

# ST. COLUMBA'S

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Please see pamphlets in Church Porches for more details*

## SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2013 – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

### MASS & SERVICE TIMES:

Saturday Vigil: 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.  
Saturday Vigil: 7.15 p.m.  
Sunday: 9.15 a.m.  
11.00 a.m.

### INTENTIONS:

Priest's Intention  
Josefina Barbon  
The Parish  
Pauline Carr R.I.P.  
Gerry Galvin  
Anne Sutton  
Private Intention  
Wyn Tonks  
Cecilia Mitchell  
Graziella Baker  
Marie Terese Camilieri  
The Parish

### MORNING PRAYER:

9.00 a.m. in the Sacristy Office, except on Wednesday, 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. – 7.10 p.m.

### BAPTISMS:

After speaking to Fr Cooke to arrange a date, please contact Claire Graham on 01244 341287 / 07880553830.

- **Niamh Elizabeth Nixon was baptised on Sunday 17th March. A warm welcome and congratulations to Niamh and her family on this happy occasion. Please remember them in your prayers.**

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Jessie Christian, Paul Maiden, Vincent Thomas Devane, Anthony McAleavy, Caroline Shone, Henry McGuinness, Angela Bird, John Palmer, 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, Georgine Ogg, Bernard Cunningham, James Vincent Kerr, Margaret Mary Welby, Eric Siddall, Freda Mary Wilson, Edward Clarke, Richard Heveran, Elizabeth Poole, Veronica Fletcher, Margaret May Weston, Rodney Peter Jones, Brendan Joseph Nolan, Susan Josephine McLaughlin, Bridgit Ann Garner, Maria O'Sullivan.

### OFFERTORY:

Loose plate: £455.60  
Planned Giving: £416.00  
Average weekly Standing Orders: £556.00

### COFFEE/TEA:

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

### SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA 2013:

April 14<sup>th</sup> Anne and Anthony Mosquera  
April 21<sup>st</sup> Jackie Turvey  
April 28<sup>th</sup> Margaret & Jacque

Enquiries to Margaret Curtis 01244 318424

### UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

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

### RED MISSION BOXES:

Could those Red Mission Box holders please leave their box in the Sacristy for Margaret Curtis to collect. If you wish to Gift Aid please attach a note to your box. Boxes can be collected from the rear porch. Thank you for your continued support.

### CATHOLIC QUESTION TIME:

Tia Lasok-Smith, catechist at St. Clare's parish, is arranging this Year of Faith event: a Catholic Question Time, on **Friday 19th April** at 7.30pm at the Catholic High School. The expert panel includes Fr. Nick Kern, Dr. Pia Matthews (lecturer in medical ethics at Womersley) and Tom Teague (practising barrister and judge in Chester) there to answer questions on Catholic social teaching and other matters of faith. All welcome.

### "THE MYSTERY OF THE CHURCH ACCORDING TO VATICAN II":

ACTS, an established group of young Catholics is holding a Day of Reflection on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April**, 9.30-5.30 p.m. at Wistaston Hall, Crewe CW2 8JS. Cost £20. See posters for further information (also included on our parish website) or contact Siobhan: 07761138947 or [siobhanbc@talktalk.net](mailto:siobhanbc@talktalk.net)

### FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS' MEETING:

The final meeting for parents to discuss the Sacrament and how it will be celebrated, takes place on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April** at 7.00 p.m. in St. Werburgh's and St. Columba's School. Please try to attend this meeting.

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:

The next meeting of the Pastoral Council is on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**, 7.30 p.m. in the Church Office.

### PARISH HALL:

Many thanks to Kate and Simon Muddiman for all their hard work in looking after the Hall bookings and the general running of the Hall. The parish is very grateful for the work they have put in. Sue Carr has now taken over, and I am sure she will receive all the support and help of the parish. I am very grateful to Sue for taking on this responsibility.

