

St Columba's Church

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EASTER SUNDAY, SUNDAY 20th APRIL 2014

MASS TIMES:

Holy Saturday: 8.00 p.m.

Easter Sunday: 9.15 a.m.

11.00 a.m.

Monday: 9.15 a.m.

Tuesday: 9.15 a.m.

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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:

The Easter Vigil

Dick Jones

The Parish.

Maureen Tolefree SVP

Cyril Baxter

Joan Wells SVP

Ann Reid

Gerard Clifford

Con & Mary O'Sullivan A

Peter O'Hora

Bernard Leigh

The Parish

OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate: £575.61

Planned Giving: £493.00

Average Weekly SOs: £510.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:

A number of the orange envelopes for the new tax year remain uncollected in the church porch; please collect them if they are yours. Any problems or queries please ring David Savage 380626.

PASTORAL COUNCIL:

The next meeting has been rearranged will be held on **Wednesday 23rd April**. The Minutes of the last meeting are displayed on the Notice Board.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

20th April Jackie Turvey Sea Cadets & Parish

27th Anne & Antony Parish

4th May Marg & Jacque Fellowship Lunch

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

DAY OF REFLECTION:

If you are aged between 20-35 then you are invited to a 'Day of Reflection' to be held on **Saturday, 26th April**. Fr. Edmund Montgomery will help us to take time out from the demands of modern life by focusing on the theme, "'Follow Me': How to follow Jesus on Twitter, Facebook, and Social Media". This day, organised for 'ACTS' (Adult Catholics Together Spiritually) will be held at Wistaston Hall, Crewe. The day will start at 9.30 a.m. until approx 5.p.m. Cost £20 (£15 for unemployed/students). If you would like to join us or wish to know more please contact Siobhan at siobhanbc@talktalk.net or tel: 0161 477 2783/ 07761 138947.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – HELP WANTED:

This Liturgy takes place in the Hall during 11.00 a.m. Mass. Could you join the group of 15 to help pass on your faith to our children? All ideas and materials are provided. You only need to be there once every 5 weeks, and always swap if needed. Please contact Catherine on 383866; 07462 780302; or catherine.green@care4free.net

A very happy and blessed Easter to all at St. Columba's and thanks for your kindness and generosity.

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.

CONFESSIONS:

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

BAPTISMS:

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

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Richard Heveran, Edward Clark, Elizabeth Poole, Veronica Fletcher, Margaret May Weston, Rodney Peter Jones, Mary Winifred Murphy, Brendan Joseph Nolan, Susan Josephine McLaughlin, Bridgit Ann Garner, Maria O'Sullivan, Alison Margaret Kelly, Mary Grubb, Derrick Wyndham Jones, Leslie Charles, Ivor Hutfield, John Lloyd Hughes, Sarah McNicholas, Arnie Williams, Nora Mahoney, Edward McAleavy, Philip Pace, Alan Edward Callow, John Ryan, Denis Albert Woods, Fr. Bernard McLeary, Thomas Richard Price, Ellen Kavanagh, Albert Thompson, Bridget Halliwell, Harry McAndrew, Henry Joseph McAndrew, Kathleen Mary Ward, Joseph Owen Hunt.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Ethelda Drive, Dorfold Way and Sussex Road;
- For all who serve through the Anglican Diocese of Chester, the RC Diocese of Shrewsbury, and the United Reformed Church Mersey Synod;
- For our churches, that they may be filled with the Holy Spirit.

GOLDEN JUBILEE OF THE FOUNDING OF THE PARISH OF ST. COLUMBA AND OUR CHURCH:

Donations to the Processional Cross, Tabernacle refurbishment and other items for the Church, please mark your envelopes 'Golden Jubilee'. Thank you.

