

# St Columba's Church

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## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2016

### MASS TIMES:

Saturday Vigil	7.15 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:

Margaret Lennon RIP.
Special Intention J.R.
The Parish.
Service of Word & Communion.
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NO SERVICE
Denis O'Donovan.A.
Lisa Christiansen
The Parish.

### WELCOME:

This weekend we welcome Fr. Jim Durkin from St. Francis to celebrate the 7.15 p.m. Vigil Mass and 9.15 a.m. Sunday Mass. Fr. Cooke will celebrate the 11.00 a.m. Sunday morning Mass.

### MORNING PRAYER:

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

### CONFESSIONS:

Each Saturday, from 6.45 to 7.10 p.m. (prior to the Vigil Mass).

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Desmond Sutton, Michael Nicholson, Arthur Healey, Ivy Brithwaite, John Woods, John Bullen, Margaret Judge, Belle McRoberts, Frank Fell, Joseph Bowes, Jimmy Roy Ward, Joan Mary Cotter, Ivy Whitmee, Norah Byrne, Constance Wendy Mitchell, Margaret Kennedy, Catherine Lawson, Cyril Watkin, James Fairclough, Roy Sutton, Theresa Borg, Victoria Phillips, Reginald Benwell, Patrick Connelly, Anne Brough, Margaret Josephine Hope, Catherine (Kitty) Floyd, Edwardus Cartwright, Margaret Latham, Elizabeth Croghan, Alphonse Kaleta, Dr. Marcel Cretois, Edmund Tyrrell, John McGuinness, Emily Elgie, Bernard Joseph Adams, Mary Regan, William Walker, Joan Ann Roberts, Samuel Grouke, Victoria Nisperos Scott, Samantha Edwards, Eric Boardman, Gillian Pendleton, Dora Bowen, William John (Jack) Barlow, Dorothy Boulton, Rowena Thompson, Angela Finan, Mary Anne Corner, Eliza Dean, John Rooney, Joan Mary Connolly, Kenneth Liversage, Helen Wilson, Rosemary Larsen, Jack Cunniff, John Abbott, Veronica Martell, Edith Watkins, Ann Mahoney, John Joseph McLoughlin, Ian William Mylchreest, Bryan Burden and Maurice King.

### BAPTISMS:

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

### OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate:	£531.27
Planned Giving:	£452.76
Average Weekly SOs:	£683.00
Coffee Morning:	£13.75

*Many thanks for your generous support.*

*If you are interested in joining the Planned Giving and/or Gift Aid schemes, please ring David Savage on 01244 380626.*

### SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	21st Guides	Themselves.
17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.15a.m.	Parish.
17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	11a.m.	Fr. Cooke Farewell Gathering.
24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Annette Albuquerque	NEOnatal.

There are many 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 or contact Margaret Curtis (318424) for more details.

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

### UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Newhall Road, Winston Court, Arradon Court, Breton Close and Wealstone Lane.
- The residents and staff of Greenacres, Orchard Manor, Wealstone and Crabwall Hall

### MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION AND READERS ROTA:

Please ensure you pick up new Rota from the table in the front porch. This Rota includes Lent. Carol will send out the Holy Week Rota later. *Many thanks.*

## DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO ROME FOR THE HOLY YEAR OF MERCY:

Bishop Mark will lead a Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome for the Holy Year of Mercy from **17-21<sup>st</sup> October 2016**. We will visit the major Basilicas of Rome including passing through the Holy Door at St. Peter's. In addition there will be a General Audience with the Holy Father and a visit and Holy Hour at the Venerable English College. Flights are from Manchester and accommodation is on a half board basis with lunch included on the first day. The cost is £695 in a twin room or £565 in a triple room. A very limited number of single rooms are available at a supplement of £130. Numbers are restricted to 100 so early booking is recommended. Full information and booking forms can be downloaded from the Diocesan Website. Alternatively contact Fr. David Long on 0151 638 1520.

## FIRST FORGIVENESS MEETING:

A reminder that the Parents' Meeting to discuss this sacrament will take place tomorrow, **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January** at 7.00 p.m. in St. Werburgh's and St. Columba's School. The First Forgiveness Celebration for the children will be on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February** at 10.00 a.m. here at St. Columba's church.

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

This Monday's meeting 11th January will be held after the 12 pm Mass at St Francis Church. Could as many members as possible please attend as important items need to be discussed. Soup and sandwiches will be provided.

## ST. PIO PRAYER GROUP:

The next meeting is on Thursday, 14 January, starting at 7.30pm in 10, Totland Grove, Newton, Chester CH2 2EY.

## FR. COOKE'S LEAVING:

Fr. Cooke celebrates his final Mass as our Parish Priest at 11.00 a.m. next Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> January. This will be followed by a Farewell Gathering and presentation in the Hall, to which all are warmly invited. Do come and help give Father a splendid send-off! Envelopes for Father's Retirement Collection are still available in both porches, but we do ask that they are returned to us this weekend – your donation envelopes can be placed in the normal offertory baskets.

## DIOCESAN MASS FOR MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE:

This year the Mass for Marriage and Family Life with Bishop Mark will be celebrated at noon on **Saturday 6th February** here at St Columba's.

All married couples and families are welcome, but if you are a couple celebrating a significant wedding anniversary (silver, pearl, ruby, golden or platinum) and you wish to attend, **please let our parish know by Monday 18th January** and we will arrange for a special invitation to be sent you on behalf of the Bishop. (Please drop a note into the presbytery, or email Deacon Lawrence at [lhordley@btinternet.com](mailto:lhordley@btinternet.com) or phone him at 01244 342048.)

## ST COLUMBA'S HALL BOOKINGS:

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

E-mail: [columbashallbookings@gmail.com](mailto:columbashallbookings@gmail.com)

## CHRISTINGLE APPEAL FOR BO:

Thank you very much for your generous donations amounting to £670 for the educational needs of the children of Bo in Sierra Leone. The OAKS charity is very grateful for the ongoing support the parish gives to them.

## DIOCESAN EDUCATION TEAM

### VACANCIES:

The Diocese is currently recruiting for two roles to join its Education Team, based at the Curial Office in Birkenhead: **Academies and Governance Manager** (permanent, 35 hrs pw) and **Schools and Academies Finance Manager** (permanent, 21 hrs pw). Closing date 22<sup>nd</sup> January. See posters in the porches or on the parish website.

## FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

- Sunday: Today we celebrate the feast of **The Baptism of the Lord**, Jesus' baptism by John. This marks the start of Jesus' public ministry; his recognising his calling from God and, responding to that call, beginning to preach the Gospel.
- Tuesday: **St. Aelred of Rievaulx**. Born in 1110, the son of a priest in Hexham and educated in Durham. He became a monk at the newly-founded Cistercian abbey of Rievaulx, Yorkshire, later becoming its abbot. Under his rule the abbey prospered to become the largest in England, making five further foundations in England and Scotland. He was the author of many writings, including a life of Edward the Confessor. He died on this day in 1167.
- Wednesday: **St. Hilary**. Born in Poitiers in 315, died there on this day in 368. He was a married man with a family who became a Christian and was elected bishop of his native city. He was strong in his defence of the divinity of Christ against the Arians and in developing understanding of the trinity. He was named as a Doctor of the church. In Britain and Ireland his feast day marks the start of the Hilary Term at the Law Courts and some universities.

## 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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