

St Columba's Church

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

12th APRIL 2015

MASS TIMES:

Saturday Vigil Mass:	7.15 p.m.	Frederick & Joan Hodson
Sunday:	9.15 a.m.	The Parish
	11.00 a.m.	Margaret Leaver
Monday:	9.15 a.m.	Frank Sullivan
Tuesday:	12.45 p.m.	REQUIEM David Columbine
Wednesday:	9.15 a.m.	Peggy & George Walker
Thursday:	9.15 a.m.	Mrs McCann
Friday:	9.15 a.m.	Private Intention
Saturday:	9.15 a.m.	Kathleen Wilkinson A.
Saturday Vigil Mass:	7.15 p.m.	Edward Clarke A.
Sunday:	9.15 a.m.	Private Intention (L.H.)
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BAPTISMS:

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

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:

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

LATELY DEAD:

David Columbine and Lucy McHugh have recently died, may God give them comfort and strength in heaven.

Cath Thompson, of this Church, died on 29th March 2015 at Crawford's Walk Nursing Home following a long illness with dementia. Her funeral is to be held at St Werburgh's Catholic Church, Chester, on Tuesday 14th April 2015 at 12pm, followed by cremation at Blacon Crematoria at 1.20 pm. There will be refreshments at the British Legion, Upton following the cremation. The family warmly welcome any of Cath's fellow parishioners if they wish to attend, the family request no flowers but any donations to Cath's memory to the Hospice of the Good Shepherd.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Francis Hugh McCann, Mary Barrett, John Fell, Mary Brain, James O'Flaherty, Alice Jane Kennedy, Frank Royle, Siobhain White, Jessie Christian, Paul Maiden, Vincent Thomas

Devane, Anthony McAleavy, Caroline Shone, Henry McGuinness, Angela Bird, John Palmer, Eric Gerald Barlow, Daniel Joseph Keegan, Leonard Shone, Dr. Leo De Gamrose, Len Dugdale, Henry Anthony Tallant, Jonathan Owens, Eve Parkes, Bernard McSweeney, Patricia Lynch, Joseph Walsh, Terence Shirley, Patricia Westrom, Georgine Ogg, Bernard Cunningham, James Vincent Kerr, Margaret Mary Welby, Eric Siddall, Freda Mary Wilson, Edward Clarke, Richard Heveran, Edward Clark, Elizabeth Poole.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

We remember the sick of the Parish at this time. Please pray for Ged McEnery who is seriously ill in Walton Hospital.

OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate: *To be confirmed next week*
Planned Giving: *To be confirmed next week*
Average Weekly SOs: £683.00
Many thanks for your generous support.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Kingsway, Dicksons Drive and Brookfield Drive.
- Worship Groups and all who plan services.
- Or worship that it is vibrant, spiritual and prayerful.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

April 12th Sue Carr Clatterbridge
April 19th Ruth & Jacque BUZZ Group
April 26th Jacque & Marg Fellowship Lunch

The next coffee rota is on the notice board in the hall. There are some vacancies. If you would like to volunteer please add your name to the rota or contact Margaret Curtis 318424.

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

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE OF RICHARD AND NINA:

Richard Curtis, of this Parish, is getting married to Nina Flanigan at The Holy Ascension Church Upton, on Saturday 25th April. Any St. Columba's parishioners who know Richard and would like to come along to the service at 1.00 p.m. are more than welcome to witness this happy event.

NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:

The new yellow envelopes start today. There remain, in the rear porch, several sets of envelopes which have not yet been collected. Please make sure that you have collected yours. Any of the orange envelopes remaining from last financial year can be disposed of. Any problems please ring David Savage 380626.

THE CALL, THE JOURNEY AND THE MISSION:

Following the parish gathering on 8th March, parishioners are invited to a follow-up meeting on **Sunday 19th April** at 7:00pm - 09:00pm in the Church Hall. This is to help people respond to the Bishop's questions, leading to the Synod on the Family in October. It will be a facilitated discussion which builds on the initial gathering that introduced the questions and be structured to give people an opportunity to share views, before considering what responses we might make - either as individuals or as a parish. If you would like to attend the meeting please would you add your name to one of the lists in the porches. Thank you.

Diarmuid MacCulloch, Professor of the History of Religion at Oxford University, is beginning a three part series on Sex and the Church on BBC2 next Friday (10th April) at 9 p.m. It promises to be very interesting and very relevant to our current request from the bishops for our views on marriage.

According to his R4 trailer MacCulloch will suggest that the churches go back to what Jesus had to say about marriage in deciding how to react to contemporary secular views. He will claim that Jesus said very little except, no divorce. In fact, he says, the church had no part in marriage until the second half of the first millennium.

On priestly celibacy, he says, it is not a Christian idea at all, but directly from Plato, a pagan philosopher.

Maybe we should all watch this series to help us formulate our ideas on: The Call, The Journey and The Mission.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN UPTON:

This group, which includes St. Columba's together with Holy Ascension and the United Reformed Church, has for many years organised ecumenical activities in Upton. It has always been well supported by St. Columba's parishioners. Two long-serving representatives from St. Columba's on the CT Upton committee are planning to stand down during the summer. This is a good opportunity for one or more people who might like to help the development of inter church activities in Upton.

If you feel you might be one of those persons, or would like to know more, please ring Bernard Payne (350323) or David Savage (380626).

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CHESTER, GENERAL ELECTION FORUMS:

- Churches Together in Chester are holding an **Election Forum** at which the candidates for the Chester City Constituency of the main political parties will answer questions from the general public. This will be at 7.30 p.m. on **Friday 17th April** at the Catholic High School, Old Wrexham Road, Handbridge.

- There will be a further opportunity to quiz the General Election candidates, this time specifically on **international development issues**, on **Wednesday 22th April**, 7.00 p.m. in Binks Building, near the Parkgate Road entrance of the University of Chester. This meeting is organised jointly between the Chester World Development Forum and the University's Department of Geography and Development Studies. This is an open meeting and all welcome.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES, DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

- **Friday 24th April:** Family Bingo Evening
- **Sunday 7th June:** Annual BBQ to celebrate the anniversary of St Columba
- **Friday 24th July:** Coach trip to Lancaster

**The BINGO Evening on Friday 24th
April at 7.00 p.m. is a free event; bring
your friends and family for a fun time.
Notices in the Porches**

Keep an eye on the newsletters and notice boards for further information.

CWL:

The Catholic Women's League will hold their meeting on Monday 13th April at St Francis Church. We will begin with Mass at the Friary at 12 noon, have lunch (provided) followed by our AGM. It will be a short meeting and we can socialise afterwards Please will all members make every effort to attend and all other ladies will be welcome.

JAZZ NIGHT AT ELLESMERE PORT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:

An evening of musical entertainment from the City Jazz Orchestra and Singers on **Friday 24th April**, 7.30 - 11pm, at Ellesmere Port Catholic High School. Tickets cost £5 (accompanied children gain free entry) with proceeds going to the Ellesmere Port and Chester Lourdes Youth Group. Please bring your own refreshments. For tickets please contact Amy O'Donnell on 07854290897.

ST. COLUMBA'S HALL BOOKINGS:

For all Hall bookings and enquiries please contact Sue Carr on 07553 114531
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NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

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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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