



St Columba's Church

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY, 25th MAY 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.
Wednesday:	9.15 a.m.
Thursday:	9.15 a.m.
	2.00 p.m. Nuptial Mass: Alice Steaton – Adam Gibbons
Friday:	9.15 a.m.
Saturday:	9.15 a.m.
Saturday Vigil Mass:	7.15 p.m.
Sunday:	9.15 a.m.
	11.00 a.m.

INTENTIONS:

Marie Therese Camilleri
The Parish
Teresa Hinde
Victor McClennan
Catherine Cadrick
Teresa Owen (recovery)
Bernard Wilkinson
Peter Greenwood
Joan Wells
Fr. Gerry Courell
Maureen Tolefree
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.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Eileen Hughes, Thomas Patrick Nicholls, Godfrey Z Mullins, Frederick McGhee, William A J Davies, Paul Joseph Herbert, Ann Lee, Martha Winifred Shea, Peter Burton (Snr), Christina Rita Newton, Agnes Harvey, Catherine Carney, Florence Beryl Fairhead, Bernard Patrick McGuinness, Llewellyn Trevor Pickmere, Ned O'Gorman, Thomas Boyle, Geoffrey Alan Wilding, William Butler-Langford, Kathleen Amelia Swinton, Ann Cooper, Mary Teresa Hinde, William Ward McGlown, Arthur May, Angela Lennon, Linda Lumley, William Nash, Veronica Carr, James Edward Casman, Alba Martin, Bernard Joseph Wilkinson, Ernest Gordon George Kirk, Dorothy Davies, Catherine Ryan, Kathleen Nancy Wood, Patricia Gardner, William Arthur Evans, Raymond O'Brien

LATELY DEAD:

Please remember in your prayers Harry Teague. We pray for his family and friends.

CONFESSIONS:

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

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations to Alice Steaton and Adam Gibbons who will be married at St. Columba's on Thursday at 2.00 p.m. We wish them every happiness in their married life.

OFFERTORY

Loose Plate:	£552.49
Planned Giving:	£379.50
Average Weekly SOs:	£510.00
Donations - Candles	£47.54

Thank you for your continuing generosity.

POPE FRANCIS IN THE HOLY LAND:

Please remember in your prayers the Pope's visit to the Holy Land and his intention to further peace there and throughout the Middle East.

THE TABERNACLE:

The Tabernacle in church has gone to Hayes and Finch for refurbishment.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

25th May, Lourdes Youth Group - Youth Group
1st June, Sewing Group - Funds for Africa
8th June, SUMMER FAIR & BBQ - Social Committee
Teas, coffees and juices are served in the Hall after both the Sunday morning Masses. All are very welcome.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Newry Park, Grange Road and Eversley Park.
- For vocations to the ministry, Foundations for Ministry and those in current raining.
- For all lay people in their varied ministries in our churches.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:

The theme continuing until 6th June is **Charity**. The prayer is:

For the times we have ignored the needs of our friends and neighbours, Lord have mercy.

For the times we have forgotten about people in need in our own country, Christ have mercy.

Lord, You have shown us how to be charitable and how to help those in need. Help me to remember to always be generous, in my thoughts, my words and my deeds. Amen.

BIDDING PRAYER WRITER:

We urgently need a Bidding Prayer writer to join the team, initially for the month of July. Can you help? Please get in touch with Mary Sherman on 01244 638978.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS/ READERS ROTA:

A copy of the new Rota is available for collection from the front porch.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS:

This Sunday our last group of children are making their First Holy Communion with their families, at the 11.00 a.m. Mass. We congratulate Bradley Beach (Blessing), Danny Borgert, James Cawley, Junis Jojo and Rohan Thomas. All the children will come together for the Parish Thanksgiving Mass on **Sunday 22nd June** at 11.00.a.m. Please continue to pray for them at this special time.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Traditionally, the annual Week or Octave of Prayer is held in January, but in some places it takes place at Pentecost – and for 2014 this is what Churches Together in Upton are doing, with the services hosted at St. Columba's, following the theme "*Is Christ Divided?*"

Each day from **Sunday 1st June to Saturday 7th June** a short prayer service will be held in the Iona Chapel at 6.30 p.m. Then on **Sunday 8th June** (Pentecost Sunday) the main service of the week will be held at 7.00 p.m. in the main church, followed by refreshments in the Hall. All welcome.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