50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS:

As part of the celebrations we would like an "All Our Yesterdays", a display of photographs showing Christmas Fayres, Garden Parties, Guides, Scouts, etc. over the past 50 years. We would also like pictures of the original stained glass windows, usually found on wedding or First Communion snaps. Please have a look in your cupboards. Photos can be left in a box in the Sacristy. Please put your names and phone no. on the back to be returned to you eventually. Does anyone know of any weddings that took place in St. Columba's in 1965/66? We would like to hear about them. Further information, please ring Sue 312892.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

- Monday, **St. George**, well known as Patron Saint of England, but chosen for reasons that remain obscure. He was a Palestinian soldier who was martyred in the year 303 during a savage period of persecution of Christians by the Romans. The legend of St. George slaying the dragon was elaborated in the Middle Ages, portraying courageous knightly deeds.
- Tuesday, **St. Catherine of Siena**, a Dominican sister, who lived from 1347 to 1380. This was the time of the "Great Schism" in the Church in which rival papacies became established in Avignon and Rome. St. Catherine played an active part in efforts to resolve the differences, and lived to see a return of the papacy to Rome. She is honoured as a Doctor of the Church and a Patron of Europe.

CONFIRMATION:

The next parish celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will be on **Friday 3rd October 2014** at 7pm. To be Confirmed you must be in school Year 8, or older, on the Confirmation day. If you would like to be Confirmed please sign the list in the front porch. We will prepare together with St. Theresa's parish and candidates from other Chester parishes. More information from Denise Lusk on 379742.

CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS:

We need two or three more catechists to help prepare our young people for Confirmation. If you would like to help (it's a good thing to do and generally fun) please contact Denise Lusk on 379742. We will have a training session before the programme begins.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION:

Bedding Plant Scheme – The P.A. is once again running its successful bedding plant scheme to raise much needed funds for the school. Forms available from school (01244 981600) or in the Church's porch.

Orders to be received by school by **Friday 25th April**. Completed orders will need to be collected from the school car park on Saturday 17 May between 10.00 and 11.00 am. Delivery is available for a small charge. Thanks for all your support.

WORLD WAR ONE MEMORIAL:

For soldiers who died or survived WWI. Families in Parish who have records or name of relatives, please contact Fr. Paul Shaw of St Werburgh's Chester; or cheshire.historian@fsmail.net

For more information, please see the Parish Website for the Great War Project: www.stwerburghchester.co.uk/more-about-st-werburgh/s/great-war.aspx

ST. COLUMBA'S THIRD WORLD GROUP:

Thanks to your continuing generosity (donations via the wall boxes and standing orders) we have been able to send donations of £300 to each of our three ongoing projects: the work of Bro. James Kimpton with "Reaching the Unreached" in South India; the work of Fr. John Kirwan in Basakusu, DR Congo; and the OAKS school in Bo, Sierra Leone. Please see the notice board in the front porch for regular updates.

POP-UP RESTAURANT SUCCESS!

Many thanks to everybody who attended the 'Pop-Up Restaurant' and for all of the very generous donations. We have raised £1054.25 towards the trip to Lourdes which is amazing!

MOZART MASS IN C MINOR:

This choral concert will be given by Ellesmere Port Music Society and the 18th Century Sinfonia with period instruments on **Saturday 26th April**, at 7.30 p.m. in Ellesmere Port Civic Hall. Details can be found on posters in the porches, or ring Pauline Payne on 01244 350323.

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT:

We are holding a family bingo night on **Friday, 2nd May** starting at 7 p.m. Entry free, prizes, raffle and refreshments, bring your own bottle if you want wine, beer, etc.

More dates for your diaries:

- **Sunday, 8th June** Annual BBQ also free and
- **Friday, 25th July** Coach trip to Lichfield.

A FURTHER DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Thursday 8th May: "ECO FASHION SHOW" at the John Prescott Theatre, West Cheshire College, Ellesmere Port, at 7.30 p.m. Profits will fund Malawi Women to do tailoring courses. Taking part are the college students, Chifundo Fashion and volunteers from Save the Children Shop. Tickets are £6 adults and £3 for 19 years and under—available from the College Reception, Save the Children Chester shop, or Chifundo 01244 381490.

FOUND: On Saturday, 29th March outside the Church after the 7.15 p.m. Mass, a camera – **still unclaimed!** If this is yours please call Esther on 07870 484425.

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 Alison Wrigglesworth
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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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