



# St Columba's Church

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- ❖ Chester Hospitals' Chaplaincy: Tel: 01244 364543, answer phone available.
- ❖ Parish Safeguarding Representative: Claire Graham. Tel 01244 341287 or 0788 055 3830.

## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT 21<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY 2016.

### 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:	7.00 p.m.
Saturday:	9.15 a.m.
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Sunday:	9.15 a.m. 11.00 a.m.

### INTENTIONS:

Mary A Jeffes (A)
Reginald Harrison (RIP)
Eric Shanley (A)
John & Bertha Cummings (RIP)
Rosemary Prendergast
Peggy Nicholls
Mr Phillips (RIP)
Margery Whatmaugh
Followed by Stations Of The Cross and Benediction
<b>NO MORNING MASS.</b>
Kathryn Sanson (RIP)
Roman Boryslawski
Richard Murphy (A)

### BAPTISMS:

By appointment. After speaking to Fr. Brandon to arrange a date, please contact Claire O'Donnell 07743 704383 (text or 'phone).

We welcome Jeanelle Mei E Rivera, to the parish family of St. Columba's. We wish them well and hope they enjoy their special day. Please pray for Jeanelle and her family.

### MORNING PRAYER:

Each morning at 9.00 a.m. before the Blessed Sacrament in the Iona Chapel, Monday through to Friday, except Wednesdays, when Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour are said at 9.15 a.m. prior to Mass.

### LENTEN DEVOTIONS:

**On Fridays during Lent daily Mass will be in the evening at 7.00 p.m.** followed by Stations Of The Cross and (except on 19<sup>th</sup> February and 11<sup>th</sup> March) Benediction.

### LATELEY DEAD – Bill Brown

We remember Bill in our prayers. May he rest in peace, and may God comfort his family and all who mourn.

### CONFESSIONS:

Each Saturday, in the morning 10.00 to 10.30 a.m. and in the evening 6.45 to 7.10 p.m. (before the Saturday Vigil Mass).

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Thomas Croghan, Anne Rigby, Lilly Shirley, Agnes O'Connell, John Cummins, Hector Burton, Mary Anastasia Jeffs, Joan Wilkin, Mary Jeffes, Patricia Elizabeth "Trish" McClure, 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, Margaret Gerrard, Mary Dutton, Evelyn Jones, John Spencer Madden (Dr.), Agnes Ryan, Gertrude Kieran, William Dolan, Mary Boulton, Catherine Fletcher, Mary Elizabeth McCafferty, Catherine Vickers, Charles Challinor, Etta Holmes, Gavin Webster, Allen Fairhead, David Nichols, Richard John Murphy, Richard L Roberts, Frank Tobin (Snr), Ellen Cottam, Angela Wilding, Mary Ellen Stansfield, Florence Edwards, John Daniel Jones, James Brian Kilcoyne, Cissie Jones, Margaret Rose Wollschlarger.

### PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FUND:

The recent collection for this fund raised £637.50. Many thanks for your continued generosity.

### OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate:	£494.49
Planned Giving:	£484.68
Average Weekly Standing Orders:	£683.00

### Donations

Badminton:	£150.00
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### SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

21st Feb	The Mosquera Family	Parish
28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Sewing Group	Parish
6 <sup>th</sup> March	Catholic High PTA	Themselves

There are a few Sunday coffee mornings vacant this coming year. We urgently need volunteers to manage these mornings - either to raise money for the parish or a charity of your choice. If you can devote a couple of hours, please put your name on the rota in the hall or contact Margaret Curtis 318424 for more details.

Tea, coffee and juice are served in the hall after Sunday morning Masses. All are welcome.

## **FOOTSTEPS TO THE CROSS (FRIDAY, 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 7.30PM):**

If you are high school age and would like to take part in reading at this service, please phone Denise Lusk on 01244 379742.

## **FEASTS OF THE WEEK:**

- Monday: **The Chair of St. Peter, Apostle.** The chair (cathedra) of a bishop is a pre-eminent sign of his teaching authority and pastoral oversight of a local church. This feast celebrates Peter, first among the apostles, as founder of the See of Rome and the focus of unity in the communion of one faith.

## **CHURCHES TOGETHER IN UPTON;**

- The series of three short **Lent Reflections** start here at St. Columba's on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February** at 6.45 p.m. in the Iona Chapel. The other Thursday dates are 3<sup>rd</sup> March and 10<sup>th</sup> March. All are very welcome.
- Also on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February**, Churches Together are holding a **Fellowship Lunch**, 12 noon to 1.00 p.m. at Upton United Reformed Church, Heath Lane. All welcome. Proceeds from this soup and sandwich lunch will go in support of the Hospice of the Good Shepherd at Backford.
- Churches Together have started an initiative to extend the current practice of praying for the residents of particular roads by encouraging individual prayer requests. Requests can be made by writing on a piece of paper and posting it to Prayer Meeting, Upton United Reformed Church, Heath Road, Chester, or by email to [info@uptonurc.org.uk](mailto:info@uptonurc.org.uk)
- Churches Together hold a coffee morning each Monday at The Pavilion, Wealstone Lane (next to the Library) from 10a.m until 12 noon. This is an ideal opportunity to meet and make friends in a relaxed welcoming atmosphere. If anyone is interested in helping out, please come along on a Monday to find out more.

## **PARENTING TEENS:**

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 2nd March** at 7.30p.m. at Chester Catholic High School. For more information or to book a place, please ring Claire on 01244 300338 or 07743704383.

## **CHANGES TO CHILDREN'S LITURGY:**

There will be no children's liturgy this Sunday 21 Feb. Children's liturgy will start again on Sunday 28 Feb at 11 o'clock mass. In future, the children will join their families in church for the start of mass, and then be called out to go to the hall with the helpers to listen to one of the readings for the day in a format suited to them, and an activity. They will then return to Church for the offertory and, usually, readings or prayers by some of the children. Reading is always voluntary, please reassure your child that they won't have to read if they don't want to. More helpers are always welcome – if you'd like to join the team to help once every 6 weeks or so, please contact Catherine on 07462780302 or [catherine.green@care4free.net](mailto:catherine.green@care4free.net). If you can't make a week, you can always swap, swaps are going on all the time and we break for the Summer holidays.

## **LENTEN PASTORAL LETTER:**

Copies of Bishop Mark's Pastoral Letter, read at Masses last weekend, are available in both porches, and also on the parish website (Resources section).

## **LENT FAST DAY:**

Please return the Fast Day envelopes in the offertory baskets this weekend or next. Many thanks for your support. (We were short of the usual number of envelopes this year, so if you missed out and do wish to make a donation in support of CAFOD's work in developing countries, please use an ordinary envelope marked "Lent Fast Day". Thank you.)

## **A JOURNEY THROUGH LENT:**

The talks on the readings for the Sundays of Lent continue on Tuesday at 7.00 p.m. in the Iona Chapel, when we'll be looking at the readings for the third Sunday. A warm welcome is extended to all interested parishioners. You don't have to come every week, just drop in when you can. See the Notice Boards for more details.

## **UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:**

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Shepherds Lane, Thornton Drive, The Beeches and Windermere Avenue.
- For the Growth Action Planning in our churches, Commitment for Life, Vision4Life and Fresh Expressions.

## **GIFT AID:**

As the end of the Tax Year approaches you are reminded to check that you will have paid enough Income Tax in 2015-16 to cover the tax that will be reclaimed on your gift aided donations. If you are in any doubt, please contact David Savage tel. 380626.

## **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 Brian Webster

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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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