

# St Columba's Church

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER 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.

**CHRISTMAS EVE.** 9.15 a.m.  
6.00 p.m.  
9.00 p.m.

Wednesday:

### THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD.

9.15 a.m.

11.00 a.m.

Thursday:

**ST STEPHEN'S DAY.** 12.00 Noon.

Friday: 9.15 a.m.

Saturday: 9.15 a.m.

Saturday Vigil 7.15 p.m.

**THE HOLY FAMILY.** 9.15 a.m.

Sunday: 11.00 a.m.

### MORNING PRAYER:

9.00 a.m. in the Sacristy Office, except on Wednesday.

### BAPTISMS:

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

### CONFESSIONS:

Confessions 24<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve 9.45 a.m. to 10.45 a.m.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: John Carney, Sean Backhouse, David Thomas Cross, John Ignatius Mitchell, Molly Massey, Connie Barlow, Maria Galvin, Nora Garry, Patrick Joseph Burke, John McLoughlin, John Galvin, Eileen Burden, Florence Toop, Nellie Lennon, Elizabeth Mary Teresa Rimmer, Gerry Hickey, Mike Ayland, Carol Finan, Michael Grisdale, James Edward Price, George John, William John, Edward John, Doris McCleary, Ann Chesters, Thomas McGuinness, Frederick Nixon, Francis Wilkinson, Richard Bird, Paul Murphy, Marjorie Houlbrook, Elvet Roy Eaton, Joe Brickland, Mary Mitchell, Catherine Sheridan, Fred Beswick, Harry O'Koru, Eva McDonnell, Adam Barnhill, James Ball, Thomas Edward Johnston, Jacobus Philips, Joseph Herbert Lucas, Evelyn Taylor, Harry Ralph, John Leonard, Teresa Helena Adams.

### INTENTIONS:

Thanksgiving (Judy).

Patricia Howe.

The Parish.

Bertha & John Cummings.

Frank Devine.

Kevin Connolly.

The Parish.

John Barrett.

John O'Sullivan.

Frank Wilkinson. A.

Eileen Beck.

Judy Hough.

Michael Wolfe.

Darren Sheeran.

The Parish.

### FR. COOKE:

Fr. Cooke wishes the Parish a very happy and Blessed Christmas.

### COFFEE AFTER MASS:

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

### OFFERTORY (14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> Dec.):

Loose Plate: £584.30

Planned Giving: £406.60

Average Weekly SOs: £556.00

*Many thanks for your generous support.*

### UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Woburn Drive, Halton Road, Dorset Place and Cotswold Close.
- For the Youth Clubs and Youth workers in our churches.
- For all the young people in our community.

### SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

Dec 22nd Eileen, Jacque & Pat Hospice

Dec 29th Sue & Marie Parish

Jan 5th Sewing Group Themselves

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

### READERS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS ETC. CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR ROTAS:

Your copy of the Christmas and New Year Rota is ready for collection from the front porch. Please can I ask you to make sure that you find a replacement should you be unable to carry out your duty, as this busy time of the year. Many thanks.

### RED MISSION BOXES:

Could parishioners holding Red Mission Boxes please leave them in the Sacristy for Margaret Curtis to collect. Your box can be collected from the rear porch.

*Thank you for your continued support.*

### FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December is **The Nativity of the Lord.**
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December is the feast of **Stephen the first martyr.**
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December is the feast of **St. John, Apostle and Evangelist.**
- Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December is the memorial of **Holy Innocents.**

### NATIVITY ON CHRISTMAS EVE:

If you will be attending the 6.00p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve and your children would like to take part in the children's short Nativity Play, please contact Claire Graham on 07880 553830 as soon as possible. If possible, she would like to get everyone together after the 11.00a.m. Mass this Sunday to give out the parts. Thank you.

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN THE UPTON CHURCHES:

Leaflets are available in both porches setting out the times of the main services in all the Upton Churches over the Christmas period – this is a copy of the notice that appears in the December issue of the locally-distributed magazine *Inside Upton*.

### CHURCHES TOGETHER IN UPTON CAROL SINGING:

Thank you to those who took part in our visits to the local retirement and care homes. The singing and company was greatly appreciated.

### PRAYERS IN ADVENT:

During Advent and Christmastide we are asked to pray in particular for the following:  
Openness to the Word of God, Migrants and Refugees and Expectant Mothers.

### CHESTER & ELLESMERE PORT LOURDES YOUTH GROUP:

There will be a meeting for existing and new members on **Sunday 22nd December** at 6.00pm at St. Saviour's Church, Tarporey Road, Great Sutton, Ellesmere Port, CH66 3JY. If you are in Year 11 or above and are interested in coming to Lourdes as a volunteer in July with the diocesan pilgrimage, then please come along.  
If you are interested and want more information but cannot attend the meeting please email [parishesoff@rcchep.co.uk](mailto:parishesoff@rcchep.co.uk) or call 0151 355 5877.

### 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)

### LOST AND FOUND:

A rosary in a purse was found in the hall after the Soundwall Christmas Show last Saturday. Would the owner please telephone Bill Baker on 01244 376701 to recover it.

### CHRISTINGLE APPEAL-SUNDAY

#### 22<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER:

We would again like to help the children of Bo, Sierra Leone by our Christingle Appeal which supports the OAKS charity (Overseas Aid for the Kids of Sierra Leone). The school now provides an education for 250 children aged 5-15 funded by the small charity. Our appeal helps towards the growing educational expenses. 2013 saw a new junior secondary classroom being opened and further extensions are planned for 2014. Any parishioners who would like to help are asked to collect an envelope from either porch this weekend and return it in the normal offertory baskets or to Pauline Payne.

Thank you very much for your continued support. You can find out more about their work on the website [www.oaks-sl.org](http://www.oaks-sl.org)

#### 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.

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