

# St Columba's Church

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## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY, SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2013

### MASS TIMES:

Saturday Vigil Mass: 7.15 p.m.  
Sunday: 9.15 a.m.

11.00 a.m.

### Monday:

12.15 p.m.

Tuesday

9.15 a.m.

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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:

Peter Kelly (ill)

The Parish

Dr. John Doran

### Requiem, Maureen Austin

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John Barrett SVP

Dennis Healey

Frank O'Donnell

### 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.

### LATELY DEAD:

Sheila Maureen Austin, and Reg Walker. We pray for the repose of their souls and for their families.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Michael Heffernan, Deanna Morgan, Therese Stecszyn (Tessa Stacey), Robert Jones, Maria Bullen, Joseph Patrick Barlow, Stephen Augustine Pendlebury, Lionel Dean, Thomas Leslie Borrows, Gregory Morns, Margaret Mary Norbury, Charles Huxley, Denis Tobin, Theresa Hanratty, Kathleen Stanley, Mabel Bennett O'Kelly, Bertie Bond, Mavis Skinner, Catherine McPhillips, Percy Edwards, Elosie Magot Hunt, James Regan, Sheila Rigby, Kenneth Mahoney, Rose Ebo, John Carroll, George Pickering, Doreen Faulkner, Patricia Treacy, Teresa Devane, John Francis Rigby, Phillip McMullan, Joseph Ferri, Dennis Healey.

### CONFESSIONS:

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

### ST. COLUMBA'S PASTORAL COUNCIL:

The Pastoral Council next meets on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November**. At 7.30 p.m. The minutes of the last meeting are displayed on the Notice Board in the front porch.

### OFFERTORY (3<sup>rd</sup> Nov.):

Loose Plate: £404.30

Planned Giving: £453.20

Average Weekly SOs: £547.00

### SVP MONTHLY COLLECTION:

The SVP collection last weekend amounted to £214.40. Many thanks for your continued support.

### UPTON CHURCHES REMEMBRANCE SERVICE:

This year's Remembrance Service for the Upton Churches will be held tonight at 7.00 p.m. at Holy Ascension Parish Church, Church Lane, Upton.

### CWL MEMORIAL MASS:

Catholic Women's League meet on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November** for a special Mass at 7.00 p.m. at St. Werburgh's Church. This is to remember all deceased relatives and friends. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Bache Drive, Dulas Court, Birch Rise, Long Lane and Mallard Court.
- For the ACF, Friendship Group, FM Group and Catholic Women's League.
- For all catering staff and those who make refreshments after the services.

### SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

Nov 10<sup>th</sup> Mary Kilcoyne CWL.

Nov 17<sup>th</sup> St Werburgh & St Columba PTA The Parish.

Nov 24<sup>th</sup> Autumn Fayre

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

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

Children's liturgy takes place in the hall during 11.00 a.m. Mass. **Could you join the group of 15 catechists to help pass on your faith to our children? We need someone to join the rota after Christmas.** All ideas and materials are provided. You need to be there once every 5 weeks and you can swap any week when you can't be there. For more information contact Catherine on 01244 383866 or 07462 780302 or [catherine.green@care4free.net](mailto:catherine.green@care4free.net).



YEAR OF FAITH<sup>2012</sup><sub>2013</sub>

### YEAR OF FAITH:

In the old Penny Catechism the answer to the question "What is prayer?" was "Prayer is the raising up of the mind and heart to God." This may surprise many, since it does not list prayers but indicates a mental attitude. In other words, by thinking about

God and greeting him we could be praying. Carrying this further, perhaps if we were to think about God as we do everyday tasks, cooking the meals, making the beds, saying 'good morning' to a neighbour, whispering a prayer to St. Anthony to find something, helping a blind person across the road, accepting that headache that catches me when I'm stressed, living my daily life, are we praying? Most certainly, if we only offer all we do during our busy lives to the glory of God. Living our life gives God glory. All we need do is to say the morning offering each day. "O Jesus, through the most pure heart of Mary, I offer you all the prayers, works and sufferings of this day for all the intentions of your Most Sacred Heart and for the Pope's intentions." In this way, all we do or suffer each day becomes a source of praise to our Father, the Creator who made us. The bidding prayers during Mass are prayers of petition (we ask for something), but there are other prayers we can say of adoration, love, thanksgiving and praise: all raise our "mind and heart to God."

### CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:

The theme continuing this week is **Remembering Loved Ones** and the prayer is:

*Lord, Jesus said 'Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted'; remind us of this when we are suffering a loss.*

*Help us to recognise the importance of the people who fought and those who still fight for our country. Amen*

### FEAST OF THE WEEK: ST. ALBERT THE GREAT:

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November is the feast day of **St. Albert the Great**, celebrated as one of the great Doctors of the Church. In today's terms he would be called a "polymath" - learned and a prolific writer in a huge range of subjects: "his interests extended to physics, astronomy, chemistry and biology, to human and animal physiology, to geography, geology and botany." Born in Germany in 1206, he studied in Italy at the University of Padua and became a leading figure in the early days of the Dominicans. Thomas Aquinas was one of his pupils. He was canonised in 1931, when he was also named patron saint of students of the natural sciences. He was, said Pius XI, "exactly the saint whose example ought to inspire the present age".

### PILGRIMAGE TO LISIEUX: MAY 2014

The Parishioners of St. Anselm in London have been organising pilgrimages to Lisieux for 25 years. Since 2012 they have been joined by pilgrims from Chester and the Wirral. One of our retired priests, Canon Brendan Hoban, will again be the chaplain for the 2014 pilgrimage. The pilgrimage leaves London on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2014, returning on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June, staying in en-suite accommodation next to the Carmel in Lisieux where St. Therese lived. The cost from London is £405, for which a deposit of £120 is required by 6<sup>th</sup> December 2013. Details on the notice boards or from Bill Baker 01244 376701.

### PARISH AUTUMN FAYRE:

This year's Autumn Fayre will be held on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November**. Come and join us for hot dogs homemade soups and a bottle tombola plus stalls etc. If you have any bottles to donate for the tombola please leave them at the back of the Church. See posters in the hall and Church porches for further information.

### OVER 50s CHRISTMAS PARTY:

We will be holding a Christmas Party for the over 50's and invited guests on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December**, more information will be available shortly in the newsletter and posters in the Hall and Church.

### FOOD MATTERS" SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER:

This one-day conference is jointly organised by the University of Chester and Chester World Development Forum. It aims to explore the issues and responses to food insecurity in the developing world – and the implications for all of us. With keynote speakers plus workshop sessions led by NGO's including CAFOD. 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. in Best Building at the University. £10 including lunch and refreshments. See posters in the porches or go to [www.chesterwdf.org.uk](http://www.chesterwdf.org.uk) for more information and booking form.

### BRAHMS REQUIEM:

A choral concert of Brahms' German Requiem (sung in English), Parry's I Was Glad and Grand Duo for 2 pianos is being given by Ellesmere Port Music Society in Ellesmere Port Civic Hall, on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November**. Details are on posters in the porch, or phone Pauline Payne on 01244 350323.

### ALTERNATIVE E-MAIL ADDRESS:

Apologies to anyone who received two bogus e-mails supposedly coming from me. Please now use my alternative e-mail address: [gerryandcarol.galvin@gmail.com](mailto:gerryandcarol.galvin@gmail.com)

As I have lost all my contacts and existing e-mails, it would be very helpful if you could e-mail me with your e-mail address for future reference. Many thanks – Carol Galvin.

### 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)

### NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Ian Johnson,  
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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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