

St Columba's Church

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SUNDAY 25th JANUARY 2015 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.

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.
Friday: 11.30 a.m.
Saturday: 9.15 a.m.
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INTENTIONS:

Hughie Middleton.
Eileen O'Driscoll.
The Parish.
Gladys Shanley.
Private Intention.
Francis Wilkinson.
Doreen Hargreaves.
Requiem: Bob Meadows
Austin Pinnington.
Joan & Frederick Hodson.
Hanna Connolly. RIP.
The Parish.

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:

Gillian Frances Pendleton, we pray for her friends and family.

We ask for your prayers for Bob Meadows who died this week, we pray that you will bring comfort and strength to Annette and the family. Bob's Requiem Mass is on **Friday 30th January** at 11.30am.

BAPTISMS:

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

SVP MONTHLY COLLECTION:

The monthly collection will take place after Masses next weekend, 31st January – 1st February. Many thanks for your continued support.

OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate: £443.04
Planned Giving: £435.96
Average Weekly SOs: £510.00
Donation:
Piety Stall £282.40

Many thanks for your generous support.

If you are interested in joining the Planned Giving and/or Gift Aid schemes, please ring David Savage on 01244 380626.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Susan Pollock, Charles Dutton, Christine Elizabeth Colgan, Ann-Marie Loughlin, Gladys Lilian Shanley, Patricia Banks, Margaret Johnstone, Malcolm Anthony de-Monte, Mary (Mollie) Callow, Robert Charles Gore, Julia Jones, Mary Thompson, Sean Murphy, Anne Gritten, Adam Turner, Josephine Patricia Grehan, Phoebe Phillips, Molly Choppen, John Martin, Marie Cousins, Patrick Foley, Jean Anderson, Margaret Barrow, Rosemary Larsen, Jim Grisdale, Bernard Smith, Joseph Eric Gerrard, Mary O'Gorman, Bridget Rhoden, Anne Heaney-Glynn, Anne Helen Fitzpatrick, George Fletcher, Roman Borysewski, Clifford Sale, Stephen Hunt, Kitty O'Donnell, Racheal Andrews, Joseph Blagg, Dr de Gamrose, John Joseph Lynch, Nellie Tyldesley, Dorothy Poole, Madeline Vozniak, Elizabeth Tiffin, Minnie Brown.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Shocklach Road, Horrocks Road and Bolesworth Road.
- For the choirs, music groups and Sing Praise.
- For uniting all who play and sing from the three churches.

PRAYER CYCLE:

During Ordinary Time (Winter) and up to Lent we are asked to pray for these intentions: Peace on Earth; Christian Unity; the Sick and their Carers; Victims of Trafficking and those who work to combat it; Students & Teachers; the Unemployed.

NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & READERS ROTAS:

Please pick up a copy of your new Rotas (which includes Holy Week) from the front porch. Please can I ask you to find a replacement should you be unable to carry out your duty - especially during Holy Week.

FIRST FORGIVENESS:

On **Saturday 31st January at 11.30 a.m.**, 30 children from the Parish will receive the Sacrament of First Forgiveness. Please pray for the children and their families at this special time in their faith journeys.

FEAST OF THE WEEK:

- Monday, **St. Timothy & Titus, bishops.** They were disciples and associates of St. Paul the Apostle – and were the named recipients of some of Paul's epistles. Timothy came to be placed in charge of the Church of Ephesus, and Titus was asked to organise the church in Crete.
- Wednesday, **St. Thomas Aquinas** (1225-1274). He was one of the greatest teachers and writers in the history of the church, producing an enormous output during a comparatively short lifetime of 49 years. His special contribution was to develop a systematic understanding of Christian theology that embraced many of the ideas to be found in Greek and Islamic philosophy, and his writings are still studied today. He had joined the Dominicans at the age of 19, against the wishes of his family - who held him captive for a whole year in a vain attempt to deter him.
- Saturday, **St. John Bosco.** Born in Piedmont (Italy) in 1815. He grew up in extreme poverty, and after ordination devoted his whole life to educating young people, especially the poor. He founded the Salesians, under the patronage of the earlier saint, Francis de Sales. Their work with youth continues to be found throughout the world.

NEEDLES AND PINS GROUP:

Needles and Pins group will meet again on **Wednesday 28th January**. We are a friendly group who knit, sew and chat. There is usually tea and cake too!! We meet in the hall on the fourth Wednesday of the month. A warm welcome awaits.

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 then repeated at 7.30 p.m.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

Jan 25th Sue Carr 3rd World
Feb 1st Scouts' Parade
Feb 8th Chris & Liz Nichols Tombola

If you would like to support a charity by making coffee in the hall after Sunday morning Mass please contact Margaret Curtis 318424.

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

THANKS FROM ICKLE PICKLES:

Last week's coffee and cake sale raised £106.40 for Ickle Pickles, a London-based charity which supports neo-natal units throughout the U.K. A cheque for £107 has been dispatched: many thanks to all those who bought cakes or made donations; and to Margaret, Jackie and Julia who helped Annette and Ben when the pressure was on!

“WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE LAITY?”

This is the title of the Annual Lecture taking place on **Saturday 7th February**, 2.00 p.m. in Chester Cathedral main nave, admission free. It will be given by Elaine Graham, Canon Theologian at the Cathedral. Her lecture will survey some of the main thinking over recent years across the denominations regarding the relationship between ordained and lay ministry, and consider what the future prospects may be for the laity in Church and society. See posters in the porches and on our parish website.

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:

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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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