

St Columba's Church

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT SUNDAY, 14TH DECEMBER 2014

| MASS TIMES: | | INTENTIONS: |
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| Saturday Vigil Mass: | 7.15 p.m. | Elizabeth Williams.A. |
| Sunday: | 9.15 a.m. | Alan Gregory. |
| | 11.00 a.m. | The Parish. |
| Monday: | 9.15 a.m. | Joan Wells R.I.P. |
| Tuesday | 9.15 a.m. | Emma Clark. |
| Wednesday: | 9.15 a.m. | John & Bertha Cummings. |
| Thursday: | 9.15 a.m. | Judy Hough. |
| Friday: | 9.15 a.m. | Stallon Stellus. |
| REQUIEM | 2.30 p.m. | James Chapman |
| Saturday: | 9.15 a.m. | David Cross.A. |
| Saturday Vigil Mass: | 7.15 p.m. | Bob Breen & Tony Bowers |
| Sunday: | 9.15 a.m. | Patricia Howe & Sean Backhouse. |
| | 11.00 a.m. | The Parish |

TUESDAY 16TH DEC. ST WERBURGH'S & ST COLUMBA'S SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE IN CHURCH 6.30 TO 8.00 P.M.

LATELY DEAD:

Please pray for James Chapman whose sudden tragic death happened last week. To his parents and family, we offer our prayers for James and strength and support from his many friends and people who knew and will miss him. His Requiem is on Friday at 2.30 p.m.

BAPTISMS: By appointment with Fr. Cooke.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: 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, Michael 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, John Carney, Sean Backhouse, David Thomas Cross, John Ignatius Mitchell and Molly Massey.

CONFESSIONS:

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

OFFERTORY:

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| Loose Plate: | £459.64 |
| Planned Giving: | £567.50 |
| Average Weekly SOs: | £510.00 |
| Coffee Morning | £19.12 |
| Piety Stall | £240.00 |

Thank you for your continued generosity.

If you are interested in joining the Planned Giving and/or Gift Aid schemes, please ring David Savage on 01244 380626.

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.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

14th Dec. Maggie Jarret OAKS
21st Dec Marg & Geoff Hospice
28th Dec Volunteers please contact Margaret 318424
Teas, coffees and juices are served in the Hall after both Sunday morning Masses. All are welcome.

The 2015 Sunday coffee rota for January -April 2015 is on the notice board in the hall. If you would like to support a charity by making coffee in the hall after morning mass please contact Margaret Curtis 318424.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

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

CHRISTMAS DAY NATIVITY, 11.00 a.m.

MASS: Children are invited to be in the Nativity Scene at the 11.00 a.m. Mass on Christmas morning. Will parents of children interested contact Pauline Payne (email pauline.payne4@btinternet.com) or 01244-350323 The clothes can be collected from the Iona Chapel after the 11.00 a.m. Mass on this Sunday, when there will be a short practice.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:

There will be a collection after all Masses next weekend (20th/21st Dec.) for flowers to decorate the church for the Christmas season and the coming months. Thank you in anticipation of your continued generosity.

CHRISTINGLE CAROL -11.00 a.m. MASS:

1. O sing about Christingle, your voices loud employ,
Your praises bring to God our King, for Jesus and His joy.
2. The orange of Christingle, the world reminds us of,
And how our God created us, and on us shed His love.
3. The candle of Christingle, with shining flame so bright,
Reminds us of our loving Lord, who is the world's true light.
4. The red band of Christingle, which plainly we can see,
Reminds us of how Jesus Christ was killed upon that tree.
5. The four sticks of Christingle, with which the orb we spear,
Remind us how God cares for us, through seasons of the year.
6. The fruits of the Christingle, they have a special worth,
Reminding of the Spirit's fruits as well as fruits of earth.
7. The whole of the Christingle, it is a joy to see,
It shines to show how God our Father loves both you and me.

NEW LITURGICAL YEAR – NEW LITURGICAL PRACTICE:

As the Church's new Liturgical Year begins, you will become aware of two changes to our practice at Sunday and weekday Mass, from now on:

- After Holy Communion, before the "Prayer after Communion", Fr. Cooke will call to him our Ministers of Holy Communion who are to take the Eucharist to those confined to their homes. He will send them out using the following words: *"As you go, please take with you not only the Sacrament we have celebrated, but also the Word of God which we have heard, as well as the affection of this parish community, and ask for the prayers of those whom you visit in return."*
- Secondly, Ministers will purify the sacred vessels immediately after Mass is concluded, at the credence tables in church/chapel; Fr. Cooke will appreciate your remaining aware of this and showing appropriate respect. Thank you.

CHRISTINGLE APPEAL, SUNDAY 14th DECEMBER:

We are again this year helping the children of Bo in Sierra Leone by our Christingle Appeal for the OAKS charity (Overseas Aid for the Kids of Sierra Leone). Unfortunately, due to the Ebola crisis the OAKS school has to remain closed at least until the New Year. Any support we can give the OAKS community at this difficult time will be much appreciated. Please take an envelope from either porch this weekend and return it in the offertory baskets, or to Pauline Payne. The work of the OAKS charity can be seen at www.oaks-sl.org

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT ST. COLUMBA'S:

A small cream coloured leaflet giving details of all the Masses and Carol Singing planned for the Advent and Christmas Season is now available. Please take one home as a reminder.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION:

Carol Service – A Carol Service will be held on Thursday 18th of December at 7:00 pm at the Catholic High School, followed by refreshments and a raffle by the Parents' Association and musical entertainment by the School Jazz Band. Free entrance. Everybody is welcome.

FLOWER FESTIVAL CALENDARS:

Showing displays from the Flower Festival will be on sale on Piety Stall and in the Hall after Mass on Sunday.

MISSION CALENDARS 2015:

Mission Today Calendars are available on the tables in the front and rear porches of the church.

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 15th:** 10.00am at Scout HQ, Weston Grove (part of the regular coffee morning).
- **Tuesday 16th:** 6.30pm at Wealstone Home, Wealstone Lane, then 8.00pm at Mallard Court, Long Lane.
- **Wednesday 17th:** 2.30pm at Orchard Manor, Acres Lane.

GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS:

As a thank you for the Golden Jubilee and Flower Festival celebration, Father Cooke invites all involved in making the occasion so successful, to a Buffet lunch in the Church Hall on **Monday 15th December**, 12 noon. In addition to flower arrangers, this includes Stewards, Choir, Tea Ladies and Brushers Up etc. **To assist catering, please add your names to the list in the front or back porch.**

SVP COLLECTION:

The collection amounted to £325.05. We have donated £200 worth of food to the Food Bank. We thank you all for your continued support throughout the year and wish you a peaceful Christmas and New Year. God Bless you all.

CHESTER AND ELLESMERE PORT S.V.P TRIP TO WALSINGHAM:

The annual S.V.P. trip to Walsingham will take place on **Monday 13th April 2015** and return on **Thursday 16th April 2015**. A deposit of £75 will be required as soon as possible. If anyone wishes to go, please contact Brian Forrest on 01244 318863.

DIOCESAN PUBLICATIONS:

These publications are available:

- The Advent/Christmas issue of "**Shrewsbury Voice**", the Diocesan magazine, with a range of interesting articles. Price £1.
- **Diocesan Year Book 2015**. It contains a wealth of information about the Diocese, its parishes and organisations. Price £4.

LOST GLOVES: A pair of purple/mauve woollen gloves were left on the coach to Arley Hall. Please contact Margaret Curtis 01244 318424.

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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