



# St Columba's Church

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## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 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.
Saturday Vigil	7.15 p.m.
Sunday:	9.15 a.m. 11.00 a.m.

### INTENTIONS:

Michael Wolfe.
Darren Sheeran.
The Parish.
James Fitzpatrick.
Peg Walker.
Rose & Dick Mitchell.
John Barrett.
May & Michael Mitchell
Michael Wolfe.
Gavin Webster.
Thomas McWilliams.
The Parish.

### MORNING PRAYER:

9.00 a.m. in the Sacristy Office, except on Wednesday.

### BAPTISMS:

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

### CONFESSIONS:

On Saturdays, after the morning Mass, and in the evening from 6.45 to 7.10 p.m.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

*Please remember in your prayers:* Eva McDonnell, Adam Barnhill, James Ball, Thomas Edward Johnston, Jacobus Philips, Joseph Herbert Lucas, Evelyn Taylor, Harry Ralph, John Leonard, Teresa Helena Adams, Elizabeth Mary Kirk, John Steven Colgan, Mary Winifred Smith-White, Arthur Hindley, Teresa Bettridge, Veronica Howard, Rachel Gibson, Thomas Wall, Chris Speed, Patrick Peter Wilson, Jane O'Hord, John Leonard, Teresa Helena Adams, Elizabeth Mary Kirk, John Steven Colgan, Arthur Hindley, Teresa Bettridge, Veronica Howard, Rachel Gibson, Thomas Wall, Chris Speed, Patrick Peter Wilson, Jane O'Hord, Patrick Joseph Regan, Margaret Winterbottom, Eileen Josephine Donoughue, Ada Laura Savage, Sean Floyd, Harold Sweeney, Lawrence Stevens, John Hughes, Margaret Johnson, Frances Joseph

Burk, Christopher Garner, Ester Rose Parker, Susan Sweeney, Agnes Morris.

### OFFERTORY (21-22 Dec.):

Loose Plate:	£621.55
Planned Giving:	£437.60
Average Weekly SOs:	£547.00

*Many thanks for your generous support.*

### PRAYERS IN ADVENT & CHRISTMASTIDE:

Throughout Advent and Christmastide we are asked to pray in particular for the following:

Openness to the Word of God; Migrants and Refugees; and Expectant Mothers.

### UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Woodlea Avenue, Cornwall Road and Alford Road.
- For All Age Family Worship, Messy Church, Junior Church and Children's Liturgy.
- For all children who attend our churches each Sunday and for their leaders.

### SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

Dec 29th	Sue & Marie	Parish
Jan 5th	Sewing Group	Themselves
Jan 12 <sup>th</sup>	Maggie Jarrett	OAKS

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

### RED MISSION BOXES:

Could parishioners holding Red Mission Boxes please leave them in the Sacristy for Margaret Curtis to collect. Your box can be collected from the rear porch.

*Thank you for your continued support.*

## THE NEW YEAR DAWNS!

*A very happy New Year to all parishioners. Fr. Cooke thanks you for all your support and generosity.*

*To all parish helpers in every aspect of our endeavours: your kindness and many gifts are appreciated, not just at this time but the whole year round.*

## FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

### Tuesday: **St. Sylvester I, Pope**

Sylvester, elected Bishop of Rome in 314, died there on 31 December in 335. He is remembered as the Bishop of Rome in the important years when the Christian Church was first tolerated and then legally recognised in the Roman Empire. It was during this time that the emperor Constantine called councils at Arles and Nicaea to combat heresy, and also that great basilicas were built in Rome and throughout the empire.

Wednesday: **Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God.** This feast, occurring on 1<sup>st</sup> January, continues the Christmas Season by highlighting Our Lady's unique role as the woman who brought God into the world. Mary's complete openness to God and her willingness to cooperate with God's plan of salvation made her a model of Christian faith from the earliest days of the Church's existence

### Thursday: **St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen Bishops, doctors of the Church**

Basil was born about 330 at Caesarea (Turkey) and died there on 1 January 379. Gregory was born at Nazianzus (Turkey) in 329 and died there in 389. They both were hermits before becoming bishops – Basil bishop of his native city, Gregory, bishop of Constantinople. They are remembered together because of their friendship in life and their enduring influence on the Church, especially in the East.

## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY:

Traditionally, the Week of Prayer has been held from 18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> January, the octave of Saints Peter and Paul. However, in some localities the Week is observed at the time of Pentecost – that great feast commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles.

Churches Together in Upton, bearing in mind all the snow and ice we experienced on those dates in January 2013, have agreed that in 2014 the Week of Prayer will be observed at Pentecost time, so it will run from **1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> June**, with St. Columba's hosting the prayer services each evening.

The January dates will however be observed elsewhere in Chester – and an ecumenical service is to be held in Chester Cathedral on **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January** at 3.30 p.m. when the preacher will be Lord Carey, former Archbishop of Canterbury.

## CHRISTINGLE APPEAL:

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to the appeal for OAKS, in support of the work in Bo, Sierra Leone. The total to date is £477. If there are any further envelopes they can be put in the normal collection baskets or given to Pauline Payne. The OAKS charity is very grateful for your kind support. Copies of their Christmas newsletter are in the porches for you to take. They also have a very informative website: [www.oaks-sl.org](http://www.oaks-sl.org)

## SHREWSBURY CATHOLIC VOICE:

Copies of the Advent/Christmas 2013 issue of the Diocesan magazine are still available, price £1. Articles include an illustrated account of the Diocesan Holy Land Pilgrimage in October, and a "Year of Faith in Neston" – an account of the ways in which the parish of St. Winefride's observed the holy year.

## 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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