

# St Columba's Church

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## FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2016.

### MASS TIMES:

Saturday Vigil Mass:	7.15 p.m.	<b>INTENTIONS:</b> Lesbia Sullivan
Sunday:	9.15 a.m.	The Parish
	11.00 a.m.	Annie Roberts
Monday:	9.15 a.m.	Reginald Harrison
Tuesday:	9.15 a.m.	Francis Watts
Wednesday:	9.15 a.m.	Kathryn Sanson (RIP)
Thursday:	9.15 a.m.	Bill Browne (RIP)
Friday:	7.00 p.m.	Edward & Bridie Flynn (LD)
	(Followed by Stations Of The Cross and Benediction)	
Saturday:	9.15 a.m.	Feast of St Joseph.
Saturday Vigil Mass:	7.15 p.m.	Helen Kelly
Sunday	9.15 a.m.	Mrs A Timpson
	11.00 a.m.	The Parish

### BAPTISMS:

By appointment. After speaking to Fr. Jonathan to arrange a date, please contact Claire O'Donnell 07743 704383 (text or 'phone).

### CONFESSIONS:

Each Saturday, in the morning 10.00 to 10.30 a.m. and in the evening 6.45 to 7.10 p.m. (before the Saturday Vigil Mass).

### MORNING PRAYER:

Each morning at 9.00 a.m. before the Blessed Sacrament in the Iona Chapel, Monday through to Friday, except Wednesdays, when Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour are said at 9.15 a.m. prior to Mass.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Martin McKenna (Snr), Annie Elizabeth Bowler, Edward Sweeney, John Weaver, Margaret Sutcliffe, Donat O'Loughlin, Michael O'Leary, Tom Boulton, John Kavanagh, Mary Swift, Robert Ferguson, Frank Kirwan, Norman Ible, Ena Stinson, Maria Evans, Sr. Francis Reidy, Anna (Anne) Maria Reid, Mary Winifred Tallon, John Gerraghty, Melvyn Alan Paterson, Mary Christopherson, Francis (Frank) Leslie Garside, Delia Mangan, James Michael Boyle, Margaret Gibbons, Bernadette Manifold, James Ryan, Ellen Raynor, Helen Shaw, Vincent Williams, Pauline Ashmore, John McNicholas, Alan Poole, Kevin Lewis

### BILL BROWN RIP:

Judy Brown and family wish to thank Fr Jonathan, Lawrence and all who helped at Bill's funeral recently, as well as everyone who sent cards and prayers to provide comfort at this sad time. Donations in aid of the Hospice raised £235.

### LENTEN DEVOTIONS:

On Fridays during Lent daily Mass will be in the evening at 7.00 p.m. followed by Stations Of The Cross and Benediction.

### OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate:	£608.22
Planned Giving:	£394.24
Average Weekly Standing Orders:	£683.00
Stipends:	£190.00
Stoles:	£160.00
Donations:	£ 10.00
Candles:	£ 52.42

### FOOTSTEPS TO THE CROSS:

A big thank you to all those who helped at the Footsteps to the Cross - readers, musicians, welcomers and helpers. Your participation is greatly appreciated. Thank you

### UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Kingsway West, Rutland Place and Kent Road.
- For the Growth Groups, Bible Study Groups and nurturing groups.
- For a deepening of faith and awareness of Christ in us all.

### SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

13th March	Sue & Margy	Parish
20th March	Alison & Paul	Tombola
27th March	Annette Alburquerque	Fancy Dress and Cakes, Ickle Pickles
3rd April	Sewing Group	Parish

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

### EASTER FLOWER COLLECTION:

After all Masses next week - thank you in advance. Your generous offerings at Christmas and Easter enable us to provide the Church flowers throughout the year.

### FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS' MEETING:

The meeting for parents to discuss the Sacrament and how it will be celebrated takes place on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March** at 7.00 p.m. in St. Werburgh's and St. Columba's School. Please try to attend this meeting.

### LENT APPEAL FOR SIERRA LEONE:

I will be making another humanitarian holiday trip to Sierra Leone, West Africa for Easter this year leaving **March 23rd**. The young RC orphans and teenagers are begging me for secondhand (or no longer needed) laptop computers, gameboys, cameras and telephones to take to them as useful gifts. Please contact Heather on 07840621878 if you have any and/or would like to share...Thank you. With appreciation.

