

St Columba's Church

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT SUNDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 2015

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.
	2.15 p.m.
Friday:	9.15 a.m.
	7.15 p.m.
Saturday:	9.15 a.m.
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Sunday:	9.15 a.m.
	11.00 a.m.

INTENTIONS:

Ida Benedicta Trundle
The Parish
Richard Murphy A.
Gerry Galvin
Flood
Paul Rosair RIP
Special Intention
Requiem Mass
Frances Connolly
Palmino Apollonio
Stations of the Cross
and Holy Communion
Private Intention (CL)
Charles O'Donnell
The Parish
Fr. William Dowds

BAPTISMS:

By appointment. After speaking to Fr. Cooke to arrange a date, please contact Claire Graham on 01244 341287 / 0788 055 3830.

MORNING PRAYER:

Each morning at 9.00 a.m. in the Sacristy Office, Monday through to Saturday, except Wednesdays when Novena prayers are held at 9.15 a.m. before Mass commences.

CONFESSIONS:

Each Saturday; after morning Mass, and in the evening from 6.45 until 7.10 p.m.

LATELY DEAD:

Frances Connolly died on Wednesday 18 February. Her funeral will take place at St. Columba's Church on **Thursday 26th February** at 2.15pm, followed by cremation at Northwich Crematorium at 4.00pm. A celebration of the life of Frances will be held on Saturday 28 February between 12.00 noon and 2.00pm at 12 Fieldway, Hoole, Chester CH2 3QR. If you would like to join us and have any photographs or memories to share with others please come and join the family. Refreshments will be provided.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: 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, Hugh Campbell, Stephen John Blythe, Maud Yates.

OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate:	£449.94
Planned Giving:	£391.10
Average Weekly SOs:	£510.00
Badminton Donation:	£150.00

Many thanks for your generous support.

SVP COLLECTION:

The SVP collection will be next weekend; 28th February /1st March, thank you for your continued support.

PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FUND:

This collection will remain open for a couple of weeks. Envelopes are available in both porches for your donations together with information about setting up a Standing Order to the Fund.

PRAYER INTENTIONS IN LENT:

During Lent we are asked to pray for these intentions: Candidates for the Sacraments; Women; The Needy and Hungry of the World; Penitents and Wanderers.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

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

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

Feb 22nd	Maggie Jarret	OAKS
Mar 1st	Marg & Jacque	Fellowship Lunch
Mar 8th	CHS PTA	Themselves

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

“THE CALL, THE JOURNEY AND THE MISSION”:

This is the title given by the Bishops of England & Wales to their document inviting us to reflect on “the Gift of Marriage and Family Life”. This is in preparation for the General Synod taking place in Rome in October 2015 on the theme *The Vocation and Mission of the Family in the Church and in the Contemporary World*. It follows on from the Extraordinary Synod held last October.

Fr. Cooke encourages St. Columba’s parishioners to accept the Bishops’ invitation, and to use this Lenten season as the opportunity to consider the document and respond to the questions it raises. Accordingly:

- Copies of the Bishops’ document are now available in both porches (and also accessible on the parish website);
- We will hold an open parish meeting to explain more of the background and to hear parishioner’s comments on how they may wish to respond – whether on an individual basis, or following further discussion among groups of fellow parishioners.

The date and arrangements for the parish meeting will be announced soon.

CHURCHES TOGETHER LENT STUDY GROUPS:

This year’s Lent Study Groups will be held in the Kempe Room at Holy Ascension Church on the six Tuesdays in Lent: **24th February, 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st March**. There will be two sessions: at 2.00 p.m. and repeated at 7.30 p.m

WOMEN’S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:

This year the Service has been compiled by ladies in the Bahamas, and will be at the Upton United Reform Church, Heath Road, Upton, on **Friday 6th March** at 10.30 a.m. The Service is open to all and will last for about 1 hour, followed by refreshments in the Church hall.

LENT FAST DAY:

This year’s Lent Fast Day is on **Friday 27th February**. The Fast Day envelopes are available along with the newsletters this weekend, and may be returned in the offertory baskets next weekend, 28th Feb – 1st March. The Fast Day offerings go in support of CAFOD’s work in developing countries. This year, parish and school offerings nationally will be matched pound for pound under the government’s UKAid scheme.

DAY OF REFLECTION SAT 28TH FEBRUARY

A Day of Reflection led by Barbara Davies has been organised by 'A.C.T.S' ('ADULT Catholics Together Spiritually'). If you are aged 18 – 35 you are more than welcome to join us. The theme of the day is, 'The Tale in the Sting' - a look at the parables. This will take place at Wistaston Hall, Crewe CW2 8JS. The day will start approximately at 9.30am until approx 5pm. Cost £20 (£15 for unemployed/students). If you would like to join us or wish to know more about it please contact Siobhan at siobhanbc@talktalk.net or tel: 0161 477 2783 / 07761 138947.

FLOWER WORKSHOP:

St. Columba’s flower ladies are holding a flower workshop in the Hall on **Thursday afternoon 19th March**. Anyone interested please put your name on the list in the back porch, or see Sue, Anne, Marie. No skills required, it will be fun! More details later.

J&P ELECTION PLANNING MEETING:

The Diocesan Commission for the Promotion of Justice, Peace and Social Responsibility is running a workshop session to focus on planning a hustings event for local election candidates. This is intended for anyone interested or involved in justice & peace work/issues. This will be here at St. Columba’s on **Saturday 28th February** from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. The speaker will be Amanda Bickerton, national community link worker for Church Action on Poverty. To register for the day please contact Pauline McCulloch at the Curial Offices 0151 652 9855 or email

Pauline.mcculloch@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

FILM NIGHT:

On **Wednesday 25th February** The Chester Friends of Palestine and the North West Friends of Sabeel are showing the film "**The Stones Cry Out**" at the Uniting Church Garden Lane at 7.00 p.m. This is a film produced by a group from within the Christian Churches in Palestine to let their Brothers and Sister in the rest of the world know of the situation they and other Palestinians are facing. Suggested donation of £3.

FOR SALE:

Large maroon mobility scooter for sale -, £300 ono. Shop rider model - te888NR. Phone 07501096349

ST. WERBURGH’S GREAT WAR STUDY GROUP:

St. Werburgh’s parish are searching for photographs of **all 120** of their fallen men (see www.stwerburghchester.co.uk). They only have 24 so far. They also need information about their parishioners who died during the Great War. If anyone has any information, however seemingly small, they would be very pleased: Contact cheshire.historian@fsmail.net or tel. 01244 851717.

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 Muriel Green.
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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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