

ST. COLUMBA'S

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT SUNDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 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.

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Thursday: 9.15 a.m.

Friday REQUIEM: 9.15 a.m.

7.15 p.m.

Saturday: 9.15 a.m.

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INTENTIONS:

Andrew James.A.

The Parish

Richard John Murphy.A.

Gerrard Carr.R.I.P.

Barbara Sawle.R.I.P.

Palmino Apollonio.

Derrick Jones.

Anne Rigby.A.

Adriano Semenzato.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS.

Ray Astberry.

Margaret Byrne.

Rosario Daly.

The Parish.

LATELY DEAD:

Adriano Semenzato

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:

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

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Mary Byrne, Andrew James, Danny Roberts, Gladys Marron, 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, Maud Yates, Cornelius Heffernan, Elizabeth Heffernan, Thomas Conlon, Ulrica Lester, Mary Dutton, Ian Allmark, Anne Holland, Ellen Catherine Kerr, Sheila McCabe, Alfred Bolton, Sheila Faye. Bridget Roberts.

CONFESSIONS:

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

COFFEE/TEA:

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

OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate: £578.53

Planned Giving: £458.73

Average Weekly Standing Orders: £556.00

Thank you very much for your generous support.

THE TABLET 2009:

A complete set of "The Tablet" for 2009 can be yours for a donation of £5 to the SVP. Lots of interesting reading for the dark evenings. Ring 021244 380626.

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.

EXPOSITIONS DURING LENT:

As part of the Year of Faith initiative, Exposition will take place after Mass each Wednesday morning during Lent, until 11.00am, commencing Wednesday 20th February 2013.

The Stations of the Cross will be held on Friday evenings during Lent at 7.15 p.m.

CATHOLIC PAPERS:

Sadly, due to lack of sales, we will be stopping our supply of Catholic papers. If you wish to get a Catholic paper in the future you can order one from your newsagents.

CHRISTIAN AID:

Thank you to everyone who supported the 'Big Coffee Morning' at Hoole URC on Saturday. The Wednesday Lent Lunches continue each week in Lent, 12.00 to 1.20pm in the Welsh Church, St John Street, Chester.

HOLY WEEK ROTA:

Your copy of the holy week rota is ready for collection in the front porch.

Many thanks.



YEAR OF FAITH:

Last week we looked at the appointment of St Peter as the first Pope or first Bishop of Rome. He was acknowledged by the Apostles as the leader of the infant Church, which Christ promised would last to the end of time. Thus

the Bishops of Rome continued to be the leaders of the Church, their authority extended to churches beyond Rome until it became universal; centuries later they were called popes. In this way popes through history have claimed succession from the apostles, so that apostolic tradition became part of the Magisterium of the Church. Along with tradition the Magisterium also embraces Sacred Scripture and the teaching of the bishops in communion with the Pope. The teaching of the Church is not solely based on the content of the Sacred Scriptures but is interpreted in the light of the apostolic teaching of the Pope, the Bishops and living tradition. At the time of the Reformation this unbroken tradition was cut by Henry VIII; the Church in England was without the Magisterium of the Catholic Faith and was left to interpret the Word of God without this support.

FEAST OF THE WEEK:

Friday 1st March is the feast of St. David, Patron Saint of Wales. He lived in the 6th 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). He became Archbishop of Wales and is credited with the conversion of all Wales to Christianity. His monastery at Menevia was also a training ground for a number of Irish saints, through whom St. David had a major influence on the development of the Irish monastic movement.

LENT FAST DAY:

The Fast Day envelopes can then be returned in the offertory baskets this weekend – or next weekend if you have forgotten it! Many thanks for your support. The proceeds go to CAFOD, in support of schemes that combat hunger in developing countries.

ACADEMY STATUS FOR CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:

Many parishioners are aware that Chester Catholic High School was considering a move to Academy status. This has now been formally agreed by all concerned, including the Diocese, and it takes effect on 1st March 2013. The change means that the school becomes independent of the local authority but remains very much a Catholic School and part of the family of Diocesan schools. It will be part of a multi-academy trust which is being set up, and which will have an executive group drawn from governors at the school and Diocesan representatives drawn from local Catholic schools and parishes. For more information please pick up a copy of the statement issued last week on behalf of the governors.

PARISH HALL:

Unfortunately the hall management are unable to continue in this role due to other commitments. Therefore we are looking for a person or people to take on the hall management if you think you might be interested in this vital role within the parish please contact in the first instance Fr Cooke or Paul Wrigglesworth (01244 382457).

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH 7th MARCH:

The next in the series of fellowship lunches arranged by Churches Together in Upton will be on **Thursday 7th March**, 12 noon to 1.00pm at Upton United Reformed Church, Heath Road. All very welcome, donations in support of the Hospice.

LENTEN PRAYER:

Compassionate God, you love and care for each and every one of us, whatever our situation. Accompany us on our Lenten journey and show us what needs to change in ourselves and in our world.

Source, The CAFOD Lent Book 2012.

WALSINGHAM:

There will be a meeting at St.Saviours Church Hall, Ellesmere Port on 21st March @7.30 p.m. for all of the parishioners that are going on the trip and final payments will need to be made on the night.

S.V.P COLLECTION:

The next collection for the S.V.P. will take place on week ending 2nd – 3rd March.

Thank you for your continued support.

NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Ann Siddall

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Items for inclusion can also 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. Please take your newsletter home with you and use it for reference and prayer during the week.