### EASTER SUNDAY CHILDREN'S FANCY DRESS COMPETITION:

In aid of Ickle Pickles neo-natal charity, a Fancy Dress Competition will be held in the Church Hall after 11 am Mass on **Easter Sunday, 27th March**. Entry fee £1. Prizes for the winners of each age group: under 5; 5 - 8; 9 - 12. Each competitor will also receive a Certificate of Participation. Hand-crafted cloth dolls will be auctioned and delicious home-made cakes on sale. Every penny raised will go to Ickle Pickles to help buy life-saving equipment for babies born too soon, too small and too sick to survive on their own. For further details, please call Annette on 01244 399707 or email [annettealbuq@gmail.com](mailto:annettealbuq@gmail.com)

- **HELP NEEDED!** Volunteers are needed to serve tea and coffee and sell cakes on 27th March, whilst the Fancy Dress Competition is taking place. (also after the 9:15 Mass). If you can bake a batch of cakes to sell, that would be much appreciated. Please call Annette if you can help.

### CONFIRMATION:

Our next celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will be on **Friday 28th October 2016** at 7pm. To be Confirmed this time you must be in year 8 at high school, or older, on the Confirmation day, or already at high school. There is no upper age limit for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. More details will be announced soon.

### CHESTER DEBATING SOCIETY:

Chester Debating society is holding an extra debate on **Tuesday 15th March** with the motion 'The Christian Church should reject same sex marriage'. Proposer: John Cheek (Broadcaster), Opposer: Rev. Dr. Trevor Dennis (retired Vice Dean of Chester Cathedral).

The debate will be held in the church hall of St Mary's Church in Handbridge, Chester at 7pm for 7.15pm.

### ANNUAL NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH:

The Novena to St. Joseph is taking place until **18th March** at St. Joseph's Church in Maidenhead and at Herbert House, Freshfield, Liverpool. Each year the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St. Joseph, their patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society and the missionary outreach of the Church, as well as, for the intentions of all those who support their work. You are invited to send in your petitions and/or to request a Novena booklet to enable you to join in from home by praying the daily Novena prayer, Please write to Fr. Liam Cummins MHM, St Joseph's Missionary Society, 58 Cookham Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7HT or email [novena@millhillmissionaries.com](mailto:novena@millhillmissionaries.com) For more information please see the displayed posters in both front and rear porches.

### DIOCESAN JUBILEE OF YOUTH:

**"Enter through the Door of Mercy" Explore 2016**

All young people from Year 11 upwards are warmly invited to join us for an afternoon of inspiration, prayer, reflection and friendship on **Sunday 20th March** at St. Chad's High School, Runcorn from 1:30 – 5:30pm. Our speakers are John Pridmore, a former East End gangster, and members of the Cenacolo Community who have overcome addiction. Please register your interest at: [www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/youth](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/youth) or [youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org).

### PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:

A Five Day Pilgrimage to Lourdes, from **Monday 6th to Friday 10th June 2016**, has been arranged, as an opportunity to celebrate the Holy Year of Mercy. The cost is £599 for full board. For more information, see poster on notice board. Forms are available from Fr Jonathan. Or contact Fr Paul O'Grady 0151 330 6588.

### CHURCHES TOGETHER IN UPTON:

Churches Together in Upton have started an initiative to extend the current practice of praying for the residents of particular roads by encouraging individual prayer requests. These can be made in writing to: Prayer Meeting, Upton United Reformed Church, Heath Road, Chester, or email: [info@uptonurc.org.uk](mailto:info@uptonurc.org.uk).

Churches Together in Upton hold a coffee morning each Monday at The Pavilion, Wealstone Lane (next to the Library) from 10am to noon. This is an ideal opportunity to meet and make friends in a relaxed welcoming atmosphere. If anyone is interested in helping out, please come along on a Monday to find out more.

### RED MISSION BOXES:

Could those Parishioners holding Red Mission Boxes please leave them in the Sacristy for Marg Curtis (318424) to collect.

The boxes can be collected from the table in the rear porch. Thank you for your continued support.

### OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:

The envelopes for 2016-17, which begin on Sunday 10 April, are now available. Please collect yours from the porch. Any problems, please ring David Savage 380626.

### READERS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - HOLY WEEK ROTA:

Please can you pick up a copy of the Holy Week Rota from the front porch, and may I remind everyone to find a replacement should you be unable to carry out your duty. Many thanks.

### HIGH CHAIR:

Because we would like to encourage young families into the hall, does anybody have a high chair that is no longer needed? If you do please contact Marg Curtis 318424.

### 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:

Will be compiled by Alison Wigglesworth; 01244 383457; email: [alison.wigglesworth@o2.co.uk](mailto:alison.wigglesworth@o2.co.uk)

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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