

# St Columba's Church

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## THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT SUNDAY, 23rd MARCH 2014

### MASS TIMES:

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| Saturday Vigil Mass:   | 7.15 p.m.                     |
| Sunday:                | 9.00 a.m.<br>11.00 a.m.       |
| Monday:                | 9.15 a.m.                     |
| Tuesday                | 9.15 a.m.                     |
| Wednesday:             | 9.15 a.m.                     |
| Thursday:              | 9.15 a.m.                     |
| <b>Friday: REQUIEM</b> | <b>3.00 p.m.</b><br>7.15 p.m. |
| Saturday:              | 9.15 a.m.                     |
| Saturday Vigil Mass:   | 7.15 p.m.                     |
| Sunday:                | 9.15 a.m.<br>11.00 a.m.       |

### INTENTIONS:

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| John Shaw.  |
| The Parish.   |
| Annie Roberts.A.  |
| Mary McCafferty.SVP.  |
| Betty McPhillips.SVP.                                       |
| Edwin Edwards.A.  |
| Carol Stanley.  |
| <b>Anne Reid.</b>   |
| Stations of the Cross<br>Benediction and Holy<br>Communion. |
| Bernard Leigh.  |
| Patrick & Eileen O'Driscoll                                 |
| Kathleen Wilkinson.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:

**Anne Reid.** We remember Anne (Anna) with great affection and gratitude. Her requiem will be on Friday 28th March at 3.00 p.m. To Anne's sister, Sylvia Mullen and family, we offer our prayers and sympathy.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

*Please remember in your prayers:* Norman Thomas Dodd, Mary Jane Layden, Dr. John Foody, Mary Elizabeth Rodriguez, Francis Wright, Annie Roberts, Josephine Angela Daisie Roberts, Gloria Elizabeth Mary Williams, Stanley Richard Tilston, Maurice Chapman Snr, Harry Grove, Rose Mary Mitchell, Kenneth (Ken) Roy Thompson, Donald Goodacre, Eddie Edwards, Joseph (Joe) O'Reilly, Annie Sweeney, Thomas Walter Bowker, Philip Parry, Kevin Coriam, Sarah Healey, Thomas Henry Lennon, Teresa O'Rourke, Angela Elizabeth (Betty) Beadles, Eva Fitzpatrick, Kathleen Veronica Lloyd, Bridget Kathleen Wilkinson.

### CONFESSIONS:

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

### OFFERTORY

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| Loose Plate:        | £480.93 |
| Planned Giving:     | £436.15 |
| Average Weekly SOs: | £547.00 |

*Thank you for your continued generosity.*

### LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE:

On **Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> April**, 7.30 pm at St. Columba's there will be a Lenten Penitential Service with opportunities for Confession with visiting Priests.

### FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS' MEETING:

The final meeting for parents to discuss the Sacrament and how it will be celebrated takes place on **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March** at 7.00 p.m. in St. Werburgh's and St. Columba's School. Please try to attend this meeting.

### SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

23<sup>rd</sup> March Heather Lannin – Sierra Leone  
30<sup>th</sup> March Eileen & Brenda - Parish  
6<sup>th</sup> April Pat & John - SPUC

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

### LENTEN PRAYERS:

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

### UPTON CHURCHES:

The recent Friendship Lunch hosted by the United Reformed Church raised £138 which will be donated to the Hospice of the Good Shepherd. Many thanks to those of you who gave this event your support.

### WEST CHESHIRE FOODBANK:

Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to the Foodbank collection. This is an on-going effort for as long as the need is there. The food items donated from St. Columba's are collected every Friday morning and taken to the warehouse in Ellesmere Port, which then supplies the various distribution points in Chester and Ellesmere Port.

**GIFT AID:**

As the end of the financial year approaches those of you who contribute to the parish in the Gift Aid Scheme are reminded to ensure that you have paid enough income tax in 2013-14 to cover your donations. As a result of Gift Aid donations the parish received a refund of tax in 2012-13 of almost £11,000.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:**

The new envelopes for the tax year 2014-15 which begins on the weekend of 6th/7th April are available for collection from the rear porch. Any problems please ring David Savage 380626.

**UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:**

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Kelvin Grove, Western Approach and Thirlmere Road.
- For a greater compassion for those who feel marginalised in our safety.
- For a deeper unity between the churches.

**CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:**

The theme for the week is **Eco Fortnight** and the prayer is:

*Dear Lord,*

*We thank you for the beautiful earth you created, from the smallest creatures to the vast oceans. Guide us to make good decisions that will help the environment.*

*As we learn, help us to share our knowledge so that more people can learn how to respect our school, our local area and our fragile planet.*

*Amen*

**LENT FAST DAY:**

Please return your Fast Envelopes via the offertory baskets at Masses this weekend. The offerings from the Fast Day go in support of CAFOD's work in developing countries, and your support is very much appreciated.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY – HELP WANTED:**

This Liturgy takes place in the Hall during 11.00 a.m. Mass. Could you join the group of 15 to help pass on your faith to our children? All ideas and materials are provided. You only need to be there once every 5 weeks, and always swap if needed.

Please contact Catherine on 3183866; 07462 780302; or [catherine.green@care4free.net](mailto:catherine.green@care4free.net)

**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)

**BRITISH SUMMER TIME:**

The clocks go forward one hour next weekend. Be prepared, otherwise you might be late for the start of the Sunday morning Masses on 30<sup>th</sup> March!

**50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY:**

In September we will celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Founding of the Parish of St. Columba. Preparations and work have already started to make it a memorable time for our whole Parish.

I have recently recognised that there are needs in our Church building and for the Liturgy to be enhanced.

I draw to your attention that a new Processional Cross is badly needed together with a Pascal Candle Holder for the refurbished Baptismal part of the Sanctuary. Finally, the main Tabernacle badly needs cleaning and inside some important refurbishment. I would like to involve the Parish for our Anniversary to invite you to support the Family of the Parish in giving contributions for the above to be paid for.

I know and appreciate how generous you always are and I thank you in anticipation. **Please put your gift in an envelope marked "50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gift".** *Thank you.*

**HEADTEACHER REQUIRED:****SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, MORETON, WIRRAL**

For September 2014, due to the retirement of the current Head the school are seeking to appoint a successor who:

Has the vision and motivation to drive and lead the school into the future;

Is a highly effective leader who makes a difference for all by inspiring a love of learning;

Has exceptionally strong Christian values that underpin all that the school does to ensure that the children's spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is of the highest order; Builds on the strong links and partnerships with the whole community.

**Closing date 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014.**

**Forms and details available from:**

**The Strategic Director of Transformation and Resources, Town Hall, Wallasey, CH44 8ED. Tel. 0151 691 8618**

**NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:**

This will be compiled by Rebecca Vaughan  
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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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