

St Columba's Church

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- ❖ Parish Safeguarding Representative: Claire Graham. Tel 01244 341287 or 0788 055 3830.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT. SUNDAY 13th DECEMBER 2015

MASS TIMES: INTENTIONS:

Saturday Vigil Mass:	7.15 p.m.	Elizabeth Williams
Sunday:	9.15 a.m.	Monica Pickering. RIP
	11.00 a.m.	The Parish
Monday:	9.15 a.m.	Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday:	9.15 a.m.	" "
Wednesday:	9.15 a.m.	" "
Thursday:	9.15 a.m.	" "
Friday:	9.15 a.m.	" "
Saturday Vigil Mass:	7.15 p.m.	Gerardus Marinus Frickel
Sunday:	9.15 a.m.	Bob Breen
	11.00 a.m.	The Parish.

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 Friday, except Wednesdays.

CONFESSIONS:

Each Saturday 6.45 p.m. to 7.10pm. (before the Saturday Vigil Mass).

LATELY DEAD:

Let us remember in our prayers **Tim Peters** who died recently. May God comfort and support his family.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Fred Fazey, Richard Mitchell, James Francis Galvin, Lily Collins, Michael Whitehouse, Margaret Howcroft, Henrietta Whitehead, Kathleen Elizabeth Delaney, Rebecca Teresa Humphreys, Delia Rooks, Mary Elizabeth Atkinson, Eileen Jones, Ellen Veronica Croft, Margaret Upton, Celine Cawley, Doris Elizabeth Garrett, Michael Anthony (Tony) Keating, Elizabeth Maud Rodgers, Philip Tobin, Joe Corrigan, Adles Bronislaw, Vera Mary Michalak, Winifrid Roberts, John Joyce, Catherine Barford, Mary Foley, Michael Francis Sharkey, Micheal Hayes, Robert Smith-White, Patricia Ann Rose Howe, Nora Kinder, James Judge, Muriel Hoole, Gerard Monroe Gibbons, Sue McGann, Frances Williams, Bridie Rowley, Frances Williams, Samuel Joseph Kenyon, Margaret Hill, John Joseph Cox, John Thomas Williams, Desmond Joseph "Bob" Breen, John Williams

ADVENT READINGS:

A reminder that the last of the talks on the Advent readings will be on **Wednesday evening** in the Iona Chapel at 7.30 p.m. when we'll be looking at the readings for the Fourth Sunday of Advent. All welcome.

OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate:	£576.36
Planned Giving:	£526.72
Average Weekly Standing Orders:	£683.00
Priests' Training Fund	£215.71

Many thanks for your generous support

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

13 th Dec. Sue	Parish
20 th Dec. Sewing Group	Wren Bid
27 th Dec	

The coffee rota is on the notice board in the Hall. If you would like to manage a coffee morning for a charity of your choice, please add your name to the rota.

Tea, coffee and juice are served in the hall after both Sunday morning Masses. All are welcome.

Badminton group : Hospice of the Good Shepherd

Thank you very much to all those who supported last Sunday's coffee morning in support of the Hospice of the Good Shepherd. Together with a donation from the badminton group £202 was collected.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

- Pray for the residents of Glastonbury Avenue, Tewkesbury Close and Marlowe Avenue.
- For the Second Step Bereavement Care Scheme.
- For all those who are bereaved and those who provide support..

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT 11 a.m. MASS:

In the four Sundays of Advent, Children's Liturgy will start off in Church for the lighting of the Advent candles, and then the children will go out to the Hall for their liturgy returning for the offertory. All children and any parents or other helpers welcome.

MISSION CALENDAR 2016:

The Mission Calendars are available in the front and rear porches of the church. Thank you for your continued support.

RED MISSION BOXES:

Can those parishioners holding Red Mission Boxes please them in the Sacristy. You can collect your box from the table in the rear porch. Thank you for your continued support.

FATHER COOKE:

After being unwell during 11.00 a.m. Mass last Sunday Fr. Cooke was referred to hospital for examination. Although he was considered well enough not to be admitted and is now home, Father still feels the need to rest from his parish duties.

Bishop Mark has been informed and arrangements are being made for visiting priests to celebrate all Sunday Masses for the time being. However, Father plans to celebrate the 6.00 p.m. First Mass and the 11.00 a.m. Mass of the Day at Christmas.

