

ST. COLUMBA'S

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 21st APRIL 2013

MASS TIMES:

Saturday Vigil Mass: 7.15 p.m.

Sunday: 9.15 a.m.

11.00 a.m.

Monday: 9.15 a.m.

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INTENTIONS:

Graziella Baker

Marie Terese Camiliera

The Parish

Derek Jones

Edward Clarke

Elwell Family Intention

Celia Mitchell R.I.P.

Gerry Galvin

Private Intention

Josefina Barbon

Graziella Baker

The Parish

BAPTISMS:

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

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Veronica Fletcher, Margaret May Weston, Rodney Peter Jones, 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, Fr. Bernard McLeary, Thomas Richard Price, Ellen Kavanagh, Albert Thompson, Bridget Halliwell, Harry McAndrew, Henry Joseph McAndrew, Kathleen Mary Ward, John Daniel Jones, Gladys Maud Helen Burrell, Horace Rigby, Dennis Joseph Shaw, Margaret Mary Flynn.

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. – 7.10 p.m.

COFFEE/TEA:

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS/READERS ROTA:

Your new Rota is now ready for collection in the Front Porch. Many thanks.

OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate: £511.28

Planned Giving: £455.25

Average Weekly Standing Orders: £547.00

Coffee Morning: £ 17.11

Thanks you for your continued support.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Essex Road, Deva Lane and Walnut Close
- For the Library, Pavilion and recreational areas in our community
- For all adults and children that they will be safe as they enjoy leisure time

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA 2013:

21st April Jackie Turvey

28th April Margaret & Jacque

5th May Sue Carr

Enquiries to Margaret Curtis – 01244 318424

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, 12th – 18th MAY:

Christian Aid Week is held each year in May and is a time when national and local efforts draw attention to the work of Christian Aid, raising funds through house-to-house collections using the familiar red envelopes. CA works very closely with CAFOD, and for many years St Columba's parish has given support by helping with the annual collection, in conjunction with Churches Together in Upton. We are looking for new helpers as some volunteers from previous years have moved away. Would you be able to help by volunteering to collect from a particular local street? Please add your name to the list on the table in the Rear Porch, choosing from the streets assigned to us, and we will contact you with further details.

THANK YOU:

Marion and Bill Baker with Aidan, their son, thank you for the prayers, Masses and messages of condolence received following the death of their lovely daughter-in-law, Graziella Taras, on Easter Sunday in Rome and her interment on the outskirts of Perugia three days later, following her Requiem Mass in their Rome Parish.



YEAR OF FAITH: This weekend the Universal Church prays for vocations. Whilst we all have a vocation to live out our Christian calling, today's call for prayer is aimed more particularly towards the priesthood and the religious life. We are aware of the shortage of priests in our diocese and it will be a few years

yet before the recent increase in the number of church students results in more priests. Pray not only for a further increase in men being attracted to the priesthood, but also for our church students and diocesan priests, especially Fr. Cooke, who look after us in ever more difficult circumstances. If anyone feels that God may be calling them to become a priest or a religious, please speak confidentially with Fr. Cooke.

A few announcements concerning the Year of Faith:

- The Needles & Pins Group of our parish has made a Year of Faith banner which will be hung year the Lady Altar.
- On **Friday next, 26th April** from 7-9p.m. Fr Kevin Kelly will be leading an evening discussing *Gaudium et Spes*, a Vatican II document on the Church in the Modern World at Plessington College, not far from Bebington Station (tea/coffee from 6.30 pm.)
- Here in St. Columba's on **Saturday 18th May** from 2.15-5.30 p.m. Brian Davies, former Head of Education at CAFOD, will give a talk entitled *Drawing Inspiration from Vatican II*.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:

This week's theme is "**We are Unique**" and the prayer is:

Lord, Help us to celebrate our unique gifts and talents and to recognize the image and likeness of God in all people.

Inspire us to always do our best and make good use of the talents you have given us. Amen

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

- **23rd April, St. George.** St. George is 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.
- **25th April, St. Mark the Evangelist.** Mark, who was still a youth at the time of Jesus' death, was the son of the Mary who was the proprietress of the "upper room" which served as the meeting place for the first Christians in Jerusalem. He was companion of both Peter and Paul on their missionary journeys, and tradition has it that Mark's gospel represents the teaching and memoirs of Peter himself.

FOOD OF THE WORLD:

Thanks to all who donated and attended this night in aid of refugees/asylum seekers last week. The final amount raised was £369.12 for the North West. It is very much appreciated and thank you again from the Refugee Action, Liverpool, Here's to the next time.....

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: Next meeting Monday, 22nd April, 7.30 p.m. in the Church Office.

SPONSORED WALK:

On **Saturday and Sunday, 4/5th May** the Chester & Ellesmere Port Lourdes Youth group will make a sponsored walk from Chester to Ellesmere Port, visiting the Catholic churches in the area. Starting at St. Clare's on Saturday morn. and from St. Columba's after 9 a.m. Mass on Sunday, the group will walk approx. 20 miles over 2 days, finishing at St. Mary of the Angels, Hooton on Sunday. All donations will go towards supporting the youngsters in their work for Lourdes pilgrimage.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Events arranged by Parish Social Committee:

- **Sunday 9th June** - BBQ to celebrate the Feast of St Columba.

From St Werburgh's & St Columba's PTA:

- **Tuesday 23rd April** - Bags2School. Please donate unwanted clothing, belts, bags etc for recycling. We are paid by the kilo, so the more, the better! Drop off bags to school by 9 a.m. on 23rd April.
- **Saturday 27th April** - Community Day at School, from 10 until 4. We will be weeding, planting, painting, sorting out, picking litter, sharpening pencils Please come & join us, to make a difference to our school.
- **Friday 3rd May** - Our first *ever* Spring Ball! Bring along friends & family & make this a great success! To be held at Chester Rugby Club. Fizz on arrival, 3 course meal, live band, DJ. Black tie optional. **Over 18's Only.** Tickets just £25 - from Helen on 07775 599330 or Naomi on 07792 902011. Donations for our Spring Ball Raffle gratefully received!
- **Saturday 22nd June** - School Summer Fayre. The usual fun & excitement! More details to follow, but please, pray for dry weather!

We are currently raising funds for a new mobile classroom. Many thanks for your support.

BEETLE DRIVE:

Friday 26th April in the hall, starting at 7.45 pm. All ages welcome, soft drinks. Adults bring own wine, beer, if you wish. Fun evening, brilliant prizes. Do come and join us.

ECO CHIC FASHION SHOW:

Thursday, 25th April, 7.30 pm. West Cheshire College, Ellesmere Port Campus, to help empower women in Malawi.

NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Brian Webster

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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.