

St Columba's Church

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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT SUNDAY 14th FEBRUARY 2016

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:	9.15 a.m.
	7.00 p.m.
Thursday:	9.15 a.m.
Friday:	7.00 p.m.
Saturday:	9.15 a.m.
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Sunday:	9.15 a.m.
	11.00 a.m.

INTENTIONS:

Maureen O'Hora
Joan & Frederick Hodson
The Parish
Gillian & Hilda Gallagher
Edward Hobday
Joan Cotter (A)
Station Mass (see
Confessions below)
Steven & Chris Colgan (A)
Don Swanson (RIP)
followed by Stations of the
Cross
NO SERVICE
Mary A Jeffes (A)
Reginald Harrison (RIP)
Eric Shanley

LATELY DEAD – Kathryn Sanson

We remember Kathryn in our prayers. May she rest in peace, and may God comfort her family and all who mourn.

BAPTISMS:

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

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: Susan McGann, Margaret Finnigan, Bridget Mary McManus, Lilian May Adams, Marlene Rose Tyrrell, Bernard Leigh, John Cummings, Owen Foulkes, James Marron, John Joseph O'Boyle, Margaret Turner, Harold Joseph Phelan, Major John Edward Jones, Eileen Harrison, Emily Marian (Marie) Leonard, John McHugh, June Adrienne Angela Garnett, Adriano Semenzato, Llewellyn Eaton, Wilfred Lee, Anna Spiten, Sheila Kilcoyne, Frances Connolly, Gwilym Griffiths, Eric Shanley, Thomas Croghan, Anne Rigby, Lilly Shirley, Agnes O'Connell, John Cummins, Hector Burton, Mary Anastasia Jeffs, Joan Wilkin, Mary Jeffes, Patricia Elizabeth "Trish" McClure, Gladys Murdoch.

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.

CONFESSIONS:

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

On Wednesday, 17th February at 7.00 p.m. Bishop Mark will celebrate a Station Mass at St. Columba's. Confessions will be heard by visiting priests between 6.00 and 6.45 p.m. before, and from 8.00 p.m. afterwards. (Please see *the Lent and Easter at St. Columba's* leaflet for more information regarding a Station Mass. (Copies still available in Church porches).

OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate:	£487.52
Planned Giving:	£446.51
Average Weekly Standing Orders:	£683.00
Candles	£ 55.57

PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FUND:

This collection will close today. Thank you for your generosity towards our retired priests.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

14th Feb	CWL	CWL
21st Feb	The Mosquera Family	Parish
28 th Feb	Sewing Group	Parish

There are a few Sunday coffee mornings vacant this coming year. We urgently need volunteers to manage these mornings - either to raise money for the parish or a charity of your choice. If you can devote a couple of hours, please put your name on the rota in the hall or contact Margaret Curtis 318424 for more details. Tea, coffee and juice are served in the hall after Sunday morning Masses. All are welcome.

O.A.K.S.

Thank you to all who supported the recent coffee morning in aid of O.A.K.S. (for the children in Sierra Leone). It raised £186.

FOOTSTEPS TO THE CROSS (FRIDAY, 11TH MARCH):

If you are high school age and would like to take part in reading at this service, please phone Denise Lusk on 01244 379742.

LENT FAST DAY:

This year, Lent Fast Day is on **Friday 19th February**. The Fast Day envelopes are available along with the newsletters this weekend, and may be returned in the offertory baskets next weekend, 20th/21st February. The Fast Day offerings go in support of CAFOD's work in developing countries. Again this year, parish and school offerings nationally will be matched pound for pound under the government's UK aid scheme.

A JOURNEY THROUGH LENT:

The talks on the readings for the Sundays of Lent continue on Tuesday at 7.00 p.m. in the Iona Chapel, when we'll be looking at the readings for the second Sunday. These talks are intended mainly for Readers, especially those reading during Lent, but a warm welcome is extended to all interested parishioners. You don't have to come every week, just drop in when you can. See the Notice Boards for more details.

