

ST. COLUMBA'S

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Please see pamphlets in Church Porches for more details*

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 28TH APRIL 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.
Wednesday: 9.15 a.m.
Thursday: 9.15 a.m.
Friday: 9.15 a.m.
Saturday: 9.15 a.m.
12.00noon
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Sunday: 9.15 a.m.
11.00 a.m.

INTENTIONS:

Josefina Barbon
Graziella Baker
The Parish
Celia Mitchell R.I.P.
Gerry Galvin R.I.P.
Private Intention
Albert Blockeel R.I.P.
Priest's Intention
NO MORNING MASS
MASS FOR C.W.L.
The Parish
Graziella Baker
Lil Dutton

BAPTISMS:

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

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Thomas Richard Price, Ellen Kavanagh, Lil Dutton, Albert Thompson, Bridget Halliwell, Harry McAndrew, Henry Joseph McAndrew, Kathleen Mary Ward, John Daniel Jones, Gladys Maud Helen Burrell, Horace Rigby, Dennis Joseph Shaw, Margaret Mary Flynn, Grace Ross, Ivy Munday, Mary E Barlow, Margaret Power, Thomas Hanratty, James Connolly, Kevin Fearon, Ian Christopher Gaynor, Joan Crump, Ofelia Lanzetta, Rose Creedon, and Vincenzo Perruzza

LATELY DEAD:

Please remember in your prayers Doreen McNamara, a long standing parishioner of St Columba's; to her family and friends we offer our condolences.

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.

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 is served in the Hall after both the Sunday morning Masses. All are very welcome.

OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate: £409.58
Planned Giving: £498.36
Average Weekly Standing Orders: £547.00
Coffee Morning: £25.94
Badminton £150.00

Thank you for your continued support.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS:

Family celebrations of the Sacrament start next week and go throughout May. At the 11.00 a.m. Mass each Sunday some or all of the central pews will be reserved for the children and their families. We pray for them as they celebrate the great gift of the Real Presence of Jesus and his love for us all.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Ethelda drive, Dorfold Way and Sussex Road.
- All who serve the Anglican Diocese of Chester, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Shrewsbury and the United Reformed Church Mersey Synod.
- Our churches that they may be filled with the Holy Spirit.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, 12TH – 18TH MAY:

Christian Aid Week is held each year in May and is a time when national and local efforts draw attention to the work of Christian Aid, raising funds through house-to-house collections using the familiar red envelopes. CA works closely with CAFOD, and for years St Columba's parish has helped with the annual collection, in conjunction with Churches Together in Upton. We now need new helpers as some volunteers have moved away. Would you be able to help by volunteering to collect from a particular local street? Please add your name to the list on the table in the Rear Porch, choosing from the streets assigned to us, and we will contact you with further details.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA 2013:

28th April Margaret & Jacque
5th May Sue Carr
12th May Ruth & Jacque
Enquiries to Margaret Curtis – 01244 318424



YEAR OF FAITH 2012-2013

YEAR OF FAITH: The month of May starts on Wednesday next. By an old tradition of the Church the month is dedicated to Our Lady. The Catechism of the Catholic Church describes devotion to the Mother of God as differing in its very nature from the adoration we give to the Holy Trinity. Nevertheless the special devotion to Mary finds expression in the many feasts in her honour and in a range of Marian prayers, particularly the Rosary, which is a compendium of the Gospels. In the Church of Christ the King, Bromborough, the statue of Our Lady in the area at the back of the sanctuary can be seen from various angles in the body of the church. It reminds us that the desire of the Mother of God is that devotion to her leads us to her Son. During this coming month let us look again at our own devotions, for example, by saying the words of the Hail Mary and the Hail Holy Queen slowly. It was an old tradition at the Seminary of Ushaw to say a prayer at the Statue of Our Lady of Help at the end of Mass. Our wooden statue of Our Lady from Austria is very expressive and a prayer to her after Mass might be a nice custom to start.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:

This week's theme is "**Celebrating Old Age**" and the prayer is:
*Lord, help us to recognise the importance of the elderly and the role they played in our history and can still play in our future.
Remind us of our duty to follow Jesus' example and to look after and support others in need. Amen*

SPONSORED WALK:

On Saturday and Sunday, 4/5th May the Chester & Ellesmere Port Lourdes Youth group will make a sponsored walk from Chester to Ellesmere Port, visiting the Catholic churches in the area. Starting at St. Clare's on Saturday morning and from St. Columba's after 9a.m. Sunday Mass; they will walk approx. 20 miles over 2 days, finishing at St. Mary of the Angels, Hooton on Sunday. Donations go to support the youngsters in their work for Lourdes pilgrimage.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Events arranged by Parish Social Committee:

- **Sunday 9th June** - BBQ to celebrate the Feast of St Columba.
- **Friday 26th July** - Coach Trip to the market town of Ludlow

From St Werburgh's & St Columba's PTA:

- **Friday 3rd May** - Our first *ever* Spring Ball! Bring along friends & family & make this a great success! To be held at Chester Rugby Club. Fizz on arrival, 3 course meal, live band, DJ. Black tie optional. **Over 18's Only.** Tickets just £25 - from Helen on 07775 599330 or Naomi on 07792 902011. Donations for our Spring Ball Raffle gratefully received!
- **Saturday 22nd June** - School Summer Fayre. The usual fun & excitement! Details to follow, but please, pray for dry weather!

We are currently raising funds for a new mobile classroom. Many thanks for your support.

CHESTER THEOLOGY SOCIETY –LECTURE:

7:30pm, Wednesday 1st May Hollybank House, Liverpool Road, University of Chester. "The Dead Sea Scrolls, the Jewish Jesus and the New Testament". Professor George Brooke - University of Manchester. Admission at the door: £3.00 (Students: £1.00) – with Wine and Refreshments

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

If you are going to talk in my house
please talk to ME.

I am in the tabernacle,
I am the Blessed Sacrament,
tell ME all your problems
and together we can solve them.
Please don't distract anyone else
from praying to ME in MY HOUSE.

"A PAUSE FOR HOPE" SUNDAY 12th MAY:

An Ecumenical Service for all people affected by cancer, sufferers, carers and friends, is being held here at St. Columba's Church on **Sunday 12th May** at 3pm. This will be celebrated by Bishop Mark, and will include music from St. Werburgh's and St. Columba's Primary School Choir. For more information please see the posters in either porch, or go to www.pauseforhope.org.uk

PARISH THIRD WORLD PROJECTS:

Thank you to everyone who has helped the Third World projects by standing orders, boxes in the porches and coffee mornings. £400 was recently sent to each of the Parish Projects we currently support: Bro. James Kimpton working for "Reaching the Unreached" in Southern India, Fr. John Kirwan for his missionary work among the people of DR Congo, and the OAKS charity school providing education for the children of Bo, Sierra Leone. Letters of thanks and photos have been received and are on the Third World Notice Board.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS/READERS

ROTA: Your new Rota is now ready for collection in the Front Porch. Many thanks.

SVP:

The SVP collection will take place next weekend, 4-5th May. Thank you for your continued support. The members of SVP say a big "thank you" to Margaret Allmark for her many years as treasurer.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

On Friday 3rd May we celebrate the feast of **Ss. Philip and James**, Apostles. On Saturday 4th May we remember **The English Martyrs**, including **St. John Plessington, St. Ambrose Barlow** and **St. Margaret Ward** who are of special significance in the Shrewsbury Diocese.

NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Harry Sweeney
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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.