

St Columba's Church

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SUNDAY 11th JANUARY 2015 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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

INTENTIONS:

Austin Pinnington
Amelia Connor
The Parish
Mgr Gerald Lavender
Br Lawrence Pozzuoli
Lil Jones
Maureen Grew
Jack Roberts RIP
L R Stewart
Mr & Mrs Burton and Baby Ann
Win McSweeney
The Parish

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.

CONFESSIONS:

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

BAPTISMS:

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

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Catherine Lawson, Cyril Watkin, James Fairclough, Roy Sutton, Theresa Borg and Victoria Phillips, Reginald Benwell, Patrick Connelly, Margaret Josephine Hope, Anne Brough, Catherine (Kitty) Floyd, Edwardus Cartwright, Margaret Latham, Elizabeth Croghan, Alphonse Kaleta, Dr. Marcel Cretois, Edmund Tyrrell, John McGuinness, Bernard Joseph Adams, Mary Regan, William Walker, Joan Ann Roberts, Samuel Grouke, Victoria Nisperos Scott, Samantha Edwards, Eric Boardman, 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, Reg Wells

OFFERTORY :

Loose Plate:	£510.49
Planned Giving:	£538.40
Average Weekly SOs:	£510.00

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:

Jan 11th 21st. Guides	Parish
Jan 18th Annette Albuquerque	Ickle Pickles
Jan 25 th Sue Carr	3 rd World

Ickle Pickles are the smallest and sickest babies who need intensive care in Neonatal Units.

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

If you would like to support a charity by making coffee in the Hall after Sunday morning Mass please contact Margaret Curtis, 01244 318424.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Newhall Road, Winston Court, Arradon Court, Breton Close and Wealstone Lane.
- Greenacres, Orchard Manor, Wealstone and Crabwall Hall.
- All those who live and work in these Homes.

PRAYER CYCLE:

The feast of The Baptism of the Lord this Sunday marks the close of the Christmas Season. This is followed by Ordinary Time (Winter), which goes up to the start of Lent. During this time we are asked to pray for these intentions: Peace on Earth; Christian Unity; the Sick and their Carers; Victims of Trafficking and those who work to combat it; Students & Teachers; the Unemployed.

BAPTISMS IN 2014

On this feast of the Baptism of The Lord we remember, especially at 11 a.m. Mass, all who were baptised at St Columba's last year. We welcome them again to our parish community and ask God's blessing on their journey of faith. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

FEAST OF THE WEEK – EPIPHANY:

- **Monday: St. Aelred of Rievaulx.** Born in 1110, the son of a priest in Hexham and educated in Durham. In 1134 he became a monk at the newly-founded Cistercian abbey of Rievaulx, Yorkshire. Some time later he was appointed abbot of Revesby in Lincolnshire but was then recalled to be abbot at Rievaulx. 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.
- **Tuesday: 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.
- **Saturday: St. Anthony.** Born in 251 in upper Egypt, Anthony died in 356. He gave away his possessions and sought the austere life of the desert at an early age. He attracted disciples who formed communities of hermits, and he is venerated as the father of monasticism.

DIRECT HELP FOR SIERRA LEONE:

I am receiving daily requests from young people and families in Sierra Leone for direct help with food buying, non Ebola medical treatment etc. One Christian boy called Anthony still a teenager at school would like to start a small shop if he could get £100 investment because he wants to make a small profit to pay for his school fees.

If anyone would like or love the opportunity to give direct please ring Heather Lannin on 07840 621878, thank you.

FIRST FORGIVENESS MEETING:

A reminder that the Parents' Meeting to discuss this sacrament will be tomorrow, on **Monday 12th 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 31st January** at 11.30 a.m. here at St. Columba's church.

JUSTICE & PEACE DAY OF REFLECTION:

Saturday 24th January, 10.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. here in St. Columba's Hall. This event is arranged by the Diocesan Commission for the Promotion of Justice, Peace & Social Responsibility. It is for parish reps and for anyone who is interested or involved in justice and peace work or issues. See posters in the porches or on the parish website.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18th – 25th January, 2015:

Here in Upton, we will be marking the Week of Prayer at the alternative time, Pentecost. (17th -24th May). However, many parts of the county are coming together to celebrate the octave at its traditional January time. The service for Churches Together in Cheshire is being held at 6.00 p.m. on **Sunday, 25th January** at St. Mary's Parish Church, Nantwich, hosted by the Nantwich Christian Council. The preacher will be Bishop Mark. See poster in the porches and on the parish website.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN MASS CELEBRATING MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE:

This year the Mass for Marriage and Family Life with Bishop Mark will be celebrated at noon on **Saturday 14th 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, then please let Fr. Cooke know by the 2nd of February and he will arrange for a special invitation to be sent you on behalf of the Bishop.

ST COLUMBA'S HALL BOOKINGS:

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

E-mail: columbashallbookings@gmail.com

NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Bernard Payne.

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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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