

# St Columba's Church

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## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2014

### 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.  
Thursday: 9.15 a.m.  
Friday: 9.15 a.m.  
Saturday: 9.15 a.m.  
Saturday Vigil Mass: 7.15 p.m.  
Sunday: 9.15 a.m.  
                                  11.00 a.m.

### INTENTIONS:

Eric Shanley.  
Paul O'Brien.  
Syd Merchant.A.  
Victor Fry and  
Angela Garnett.  
Catherine Harrison.  
Joan & Jack Sheeran.RIP.  
Mary Jeffes.  
Torchiaro Family.  
Eric Gerrard.  
Andrew James.  
Gerry Gavin.A.  
Richard Murphy.A.

### 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.

### BAPTISMS:

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

### LATELY DEAD:

Please remember in your prayers Eric Richards and Sean McCabe whose Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 10.30 a.m.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

*Please remember in your prayers:* 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, Wilfred Lee, Anna Spiten, Sheila Kilcoyne, Gwilym Griffiths, Eric Shanley, , Thomas Croghan, Anne Rigby, Lilly Shirley, Agnes O'Connell, John Cummins, Hector Burton, Mary Anastasia Jeffs, Joan Wilkin, Mary Jeffes, Gladys Murdoch, Elizabeth Dalziel, Ernest Roberts, Elizabeth Rodgers, Thomas Burke, John Parker, Robert Moor, Mary Byrne, Andrew James, Danny Roberts, Gladys Marron, Gerald (Gerry) David Galvin.

### CONFESSIONS:

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

### SPUC:

The White Flower Collection raised £589.48, thank you for your generosity. **Pat Wilkinson**

### LENT BEGINS IN THE FIRST WEEK OF MARCH:

During the season there are three opportunities to do a **One Day Retreat** at the Sandymount Retreat House in Crosby. The dates are:

- **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March**
- **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March**
- **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.**

Details of these days are on a poster in the porch. To book a place either by phone 0151 9244850 or go online at [www.sandymountretreats.org.uk](http://www.sandymountretreats.org.uk).

### OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate: £539.30  
Planned Giving: £438.60  
Average Weekly SOs: £547.00

Thank you for your generous support.

### UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Gayton Close, Denhall Close and Moorhouse Close.
- The Scouts, Venture Scouts, Cub Scouts and Beavers.
- The Ranger Guides, Guides, Brownies, Rainbows, Boy's Brigade and Girls Brigade.

### RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND – SPECIAL COLLECTION:

The annual collection for this fund will be held today and next Sunday. Special envelopes are still available in the porches today for you to take home and return to the collection plate next Sunday if you missed them last week. Instructions are on the envelopes for those of you who donate by gift aid to enable the fund to recover income tax. Leaflets are available should you wish to donate by bankers order. All your donations will enable the Fund to be built up to meet the future needs of our sick and retired priests. Bishop Mark expresses his deep gratitude for your continued support.

### **SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:**

Feb 16th Christopher & Elizabeth Tombola

Feb 26th Maggie Jarret OAKS

March 2nd SVP SVP

Teas, coffees and juices are served in the hall after both the Sunday morning Masses. All are very welcome

### **FOODBANK:**

Thank you very much for your kind donations over the first two weeks of the Foodbank collection system at St. Columba's. We will keep up-to-date information by each of the boxes about the kinds of food which are currently in short supply at the local distribution points. We will also draw your attention to any items of interest that may be posted on the Foodbank website or in their newsletters.

### **MALAWI APPEAL:**

- Susan Flynn is very grateful for the good response to her recent appeal for sewing machines – but further machines would still be welcome if they can be supplied by Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February. Contact details below.
- Also for Malawi, on 4<sup>th</sup> March Susan flies out to Lilongwe and is hoping to be able to take 2 laptop computers, for use by students at the University of Agriculture and Natural Resources who are very short of such computers. If anyone can help, please contact her on 01244 381490 or [sflynn@waitrose.com](mailto:sflynn@waitrose.com)

### **DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE, JULY 23/24 - 30/31<sup>st</sup>:**

Bookings have started to come in, such that the plane is well over half full already. Anyone wishing to fly is asked to send their booking form in as soon as possible.

Our greatest need at the moment is for some more nurses, doctors and healthcare professionals to accompany the pilgrimage. Details for medical staff can be found on the pilgrimage website [www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk](http://www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk) or you can speak with the Matron Nuala Fitzmaurice on the Medical Office no. 07970 943940

### **CHURCHES TOGETHER IN UPTON:**

- **Reverend Sarah Simpson**, Minister of Upton United Reformed Church, leads her final service in Upton next Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February. She has been appointed URC Minister in Malmesbury, Wiltshire. We thank Sarah for her strong support for all the Churches Together activities during her time in Upton, and we wish her every blessing in her new appointment.
- Upton Churches Together are running a 5-week Lent Course, **“From the Ram to the Lamb”**, an exploration of the ways in which Jesus fulfils Old Testament prophecy and the sacrificial system. The course is at Upton URC, Heath Road, at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday evenings, starting on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March**.

### **HUMAN TRAFFICKING:**

Bishop Mark has asked the newly refreshed Justice and Peace Commission to take positive action in such causes as the evil of human trafficking, including support for the Anti Human Trafficking Forum, to be held in Frodsham Methodist Church on **Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> March**, 9.30 a.m. – 4.30 p.m. The programme is geared to positive steps to combat this evil, and is organised with the support of Churches Together in Cheshire. Please contact [info@frodshamchurchestogether.org.uk](mailto:info@frodshamchurchestogether.org.uk) for further details of this event.

### **NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH:**

10th - 18th March at St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead. Each year the Mill Hill Community prepares 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 work 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 Denis Treacy MHM, St Joseph's Missionary Society, Communications House, 12 Craufurd Rise, Maidenhead SL6 7LS or email [novena@millmissionaries.com](mailto:novena@millmissionaries.com).

Please see posters at front and rear of church.

### **WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – FRIDAY, 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH AT 10.30 A.M.:**

The service will be at St Columba's R.C. Church and will last about an hour, followed by light refreshments. The Women's World Day of Prayer is an interdenominational Christian organisation run by women to focus attention on one country each year and to pray for its peoples. The Christian women of Egypt prepared this year's service entitled, "Streams in the Desert". Please come and support them by joining the congregation here in Upton as a link in the chain of prayer for Egypt, which will be taking place across the world for 24 hours on 7<sup>th</sup> March.

### **HOSPICE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD QIZ EVENING:**

This will be in St Columba's Church Hall on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> February at 7.00 p.m. Admission £1.50 which includes light refreshments of tea, coffee & biscuits. You can bring your own drinks.

### **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:**

This will be compiled by Bernard Payne

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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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