DIOCESAN YOUTH EVENT:

To all young adults of the Diocese: Bishop Mark invites you to join him in responding to Pope Francis' call to 'Enter the Door of Mercy' in this Holy Year. The Jubilee Year event for young people will take place at Saint Chad's High School in Runcorn on **Sunday 20th March** to hear from John Pridmore (former East End gangster), and the Cenacolo Community (a life-changing community for addicts), as well as taking time for prayer, reflection, Adoration and to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The afternoon is a great opportunity to gather together with other young people in a spirit of faith and friendship. See the poster for more information (in the porches and on the parish website).

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO ROME FOR THE HOLY YEAR OF MERCY:

Bishop Mark will lead a Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome for the Holy Year of Mercy from **17th -21st October 2016**. We will visit the major Basilicas of Rome including passing through the Holy Door at St Peter's. In addition there will be a General Audience with the Holy Father and a visit and Holy Hour at the Venerable English College. Flights are from Manchester and accommodation is on a half board basis with lunch included on the first day. The cost is £695 in a twin room or £565 in a triple room. A very limited number of single rooms are available at a supplement of £130. Numbers are restricted to 100 so early booking is recommended. Full information and booking forms are available from your Parish Priest or can be downloaded from the Diocesan Website. Alternatively contact Fr David Long on 0151 638 1520.

ELLESMERE PORT & CHESTER LOURDES YOUTH GROUP:

Members of this Group will be attending the **11.00 a.m. Mass here at St Columba's today**. They will be wearing their white pilgrimage shirts, and will be around after Mass to say hello – but not to raise funds! The plan is to visit other Parishes over the next few weeks – again, just to say hello.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN UPTON:

A series of three short Lent reflections will be held here at St Columba's on the following Thursdays: 25 February, 3 March and 10 March. Please join us in the Iona Chapel at 6.45pm. All very welcome.

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. Requests can be made by writing to Prayer Meeting, Upton United Reformed Church, Heath Road, Chester, or by email to info@uptonurc.org.uk Churches Together in Upton hold a coffee morning each Monday at The Pavilion, Wealstone Lane - 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

FEAST OF THE WEEK:

Wednesday - Seven Founders of the Order of Servites

These were prominent businessmen from Florence who in 1233 withdrew to a life of solitude, prayer and penance. This was in reaction to the heresies and relaxed morality of the time, and led to the establishment of a new Mendicant Order (Servants of Mary) based on the Rules of St. Augustine. The Servite Order was recognised in 1259 and in time spread to many parts of the world, including foundations in the UK.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Gayton Close, Denhall Close & Moorhouse Close
- For The Scouts, Venture Scouts, Cub Scouts and Beavers
- For the Ranger Guides, Guides, Brownies, Rainbows, Boys' Brigade and Girls' Brigade.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:

This year the Women's World Day of Prayer Service has been prepared by the Christian women of Cuba, the theme being Receive Children - Receive Me. The service for Upton will be at Holy Ascension Church on **Friday March 4th at 10.30**. All are welcome

TO ALL PARISH KEYHOLDERS:

Please, would anyone who has a key to St Columba's Presbytery hand it to Fr. Jonathan at a convenient opportunity; and would those who hold keys to the church make themselves known to Fr. Jonathan so that an up to date record of holders can be made. Thank you.

GIFT AID:

As the end of the Tax Year approaches you are reminded to check that you will have paid enough Income Tax in 2015-16 to cover the tax that will be reclaimed on your gift aided donations. If you are in any doubt, please contact David Savage tel. 380626.

ST. COLUMBA'S HALL BOOKINGS:

For all Hall bookings and enquiries please contact Sue Carr on 07553 114531
E-mail: columbashallbookings@gmail.com

NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Rebecca Vaughan
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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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