

St Columba's Church

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY, 18TH MAY 2014

MASS TIMES:

Saturday Vigil Mass:	7.15 p.m.
Sunday:	9.00 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.
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Sunday:	9.15 a.m.
	11.00 a.m.

INTENTIONS:

Marie Therese Camilleri
Sheila Cherry
The Parish
Sean McCabe
Cyril Baxter
Bernard Leigh
Paul Pinnington
Ken
Brenda Murtagh
Marie Therese Camilleri
The Parish
Tersa Hind

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.

ANNIVERSARIES:

John Bennett, Mary Ellen Rodgers, James Hoyland, Gerard Barrow, Margaret Veronica McClellan, Gillian Anne Knowles, Michael Finan, Angela Bird, Sam O'Reilly, Margaret North, Brenda Cawley, David Beatty, William Lumley, Rachel Buckley, Rosaline Ives, Nora Elizabeth Reilly, Henry Sweeney, Eileen Bridget Bryne, Evelyn Siddall, Glyn Roberts, Thomas Martin, Elizabeth Baker, Dolly Cooper, Ronald Alfred Wells, Eileen Hughes, Thomas Patrick Nicholls, Godfrey Z Mullins, Frederick McGhee, William A J Davies, Paul Joseph Herbert, Ann Lee, Martha Winifred Shea, Peter Burton (Snr), Christina Rita Newton.

CONFESSIONS:

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

OFFERTORY

Loose Plate:	£644.16
Planned Giving:	£442.86
Average Weekly SOs:	£510.00
Piety Stall	£137.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.

CONFIRMATION:

Parents Meeting for Confirmation candidates this Monday evening at 6.30 p.m. in the Iona Chapel. Please make every effort to be there; it will be a short meeting.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

18 th May	Scouts	Parish
25 th May	SVP	Parish
1 st June	Sewing Group	Funds for Africa

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

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:

The theme for 19th May-6th June is *Charity*. The prayer is:

For the times we have ignored the needs of our friends and neighbours, Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

For the times we have forgotten about people in need in our own country, Christ have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord, You have shown us how to be charitable and how to help those in need. Help me to remember to always be generous, in my thoughts, my words and my deeds. Amen.

BIDDING PRAYER WRITER:

We urgently need a Bidding Prayer writer to join the team, initially for the month of July. Can you help? Please get in touch with Mary Sherman on 01244 638978.

RED MISSION BOX HOLDERS:

Mgr. Canon James Cronin has sent a special letter and poster thanking all those who support the Red Box in our Parish.

St. Columba's Parish has raised £2,215 in 2013. The poster and letter from Mgr. Canon James Cronin is on the message wall in the front porch of the Church. Thank you so much for your continued support.

S.V.P. COLLECTION:

The S.V.P. Collection last weekend amounted to £216.36. *Thank you for your continued support.*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS:

Family celebrations of the Sacrament continue throughout May. At the 11.00 a.m. Mass each Sunday some or all of the central benches will be reserved for the children and their families. We pray for and congratulate those making their First Holy Communion this Sunday: Sinead Barrett, Grace Darke, Bryan Jackiewicz, Elsie Oldfield (Blessing), and Eva Williams.

HAPPY FAMILIES – MORE THAN A CARD GAME?

Being happy at home is something we all hope for but families and their needs change as our children grow. Sometimes it can be hard to keep pace with these changes. Whilst the teenage years are some of the most rewarding, they can present the greatest challenges for parents and young people alike. Approaches that worked well before are no longer effective or appropriate and conflict can become more common as we try to negotiate new freedoms and responsibilities.

Are you interested in exploring positive ways of parenting teenagers and building on your skills and strategies to keep communication open in your family? Join like-minded parents in a small and supportive group for 6 weekly sessions where you can develop and adapt tried and tested techniques to suit your family situation, taking small steps each week to bring about big changes. The course is free and starts on **Wednesday, 4th June at 7.30 p.m. in Chester Catholic High School**. For more information or to book a place, please ring Claire on 01244 300338 or 07743 704383.

SOUNDWALL SHOW, ST. COLUMBA'S HALL 24th MAY:

Thanks to St. Columba's Chester - especially Bill Baker and Sue Carr - Chester band Soundwall have raised £1000 for the Hospice of the Good Shepherd (HOGS). Soundwall, some of which are St. Columba's parishioners, will be providing a night of top quality family entertainment on **Saturday 24th May**. Doors 7.30 for 8p.m. Dancing, prizes - and a huge cheque for HOGS! Please support this parish event. Tickets £7 & £4 conc. Available, contact Catherine on 07840 114 297 or email catherine@catherineharrisonarts.co.uk

PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN FROM HARM ON THE INTERNET:

Gareth Cheesman from Chester Schools Christian Work will be giving a talk aimed at parents of primary school children. The session will provide an overview of the pressures children face and practical tools and behaviours you can employ to help protect them. This will be on **Wednesday 4th June** from 7.30pm at The Firs School 45 Newton Lane. Registration required at www.firsschool.net/workshop/

SUMMER FASHION SHOW:

This is being held at West Cheshire College, Ellesmere Port Campus, on **Wednesday 4th June**, 7.30 for 8.00 p.m. Tickets £5 adults, £2 students. It is organised by Chifundo Fashion, whose products will be available for sale after the show. All proceeds go in support of the development and funding of Malawi women's tailoring courses. (This replaces the "Eco Fashion Show" previously advertised for 8th May.) Contact 01244 381490.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

Monday: St Milburga – Granddaughter of pagan King Penda of Mercia (who slew St Oswald at Oswestry). After education in France she became abbess of the joint monastery of men and women at Wenlock, and organised the evangelisation and pastoral care of South Shropshire.

Her extensive cult owed much to the testimony of St. Boniface and of a medieval papal legate who witnessed miraculous cures at her tomb.

Wednesday: The Dedication of the Cathedral
Saturday: Our Lady Help of Christians

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Churchward Close, The Wiend and Mickle Trafford.
- For the hospitals in this area; the Countess and Wirral & West Cheshire Trust; for doctors and nurses and all who work in the NHS.
- For the patients and those who are addicted to drugs or alcohol, or who are mentally ill. Also for those we know at this time who are ill.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

The Annual BBQ is on **Sunday, 8th June, after 11 o'clock Mass** to celebrate the anniversary of St. Columba.

This year's coach trip is to Lichfield on **Friday, 25th July**, leaving St. Columba's at 9 a.m. A list for names and information on Lichfield is up in the front porch of the Church. The cost is £10.50p.

ST COLUMBA'S HALL BOOKINGS:

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

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Traditionally, the annual Week or Octave of Prayer is held in January, but in some places it takes place at Pentecost – and for 2014 this is what Churches Together in Upton are doing, with the services hosted at St. Columba's, following the theme "*Is Christ Divided?*" Each day from **Sunday 1st June to Saturday 7th June** a short prayer service will be held in the Iona Chapel at 6.30 p.m. Then on **Sunday 8th June** (Pentecost Sunday) the main service of the week will be held at 7.00 p.m. in the main church, followed by refreshments in the Hall. All welcome.

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. Website: www.stcolumbachester.org.uk