

# St Columba's Church

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## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY 2014

### 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.
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10.30 a.m.</b>
Thursday:	9.15 a.m.
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>12.00 noon</b>
Saturday:	9.15 a.m.
Saturday Vigil Mass:	7.15 p.m.
Sunday:	9.15 a.m.
	11.00 a.m.

### INTENTIONS:

Andrew James.
Gerry Galvin A.
Richard Murphy A.
Ida Trundle A.
Peggy Harrison.
<b>REQUIEM Sean McCabe</b>
Palmino Apollonio.
<b>REQUIEM Bernard Leigh.</b>
Edwin Edwards A.
Mary Moran.
Terry Cunningham A.
The Parish.

### 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.

### BAPTISMS:

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

### LATELY DEAD:

Please remember in your prayers Eric Richards and Sean McCabe, whose Requiem Masses are at St. Columba's this week.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

*Please remember in your prayers:* 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, 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 Wollschlager, Hugh Campbell, Stephen John Blythe

### CONFESSIONS:

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

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS ROTA:

Please will you pick up your new Rota from the Front Porch. Holy Week Rota is also included.

### OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate:	£420.48
Planned Giving:	£474.30
Average Weekly SOs:	£547.00

Thank you for your generous support.

### RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND – SPECIAL COLLECTION:

The annual collection for this fund closes today. Special envelopes are still available in the porches. Instructions are on the envelopes for those of you who donate by gift aid to enable the fund to recover income tax. Leaflets are available should you wish to donate by bankers order. All your donations will enable the Fund to be built up to meet the future needs of our sick and retired priests. Bishop Mark expresses his deep gratitude for your continued support

### SVP MONTHLY COLLECTION:

This will be taken next weekend, 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> March. Many thanks for your continued support.

### 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.

### LENT BEGINS IN THE FIRST WEEK OF MARCH:

During the season there are three opportunities to do a **One Day Retreat** at the Sandymount Retreat House in Crosby. The dates are:

- **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March**
- **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March**
- **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.**

Details of these days are on a poster in the porch. To book a place either by phone 0151 9244850 or go online at [www.sandymountretreats.org.uk](http://www.sandymountretreats.org.uk).

### SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

Feb 23rd	Maggie Jarrett	OAKS
March 2nd	SVP	SVP
March 9th	Catholic High School PTA	For Themselves

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

### FEAST OF THE WEEK – ST. DAVID:

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March is the feast of St. David, Patron Saint of Wales. David (Dewi) lived in the 6<sup>th</sup> century, his lifetime more or less coinciding with that of fellow Celt, Columba - though there is no reference to their actually having met. David was a monastic saint, founding ten or more monasteries, including Glastonbury and Menevia (now St. David's, in the SW corner of Wales).

### THANKS:

Margaret and all the members of the Gerrard family would like to record their gratitude to Father Cooke and to everyone for their expressions of sympathy received at the time of Eric's sad death. They are very grateful to those who have arranged for Masses to be said for him and for their donations to the British Heart Foundation in his memory.

### CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:

The theme for the coming week is **Fairtrade** and the prayer is: *Lord, Jesus taught us to help those less fortunate than ourselves; by supporting Fairtrade we can do this.*

*Fairtrade helps people develop their communities by giving them the resources to build schools and medical facilities. Help us to do all that we can to support them.*

*Amen*

### CHURCHES TOGETHER IN UPTON:

- **Reverend Sarah Simpson**, Minister of Upton United Reformed Church, leads her final service in Upton this Sunday. She has been appointed URC Minister in Malmesbury, Wiltshire. We thank Sarah for her strong support for all the Churches Together activities during her time in Upton, and we wish her every blessing in her new appointment.
- Upton Churches Together are running a 5-week Lent Course, **“From the Ram to the Lamb”**, an exploration of the ways in which Jesus fulfils Old Testament prophecy and the sacrificial system. The course is at Upton URC, Heath Road, at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday evenings, starting on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March**.
- A **LENTEN LUNCH** of Soup and Sandwiches is being held on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March** from 12.00 noon to 1.00 p.m. at Upton URC, Heath Road. All welcome. The proceeds will go to the Hospice of the Good Shepherd.

### HUMAN TRAFFICKING:

Bishop Mark has asked the newly refreshed Justice and Peace Commission to take positive action in such causes as the evil of human trafficking, including support for the Anti Human Trafficking Forum, to be held in Frodsham Methodist Church on **Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> March**, 9.30 a.m. – 4.30 p.m. The programme is geared to positive steps to combat this evil, and is organised with the support of Churches Together in Cheshire. Please contact [info@frodshamchurchestogether.org.uk](mailto:info@frodshamchurchestogether.org.uk) for further details.

### NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH:

10th - 18th March at St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead. Each year the Mill Hill Community prepares for the Feast of St. Joseph, their patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society and the missionary work of the church, as well as, for the intentions of all those who support their work. You are invited to send in your petitions and/or to request a Novena booklet to enable you to join in from home by praying the daily Novena prayer, please write to:

Fr. Denis Treacy MHM, St. Joseph's Missionary Society,  
Communications House, 12 Craufurd Rise, Maidenhead SL6 7LS,

or email [novena@millmissionaries.com](mailto:novena@millmissionaries.com).

Please see posters at front and rear of church.

### WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:

The local service at St. Columba's is at 10.30 a.m. on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March**. It will last about an hour, followed by light refreshments. The Women's World Day of Prayer is an interdenominational Christian organisation run by women to focus attention on one country each year and to pray for its peoples. The Christian women of Egypt prepared this year's service entitled, "Streams in the Desert". Please come and support them by joining the congregation here in Upton as a link in the chain of prayer for Egypt, which will be taking place across the world for 24 hours on 7<sup>th</sup> March.

### DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE, JULY 23/24 - 30/31<sup>st</sup>:

Bookings are well underway. Anyone wishing to take the flight option is asked to send their booking form in as soon as possible.

Our greatest need at the moment is for some more nurses, doctors and healthcare professionals to accompany the pilgrimage. Details for medical staff can be found on the pilgrimage website [www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk](http://www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk) or you can speak with the Matron Nuala Fitzmaurice on the Medical Office no. 07970 943940

### A FRIDAY “LUNCHEON CLUB”?

Upton Village Hall is considering setting up a regular Friday Luncheon Club providing a good opportunity for local people to socialise while enjoying a modest cost cooked meal.

If this is to be a success then they need the community to help define what is wanted and how it can be sustained. As part of their market research the Hall is **holding an open event on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February**, with discussion sessions at 12.15 and 2.00 p.m.. Come along if this whole idea appeals to you as a potential customer or as a helper / supporter. AgeUK Cheshire, potential caterers and other experts will be there to discuss ideas and a buffet lunch will be available. If interested but you cannot make any time on that date then email [uptonvh@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:uptonvh@hotmail.co.uk) or drop your contact details into Upton Library.

### ST COLUMBA'S HALL BOOKINGS:

For all Hall bookings and enquiries please contact Sue Carr on 07553 114531

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### 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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