Father has decided that the 11.00 a.m. Mass on Sunday 17th January will be his final parish Mass. This will be followed by a "Farewell Gathering" in the church Hall, all will be welcome.

In the meantime, arrangements are being made for a Retirement Collection to be taken for Father. Special envelopes will be available on Sundays 27th December and 3rd January. It will be helpful if contributions are made by Sunday 10th January at the latest.

- We are very grateful to the Franciscans and Spiritan Fathers for celebrating our Masses over this period. This weekend we welcome one of the Franciscans for the Saturday Vigil Mass and Fr. Terry Casey for the 9.15 and 11.00 a.m. Masses.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS MASS ARRANGEMENTS:

The Advent and Christmas Mass Times information leaflet is ready for collection in both porches. Please pick up a copy. Also please note that 25th December Mass times should read:

9.15 a.m. Dawn Mass, 11.00 Mass of the Day with tableau.

CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY, 6.00 p.m. MASS:

Children are invited to take part in the short Nativity at the Christmas Eve Mass. Could parents of any children interested please get in touch with Claire Graham or Rachel Borman on 07880 553830 or 01244 341287. There will be a short practice after 11.00 a.m. Mass on **Sunday 20th December**. Costumes will be provided.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION:

A Carol Service will be held on **Thursday 17th December** at 6:30 p.m. at the Catholic High School, followed by refreshments, a Christmas raffle and musical entertainment by the School Jazz Band. Free entrance. Everybody is welcome.

CHRISTINGLE APPEAL, SUNDAY 20th December:

We would again like to help the children of Bo in Sierra Leone by our Christingle Appeal for the OAKS charity (Overseas Aid for the Kids of Sierra Leone) They have had a very difficult year dealing with the Ebola crisis and had to miss 8 months of schooling. However, they have been back since September and are working really hard to catch up. Any support we can give them is always greatly appreciated. **Please take an envelope from either porch this weekend** and return it in the normal offertory baskets next week, or to Pauline Payne. Many thanks.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:

There will be a collection after all Masses **next weekend 19/20th December**. This will be towards the cost of flowers in church over the Christmas period.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER WORKSHOP:

You are welcome to come and make a floral arrangement for your Christmas table on the afternoon of **Wednesday 16th December** in the Hall. Please see notice at the back of church or see Marie, Anne or Sue for further details. We will be in the Hall this Sunday.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

The Christmas Party will be on **Monday 14th December** at 7.30 at St. Francis' Church Hall. Any enquiries please contact 01244 346772.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN UPTON, CAROL SINGING:

We would be very glad of your support on the following occasions of carol singing out in the community. The only qualification is that you enjoy singing carols! Please arrive at the venue 10 minutes before the scheduled time:

- **Monday 14th**: 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon at The Pavilion, Wealstone Lane (part of the regular coffee morning).
- **Tuesday 15th**: 6.30 p.m. at Wealstone Lane Care Home, then 8.00 p.m. at Mallard Court, Long Lane.
- **Wednesday 16th**: 2.30 p.m. at Orchard Manor, Acres Lane.

WEST CHESHIRE FOODBANK:

We have received a note from the Foodbank organisers, very grateful for the donations of food coming from St. Columba's, which are collected every week for delivery to the main warehouse in Ellesmere Port. So far this year a total of 1575 kg of food items have been donated from our parish. Thanks you to everyone for your kind donations. For further information about the ongoing operation of the Foodbank in West Cheshire go to <http://westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk/>

CHARITY CLASSICAL CONCERT FOR CHILDREN: "The Wheels on Debussy"

Join in a classical musical experience for both parents and children in a relaxed environment on **Sunday 27th December**, 3.00 p.m. at St Werburgh's Church. The programme will include solo performance and audience participation: seasonal singalong favourites plus music that captures the magic and mystery of Christmas. Soft drinks, mulled wine and mince pies to follow. All funds go to the Fergal O'Mahony Memorial Charity Foundation, supporting the development of young talented musicians. Tickets £10 for 1 adult and 1 child, £2.50 for each additional child. They can be purchased online at: <https://billetto.co.uk/events/100252#sthash.i6edL0rn.dpuf> or in St Columba's Church Hall after 11.00am Mass on **Sunday 13th and 20th December**.

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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