- Monday: **St. Philip Neri**. Born in Florence in 1515 and died in Rome on this day in 1595. He was an outstanding proponent of Church reform after the Council of Trent, and he worked among the young and the poor in Rome, founding the Congregation of the Oratory. He is remembered for his humour, simplicity and charity.
- Tuesday: **St. Augustine of Canterbury**, one of the most influential figures in the conversion of Anglo-Saxon England to the Roman episcopal style of Christianity. He was appointed by Gregory the Great to head a band of 40 monks to preach the gospel to the heathen English. They landed in Kent and within a few years had converted Ethelbert, the most powerful of the Anglo-Saxon Kings, and established the first cathedral at Canterbury. He died there around 605.
- Saturday: **The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. This feast celebrates Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth, as told in the Gospel of Luke, celebrating also her example of faith in God's word and sensitivity to the Spirit.

HAPPY FAMILIES – MORE THAN A CARD GAME?

Being happy at home is something we all hope for but families and their needs change as our children grow. Sometimes it can be hard to keep pace with these changes. Whilst the teenage years are some of the most rewarding, they can present the greatest challenges for parents and young people alike. Approaches that worked well before are no longer effective or appropriate and conflict can become more common as we try to negotiate new freedoms and responsibilities.

Are you interested in exploring positive ways of parenting teenagers and building on your skills and strategies to keep communication open in your family? Join like-minded parents in a small and supportive group for 6 weekly sessions where you can develop and adapt tried and tested techniques to suit your family situation, taking small steps each week to bring about big changes. The course is free and starts on **Wednesday, 4th June at 7.30 p.m. in Chester Catholic High School**. For more information or to book a place, please ring Claire on 01244 300338 or 07743 704383.

PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN FROM HARM ON THE INTERNET:

Gareth Cheesman from Chester Schools Christian Work will be giving a talk aimed at parents of primary school children. The session will provide an overview of the pressures children face and practical tools and behaviours you can employ to help protect them. This will be on **Wednesday 4th June** from 7.30pm at The Firs School 45 Newton Lane. Registration required at www.firsschool.net/workshop/

CHESTER CAFOD SUPPORT GROUP:

- The Group is 25 years old this year! A Celebration Mass will be held in St. Theresa's Blacon, on **Wednesday 4th June** at 7.00 p.m. followed by refreshments in Parish Centre. Please join us on this very special occasion.
- Ecumenical "Songs of Praise" in St. Theresa's Church, on **Sunday 15th June** at 4pm to celebrate the work of CAFOD, Christian Aid and Tearfund. Refreshments to follow in the Parish Centre.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK:

Many thanks to the people who very kindly volunteered to help with the house-to-house collections this year. A total of £502 was collected.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

- The Annual BBQ is on **Sunday, 8th June, after 11 o'clock Mass** to celebrate the anniversary of St. Columba.
- This year's Coach Trip is to the historic cathedral town of Lichfield on **Friday, 25th July**, leaving St. Columba's at 9 a.m. A list for names and information on Lichfield is up in the front porch of the Church. The cost is £10.50p.

"THANK YOU!"

- Ruth Gerrard writes:* "The total raised for the **Buzz Youth Activity Group** at our recent coffee morning was a tremendous £174.86! Many, many thanks to all who supported us."
- Richard Curtis writes:* I would like to thank all the parishioners who sponsored my 10km run in Aberdeen, the money going to **The Sandpiper Trust Charity**, which helps provide medical equipment for remote GP practices. With the help of Margaret Curtis, collecting at coffees after Mass and the badminton members, £126 was raised. This is the link to the webpage: <http://www.justgiving.com/Run4SandPiper>

SUMMER FASHION SHOW:

This is being held at West Cheshire College, Ellesmere Port Campus, on **Wednesday 4th June**, 7.30 for 8.00 p.m. Tickets £5 adults, £2 students. It is organised by Chifundo Fashion, whose products will be available for sale after the show. All proceeds go in support of the development and funding of Malawi women's tailoring courses. (This replaces the "Eco Fashion Show" previously advertised for 8th May.) Contact 01244 381490.

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 Harry Sweeney, Tel: 01244 327462.

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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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