



St Columba's Church

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BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY 12TH JANUARY 2014

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: Requiem, 12 Noon	
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:

Joan Cotter.
Peg Williams.
The Parish.
Private Intentions.
Eric Boardman R.I.P.
Marie Rose Shepherd.
Kathleen Tallon S.V.P.
Michael Wolfe.
Eileen O'Driscoll A.
The Parish.
Patrick & Mary Regan.
Denis O'Donovan.

MORNING PRAYER:

9.00 a.m. in the Sacristy Office, except on Wednesday.

BAPTISMS:

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

CONFESSIONS:

On Saturdays, after the morning Mass, and in the evening from 6.45 to 7.10 p.m.

OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate:	£442.64
Planned Giving:	£410.73
Average Weekly SOs:	£547.00
Coffee Morning:	£30.00
Piety Stall:	£180.00

Many thanks for your generous support.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

Jan 12 th	Elizabeth & Margaret	Parish
Jan 19 th	Sue Carr	Third World
Jan 26 th	Annette Alburquerque	Neonatal

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

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers:

Catherine Lawson, Cyril Watkin, James Fairclough, Roy Sutton, Theresa Borg, 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, 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, Reg Wells, Annie O'Loughlin, Margaret Holding, Eileen Coombes, Jason Monet, Siobhan McKenna.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

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

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:

The theme for the week is **Christian Unity** and the prayer is:

Almighty God,

We know you want all Christians to live together in unity.

Help us all in our daily lives to take away all hatred and suspicion of each other

so we can all live together in peace.

Amen.

CHESTER & ELLESMERE PORT FOODBANK:

This local Foodbank has been running for a little over a year, providing emergency food supplies for individuals and families in the local area – and also raising awareness of the range of issues surrounding food poverty. The Foodbank operates along the lines established by the nation-wide charity, The Trussell Trust. It is having to extend its area of operations to cover other parts of West Cheshire, and to reflect this it is being renamed the West Cheshire Foodbank.

The Foodbank has been looking for additional collection points, and we are hoping that St. Columba's can host such a collection point – so that donations of non-perishable food items can be left for passing on to the Foodbank and distribution to those in need. We will announce further details on these arrangements very soon, but in the meantime more about the work of the local Foodbank and the agencies that support it can be found at www.westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY:

Traditionally, the Week of Prayer has been held from 18th to 25th January, the octave of Saints Peter and Paul. However, in some localities the Week is observed at the time of Pentecost – that great feast commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles.

Churches Together in Upton, bearing in mind all the snow and ice we experienced on those dates in January 2013, have agreed that in 2014 the Week of Prayer will be observed at Pentecost time, so it will run from 1st to 8th June, with St. Columba's hosting the prayer services each evening.

The January dates will however be observed elsewhere in Chester – and an ecumenical service is to be held in Chester Cathedral on **Sunday 19th January** at 3.30 p.m. when the preacher will be Lord Carey, former Archbishop of Canterbury.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

Monday – 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.

Friday – 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.

FIRST FORGIVENESS MEETING:

A reminder that the Parents' Meeting to discuss this sacrament will be on **Monday 13th 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 1st February** at 11.30 a.m. here at St. Columba's church.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN MASS CELEBRATING MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE:

This year the Mass is taking place here at St. Columba's on **Saturday 15th February**, at 12 noon.

All couples are welcome, but couples celebrating special anniversaries of their wedding (Silver, Ruby, Golden, Diamond or Platinum) in 2014 are particularly welcome. If you wish to receive an invitation to attend from the Bishop, please will you let Fr. Cooke or Lawrence have your details as soon as possible

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:

This will be compiled by Muriel Green.

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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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