

# ST. COLUMBA'S

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Please see pamphlets in Church Porches for more details*

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT SUNDAY, 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2013

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

### INTENTIONS:

Slava.  
Teresa Brazzill. (SVP)  
The Parish.  
Patrick and Eileen  
O'Driscoll.  
Joanne Peppitt.  
Jack Sheeran.  
Con and Mary O'Sullivan.  
Gerry Galvin  
**LENTEN DEVOTIONS**  
Anne O'Malley. RIP  
The Parish.  
Frances Dunne.  
Annie Roberts. A.

### BAPTISMS:

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

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Ena Stinson, Maria Evans, Sr. Francis Reidy, 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, Vincent Francis Barlow, Edward Dean Donnelly, Margaret M McGeachin, Norman Thomas Dodd, Mary Jane Layden, Dr. John Foody, Francis Wright, Annie Roberts, Josephine Angela Daisie Roberts, Gloria Elizabeth Mary Williams, Stanley Richard Tilston, Maurice Chapman Snr, Harry Grove, Rose Mary Mitchell, Kenneth (Ken) Roy Thompson.

### 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.

### LATELY DEAD:

Robert Grew, please remember him in your prayers.

### CONFESSIONS:

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

### COFFEE/TEA:

Tea and coffee are served in the Hall after both the Sunday morning Masses. All are very welcome.

### POPE FRANCIS:

Pope Francis from Argentina was something of a surprise, also he is the first Jesuit and from South America.

We assure him of our prayers and loyalty. There seems to be a natural humility about him and we wish his Papacy much success.

### HOLY WEEK NOTICE:

Please will you pick up your copy of the Holy Week Rota from the front porch. Can I please remind everyone to ensure that if you are unable to carry out their duties on the specified day to find a replacement. Many thanks.

### EXPOSITION DURING LENT:

As part of the Year of Faith initiative, Exposition will take place after Mass each Wednesday, until 11.00 a.m., during Lent.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

This service will be held every Friday evening during Lent at 7.15 p.m.

### OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate:	£518.78
Planned Giving:	£527.15
Average Weekly Standing Orders:	£556.00

### OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:

The new envelopes are now available for collection in the rear porch.

### UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- 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.

### CHURCHES TOGETHER IN UPTON:

The recent Friendship Lunch, hosted by the URC, raised £125 which has been donated to the Hospice of the Good Shepherd. Many thanks to those of you who supported the event.



**YEAR OF FAITH:** A few years ago the BBC screened a film about the Nativity of Our Lord. It covered the events from the Annunciation to the Birth of Our Saviour and was notable for its emphasis on the role of St Joseph: the shock he suffered when he found that Our Lady, his betrothed, was pregnant: his

dilemma as to how he should 'put her away' and his relief when he was told in a vision about the reason for her pregnancy: then later the long journey to Bethlehem helping Our Lady and her unborn child, trying to find a room in the inns and finally ending up in a stable. The difficult start would be forgotten as he taught the Child Jesus to speak his language, to show him his skills as a carpenter and to cherish him in his childhood days. There were sorrows too, like the occasion when the boy Jesus was lost for three days until he was found in the temple.

The experiences of St Joseph are duplicated today in the joys, the difficulties and the sorrows of modern family life. Pius IX, assenting to the wishes of the faithful, proclaimed him Patron of the Universal Church. On Tuesday we can celebrate his Solemnity, joining with our new Pope Francis I in his Inaugural Mass and praying to a humble but outstanding saint for his help in living our daily lives.

*The statue of St Joseph, which usually occupies the corner by the confessional, and the statue of St Patrick are being refurbished and should be returned in a few weeks time.*

#### **CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:**

This week's theme is **Don't Judge:**

*Dear Lord,*

*Remind us in our everyday lives that you cannot always tell what someone is like just by looking.*

*Jesus taught us to love each other and to treat each other as we would want to be treated.*

*Help us then to live life following this example.*

*Amen*

#### **GIFT AID:**

The end of the 2012-3 Tax Year is approaching and we are required to remind you, if you are donating to the parish through Gift Aid, to check that you have paid sufficient income tax in the current tax year to cover the sum you have donated. If you have any queries about this or any other aspect of the Gift Aid system, please contact the parish Gift Aid Organiser, David Savage, tel. 380626 or [savage214@btinternet.com](mailto:savage214@btinternet.com)

#### **RED MISSION BOXES:**

Could those Red Mission Box holders please leave their boxes in the Sacristy for Margaret Curtis to collect. You can collect them from the rear porch. Thank you for your continued support.

#### **EASTER FLOWERS:**

There will be a collection after all Masses next week 23/24 March for flowers to decorate the Church for Easter Celebrations.

Thank you in advance for your generosity which provides flowers not only for Easter but throughout the year.

#### **SVP HELP NEEDED:**

We have been asked to help a family with a 14 month old son who are in need of our help. They need bedroom furniture and carpets.

They do have some furniture which they have been given. We do have a list of their needs.

So if anyone can help in anyway please contact Brian Forrest on 01244 318863.

#### **PARISH HALL:**

The Parish Hall will shortly be under new management the change will be notified by the Newsletter. At present hall bookings and enquiries can still be made via the Muddimans, 07553114531 or [columbashallbooking@gmail.com](mailto:columbashallbooking@gmail.com)

#### **PALMS FOR PALM SUNDAY:**

The palms have arrived and it would be appreciated if those of you who would like to help fold them could meet in the office after Mass on any of Mon. Tues and Thurs of this week for a short time. They are easy to fold and help will be given for those who have not done them before. Please bring your scissors.

#### **PARISH WEBSITE:**

We recently had an appeal in the newsletter for someone to help us develop our parish website. We are very pleased to say that Rebecca Vaughan responded and has been doing some good work on our "shadow" website. More work is to be done, but we are nearly at the stage where it will become our main site. In the meantime look at [www.stcolumbachester.wordpress.com](http://www.stcolumbachester.wordpress.com) and let us have any comments. You can send them either to Rebecca on [rebecca\\_vghn@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rebecca_vghn@yahoo.co.uk) or to Bernard Payne on [bernard.payne691@btinternet.com](mailto:bernard.payne691@btinternet.com)

#### **FOOTBALL KITS FOR AFRICA !**

Please donate any 2nd hand /unwanted football kits (part or full) to be sent to Africa with the Kits4Kids charity. Take any donations to the Football Boutique in Rufus Court who are storing the kits until we have collected 100 to send. Any queries phone Heather 0784062 1878

#### **SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA 2013:**

- 17<sup>th</sup> March Catholic High PTA
- 24<sup>th</sup> March St Werburgh's & St Columba's School PTA
- 31<sup>st</sup> March Eileen Hordley

Any enquiries call 318424

#### **NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:**

This will be compiled by Bernard Payne

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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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