- For bookings and enquiries contact details remain the same: [columbashallbookings@gmail.com](mailto:columbashallbookings@gmail.com) or phone 07553 114531.

### DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE, 23-30 JULY:

Bookings are being taken for the annual Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes which leaves the diocese on July 23<sup>rd</sup> overland and 24<sup>th</sup> July by air, both leave Lourdes on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July. The theme this year is "Lourdes – a door of faith". All are invited and welcome to join the pilgrimage especially those less able who may need assistance whilst on the pilgrimage. Costs are the same as last year. Full details are available on the website:

[www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk](http://www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk) or from the Pilgrimage Office, St. Peters, 16 Green lane. Hazel grove. Stockport. SK7 4EA or 'phone 07773 3264.

### MENDELSSOHN'S ELIJAH:

This choral concert will be given by Ellesmere Port Music Society and Wirral Philharmonic Orchestra on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April** at 7.30 p.m. in Ellesmere Port Civic Hall. Details may be found on posters in the porches (also on the St. Columba website) or ring Pauline Payne, 01244 350323.

### ECO CHIC FASHION SHOW:

A fund-raising fashion show is being held on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April** at 7.30 p.m. in the Rotunda at West Cheshire College's Ellesmere Port site, Sutton Way. The proceeds will go in aid of a project that helps to empower women in Malawi, and which is fostering links between West Cheshire's Fashion Department and the Beehive Tailoring School - part of the wide-ranging Krizevac Project which is based near Blantyre. Tickets for the evening will be £6, students £2. For further information and for tickets please phone 01244 381490.

### CHESTER HOMELESS:

Thank you for all your enquiries regarding the Centre. As you are probably aware, since losing the funding there have been many changes, but the remaining Staff (reduced from 36 to 3 full-time and 4 part-time) has managed to keep the Centre going, and still providing the much needed walk-in facility for breakfasts from 9 to 10.30am together with medical help and assistance. The hot showers, laundry, help and advice, and referrals onto accommodation are also still in place. Hopefully Crispin House will be opening up some time in the near future. They are in desperate need of help but keeping an amazingly positive approach.

As always they are in need of warm clothing. Now that they are not controlled by the Council, they can provide the Homeless with

blankets and sleeping bags so these can now be donated. Tinned and dried goods together with toiletries, laundry powder etc are always needed. The website has had to be altered due to the withdrawal of funding but the good news is that the new website will soon be up and running and ready to be accessed. They do have a Facebook page for those of you able to access it - Chester Aid to the Homeless. From this site you will be able to see at a glance the different facilities that they are providing.

For detailed information the Manager, Rob, is more than happy for you to contact him on 07716855348. In the meantime Maggie Burns is available on Chester 341509 after 7 p.m. for suitability of donations etc. Thank you most sincerely for your continued support of this very necessary and worthy cause.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

*Events arranged by Parish Social Committee:*

- **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April** - Beetle Drive in the Hall.
- **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June** - BBQ to celebrate the Feast of St Columba.

*From St Werburgh's & St Columba's PTA:*

- **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** - Bags2School.  
Please donate unwanted clothing, belts, bags etc for recycling. We are paid by the kilo, so the more, the better! Drop off bags to school by 9 a.m. on 23rd April.
- **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April** - Community Day at School, from 10 til 4. We will be weeding, planting, painting, sorting out, picking litter, sharpening pencils ..... Please come & join us, to make a difference to our school.
- **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May** - Our first *ever* Spring Ball! Bring along friends & family & make this a great success! To be held at Chester Rugby Club. Fizz on arrival, 3 course meal, live band, DJ. Black tie optional. **Over 18's Only.** Tickets just £25 - from Helen on 07775 599330 or Naomi on 07792 902011. Donations for our Spring Ball Raffle gratefully received!
- **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June** - School Summer Fayre. The usual fun & excitement! More details to follow, but please, pray for dry weather!

We are currently raising funds for a new mobile classroom. Many thanks for your support.

### NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Ann Siddall.

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Items for inclusion can also 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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