

# ST. COLUMBA'S

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Please see pamphlets in Church Porches for more details*

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT SUNDAY, 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2013

### 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: 9.15 a.m.  
Thursday: 9.15 a.m.  
Friday: 9.15 a.m.  
7.15 p.m.

Saturday: 9.15 a.m.  
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Sunday: 9.15 a.m.  
11.00 a.m.

### INTENTIONS:

The Parish  
Gerry Galvin RIP  
Sidney Merchant A. &  
Alan Barker A.

Dorothy Jeffries  
Geoff Ehlen  
Andy Marsden (Sick)  
Gerry Galvin. (SVP)  
Vic Fry

### LENTEN DEVOTIONS PLUS BENEDICTION & HOLY COMMUNION.

Private Intention.  
Slava  
Teresa Brazzill. (SVP)  
The Parish.

### LATELY DEAD:

Robert Grue, we remember with affection and gratitude, also Maureen who must be so grateful to Bob for all his love and assistance; we remember the whole family in their loss.

### BAPTISMS:

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

The parish welcomes JEEROM CHIPONDENE, baptised recently at St Columba's. Please keep Jeerom and his family in your prayers.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers:

James Rooney, William Patrick Lester, John Christopherson, June Winifrede Mullins, Winifred Basaraba, Teresa Cowdrey, Fr. Bernard Wilkinson, Carol Vozniack, Irene Quance, Cornelius Lally, Jane Henderson, Daniel John Darcy, Dorothy Sybil Jefferies, Martin McKenna (Snr), Annie Elizabeth Bowler, Edward Sweeney, John Weaver, Margaret Sutcliffe, Donat O'Loughlin, Michael O'Leary, Tom Boulton, John Kavanagh, Mary Swift, Dorothea Carroll, Leo Carroll, Robert Ferguson, Frank Kirwan, Norman Ible, Ena Stinson, Maria Evans, Sr. Francis Reidy, Mary Winifred Tallon, John Gerraghty, Melvyn Alan Paterson, Mary Christopherson and Francis (Frank) Leslie Garside.

### 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.

### OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate: £561.63  
Planned Giving: £404.20  
Donation (Badminton) £150.00  
Average Weekly Standing Orders: £556.00

### CONFESSIONS:

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

### COFFEE/TEA:

Tea and coffee are served in the Hall after both the Sunday morning Masses. All are very welcome.

### EXPOSITION DURING LENT:

As part of the Year of Faith initiative, Exposition will take place after Mass each Wednesday, until 11.00 a.m., during Lent.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

This service will be held every Friday evening during Lent at 7.15 p.m.

### UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Ellesmere Ave., Pensby Ave. and Kendal Close.
- Pax Christi, Saving to Share, Mission Groups, Christian Aid, CAFOD and Traidcraft
- Our mission in the wider church.

### GIFT AID:

The end of the 2012-3 Tax Year is approaching and we are required to remind you, if you are donating to the parish through Gift Aid, to check that you have paid sufficient income tax in the current tax year to cover the sum you have donated. If you have any queries about this or any other aspect of the Gift Aid system, please contact the parish Gift Aid Organiser, David Savage, tel. 380626 or [savage214@btinternet.com](mailto:savage214@btinternet.com).

**MOTHERS' DAY:** I hope that this will be a happy day for mothers and that we show our gratitude to them for all that they do for us.

### OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:

New envelopes for the 2012-3 tax year, starting Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April, can be collected in the rear porch.

**YEAR OF FAITH:**YEAR OF FAITH 2012  
2013

“Offer it up!” How often did we hear these words years ago from priests, teachers and parents. But why were they said and what message do they have for us? They were often said when we suffered a misfortune, which could take many forms: we had set our mind on playing St Joseph in the school nativity play and we ended up as one of the shepherds: we had

been looking forward to the school trip to Llandudno and we became ill the night before: in later life we suffered a serious illness: or we simply decided to give up sugar for Lent. “Offer it up” was meant as an encouragement for us to offer our disappointment, hurt or suffering as a penance to Our Lord, so that we became united with him in the suffering he bore for us. By doing this the union between us and our Saviour becomes a source of grace for us. In addition “by offering our sufferings in union with Our Lord, in union with his cross, we can call down graces and blessings from that Cross upon other souls” \* since we are all part of the Mystical Body of Christ.

\* Taken from Mgr Vernon Johnson’s The Message of Bernadette available as a CTS pamphlet price £1.95 from our piety stall. It makes excellent reading for Lent.

**GETHSEMANE TO GOLGOTHA:**

Mother Prioress and the Sisters of Birkenhead Carmel invite you for Meditations, Music and Prayers for the Fifth Sunday of Lent. The service, which will focus on Christ’s Agony in the Garden and his Seven Last Words on the Cross is on Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> March, commencing at 3.00 p.m. Members of our choir will be taking part. If you would like to go but are not sure of how to get there, please telephone Bill Baker (01244 376701).

**SVP COLLECTION:**

This amounted to £261.89. Thank you for your continued support.

**WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE 2013:**

There will be a meeting at St. Saviour’s Church Hall, Ellesmere Port on 21<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30 p.m. for all the Parishoners going on the trip, and final payments will need to be made on the night.

**PALMS FOR PALM SUNDAY:**

The palms have arrived and it would be appreciated if those of you who would like to help fold them could meet in the office after Mass on any of Mon. Tues and Thurs of the next 2 weeks for a short time. They are easy to fold and help will be given for those who have not done them before. Please bring your scissors.

**PARISH HALL:**

Unfortunately the Hall Management are unable to continue in this role due to other commitments. There will be a hand-over of responsibility in the near future but in the meantime for all hall bookings and enquiries please continue to contact the Muddimans. Contact details are telephone: 0755 311 4531 or e-mail [columbashallbooking@gmail.com](mailto:columbashallbooking@gmail.com)

**CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE:**

The Ladies will meet at St Francis Church on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March for Mass at 12noon followed by a light lunch in the hall and the meeting.

**FOOTBALL KITS FOR AFRICA !**

Please donate any 2nd hand /unwanted football kits (part or full) to be sent to Africa with the Kits4Kids charity. Take any donations to the Football Boutique in Rufus Court who are storing the kits until we have collected 100 to send. Any queries phone Heather 0784062 1878. During this Fairtrade Fortnight ....as an extra incentive....you will receive a token for a free fairtrade tea or coffee from Alexanders Jazz Cafe or the Spirit shop on Northgate Street Thank you!

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**RED MISSION BOXES:**

Could those Red Mission Box holders please leave their boxes in the Sacristy for Margaret Curtis to collect. You can collect them from the rear porch. Thank you for your continued support.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MEETING:**

The Commentary Mass for all parents and children who are making their First Communion in May will be in St. Columba’s Church at 6.30 p.m. on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March.**

**THANK YOU:**

Carol Galvin and family thank Fr Russell Cooke, Fr. John Galvin and all parishioners and friends for their kind thoughts and cards on the death of Gerry. Many thanks once again.

**LENT FAST DAY:**

Thank you to everyone who returned their Fast Day envelopes. Through your generosity a total of £610.78 was raised and has been sent to CAFOD.

**NEXT WEEK’S NEWSLETTER:**

This will be compiled by Harry Sweeney

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Items for inclusion can also 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.

Please take your newsletter home with you and use it for reference and prayer during the week.

The Newsletter and earlier issues may also be seen on the Parish Website:

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