

The next meeting is on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb** at 7.30pm at 10 Totland Grove, Newton, Chester CH2 2EY.

### SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

Feb 9<sup>th</sup> CWL CWL

Feb 16<sup>th</sup> Christopher & Elizabeth Tombola

Feb 26<sup>th</sup> Maggie Jarret OAKS

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

### ANNUAL DIOCESAN MASS CELEBRATING MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE:

The Mass will be here at St. Columba's next weekend, on **Sat., 15<sup>th</sup> February**, at 12 noon. All couples are welcome, but couples celebrating special anniversaries of their wedding (Silver, Ruby, Golden, Diamond, etc.) in 2014 are particularly welcome.

## 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY:

September 2014 marks 50 years since the laying of the foundation stone of St. Columba's Church. To celebrate our golden anniversary St. Columba's flower ladies are planning a Flower Festival which will take place here in the Church during the first week of September. We are hoping that this festival will be a very special event and we would love for as many of you as possible to help. We will be having a meeting in the **Iona Chapel after both Masses on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February** to discuss plans. Please do come along if you would like to get involved. Please do not feel that you have to have any experience specifically with flowers as there are many different ways to help.

If you are unable to join us for the meeting, but would still like to be a part of the team then please speak to one of us after Mass, or you can contact us on the following numbers: Marie: 01244 340564, Anne: 01244 350939; Sue: 01244 312892.

## FOODBANK:

As mentioned last week, the necessary arrangements are now in place for St. Columba's to operate as a collection point for the West Cheshire Foodbank. In each porch there is a box for donations of non-perishable food items, along with information about the kinds of food required.

You will also see further information about the Foodbank operation, including copies of the latest newsletter. You can also find out a lot more information, including opportunities for volunteering, at [www.westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk) 4300 people have received emergency help since the Foodbank opened in November 2012. We hope that St. Columba's Parish will be able to give it good support.

## CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PRAYER THEME:

This week's theme is **Holocaust Memorial** and the prayer is: *Lord, we all have journeys to make in our lives.*

*God of our pilgrimage, you journey with us, whether our journeys are freely chosen or compelled.*

*Remember all those whose journeys ended during the Holocaust, those before or since whose lives were brought to an end by genocide and those still suffering. Amen.*

## SEWING MACHINES THAT WORK WITH A HANDLE OR BY ELECTRICITY WANTED FOR MALAWI PLEASE

**Needed by 26<sup>th</sup> February 2014**

If you can deliver to 1 St Christophers Close Chester CH2 1EJ, this would be appreciated. Otherwise please ring 01244 381490 or email [sflynn@waitrose.com](mailto:sflynn@waitrose.com) and we will try and collect. Susan Flynn (Chair of Synod Malawi Task Group).

## DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE, JULY 23/24 - 30/31<sup>st</sup>:

Bookings have started to come in, such that the plane is well over half full already. Anyone wishing to fly is asked to send their booking form in as soon as possible.

Our greatest need at the moment is for some more nurses, doctors and healthcare professionals to accompany the pilgrimage. Details for medical staff can be found on the pilgrimage website [www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk](http://www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk) or you can speak with the Matron Nuala Fitzmaurice on the Medical Office no. 07970 943940

## ST COLUMBA'S HALL BOOKINGS:

For all Hall bookings and enquiries please contact Sue Carr on 07553 114531

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## DAY OF REFLECTION SATURDAY. 22<sup>nd</sup>

### FEBRUARY:

A Day of Reflection led by Fr Nick Kern has been organised by A.C.T.S (ADULT CATHOLICS TOGETHER SPIRITUALLY). If you are aged 18 – 35 you are more than welcome to join us. Fr Kern will help us to prayerfully reflect on Pope Francis' first teaching document on 'The Joy of the Gospel', *Evangelii Gaudium*.

This will take place at Wistaston Hall, Crewe, 9.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. (exact times confirmed nearer the date). Cost £20 (£15 for unemployed/ students). If you would like to join us or to know more about it please contact Siobhan at [siobhanbc@talktalk.net](mailto:siobhanbc@talktalk.net) or tel: 0161 477 2783 / 07761 138947.

### HUMAN TRAFFICKING:

Bishop Mark has asked the newly refreshed Justice and Peace Commission to promote the national **Day of Prayer for Victims of Human Trafficking** on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> February. He also urged the Commission to take positive action in such causes, including support for the Anti Human Trafficking Forum, to be held in Frodsham Methodist Church on **Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> March**, 9.30 a.m. – 4.30 p.m. The programme is geared to positive steps to combat this evil, and is organised with the support of Churches Together in Cheshire.

### HOSPICE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD – QUIZ EVENING:

This will be in St Columba's Church Hall on **Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> February** at 7.00p.m. Admission £1.50 which includes light refreshments of tea, coffee & biscuits. You can bring your own drinks.

### WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – FRIDAY, 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH AT 10.30 A.M.:

The service will be at St Columba's R.C. Church and will last about an hour, followed by light refreshments. The Women's World Day of Prayer is an interdenominational Christian organisation run by women to focus attention on one country each year and to pray for its peoples. The Christian women of Egypt prepared this year's service entitled, "Streams in the Desert". Please come and support them by joining the congregation here in Upton as a link in the chain of prayer for Egypt, which will be taking place across the world for 24 hours on 7<sup>th</sup> March.

### NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Harry Sweeney.

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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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