

St Columba's Church

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FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2015

MASS TIMES:	INTENTIONS:
Saturday Vigil Mass: 7.15 p.m.	Moira Rooney. RIP
Sunday: 9.15 a.m.	Fred & Evelyn Broadbent. (Golden Wedding)
	11.00 a.m. The Parish.
Monday: 9.15 a.m.	NO MORNING MASS.
Tuesday: 9.15 a.m.	Private Intention. M&R.
Wednesday: 10.00 a.m.	REQUIEM. Margaret Mary Nichols.
Thursday: 9.15 a.m.	Margery Whatmough.
Friday: 12.00 Noon.	REQUIEM. Helen Whitcombe.
Saturday: NO MORNING MASS	
Saturday Vigil Mass: 7.15 p.m.	Valerie Fagan & Jack and Mary Byrne.
Sunday: 9.15 a.m.	James Chapman.
	11.00 a.m. The Parish.

NOVEMBER LIST FOR THE HOLY SOULS:

Envelopes are available in the Church Porches. All the Masses this month are for remembering the dead, our relatives and friends and all the Faithful Departed, and especially the Dead of the Two Great Wars are remembered this week.

BAPTISMS:

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

MORNING PRAYER:

Each morning at 9.00 a.m. in the Sacristy Office, Monday through to Friday, except Wednesdays.

CONFESSIONS:

Each Saturday 6.45p.m. to 7.10pm. (before the Saturday Vigil Mass).

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Angela Podmore, Peter Garry, Robert Trundle, Freda Carline, Rhona Mary Howlette, Kathleen Townsend, Louise Whitcombe, John Henry McCowne, Stan Connolly, Francesca Pace, Baby Ann Burton, Winifride Dorothy Jones, Edward Fox, Sarah Morgan, John Parke, Peter Anthony Burton, Kily Dowd, Angela Chapman, John Wolfe, John Bellis, Charles Maloney, John Halligan, John Burton, Frederick James Wright, Gillian Gallagher, Harold Beadle, Kathleen McAleavy, Joseph Francis Tallon, Thomas Wilfred Wall, Agnes Jones, James Robert Chapman.

OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate:	£595.15
Planned Giving:	£479.35
Average Weekly Standing Orders:	£683.00
Donations: Candles	£41.70

Many thanks for your generous support

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

29th Nov. The Third World Group
6th Dec. Badminton Group Hospice of the Good Shepherd

13th Dec. Sue OAKS

The coffee rota is on the notice board in the hall. If you would like to manage a coffee morning for a charity of your choice, please add your name to the rota. Tea, coffee and juice are served in the hall after both Sunday morning Masses. All are welcome.

THIRD WORLD PROJECTS:

Please come and enjoy the coffee and cakes after morning Masses this Sunday - served in aid of the various projects the parish supports on an ongoing basis. Our projects include support for the work of Fr. John Kirwan in DR Congo. See the notice board in the front porch for the recent email received from Fr. John.

ADVENT READINGS:

A reminder that the talks on the Advent readings continue on Wednesday evening in the Iona Chapel at 7.30 p.m. when we'll be looking at the readings for the second Sunday. All welcome.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

- Pray for the residents of Cotebrook Drive, Oulton Avenue and Rushton Drive.
- For our churches open on Saturdays and the fellowship enjoyed there.
- For all who use and maintain the web sites.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT 11 O'CLOCK MASS:

In the four Sundays of Advent, children's liturgy will start off in Church for the lighting of the Advent candles, and then the children will go out to the hall for their liturgy returning for the offertory. All children and any parents or other helpers welcome.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

- Monday: **St. Andrew, Apostle.** Andrew was a fisherman and disciple of John the Baptist before following Jesus. He became Patron Saint of Scotland following the legendary translation of some of his remains from Greece to the place in Scotland now known as St. Andrews.
- Thursday: **St. Francis Xavier,** Patron of Foreign Missions. Born in 1506 in the Basque country, Francis became a Jesuit missionary, eventually spending an enormously active 10-year period spreading the gospel in Goa, Ceylon, the East Indies and Japan. In 1551 he was journeying to China, then a very closed society. He planned to be smuggled across to the mainland from an offshore island, in order to continue his missionary work, but he fell sick with a fever from which he never recovered, dying at the age of 46.

PRAYER INTENTIONS, ADVENT & CHRISTMASTIDE:

During Advent and Christmastide we are asked to pray for these intentions: Openness to the Word of God; Migrants and Refugees; Expectant Mothers.

- Thursday this week is a **Day of Special Prayer for All Migrants and Refugees.**

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS MASS ARRANGEMENTS:

The Advent and Christmas Mass Times information leaflet is ready for collection in both porches. Please pick up a copy. Also please note that 25th December Mass times should read:

9.15 a.m. Dawn Mass 11.00 Mass of the Day with tableau.

HOSPITAL MASS:

The regular "First Thursday" Mass will be celebrated on 3rd December at 12.15pm in the Countess of Chester Hospital Chapel. This is for patients/outpatients, staff, families and friends, and the wellbeing of our Hospitals (Bowmere included). All are welcome.

JUSTICE AND PEACE ADVENT REFLECTION:

On **Sunday 6th December** the Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission is holding its annual Advent Reflection, led this year by Terry Gorman from Aid to the Church in Need. Everyone is invited to this time of advent prayer, reflection and social. 4.30 - 6.30 p.m. at Wistaston Hall, Broughton Lane Crewe CW2 8JS. See posters in the porches or on the parish website.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER WORKSHOP:

You are welcome to come and make a floral arrangement for your Christmas table on the afternoon of **Wednesday 16th December** in the hall. Please see notice at the back of church or see Marie, Anne or Sue for further details. We will be in the hall this Sunday.

CHRISTIAN AID, ADVENT HOPE:

This Sunday, 29th November, 5.00 p.m. at Wesley Methodist Church, St. John Street Chester. "Join us for a chance to approach Christmas with the promise of God's extravagant love." Hear stories from CA's malaria prevention work in Nigeria and celebrate the gifts we can bring to communities around the world.

GIFT AID TAX REFUND for 2014-15:

The total amount of income tax refunded by HMRC for 2014-15 was £11,943.10. This sum has been paid into the Parish's Central Fund at the Diocese. Many thanks to all of you who make your donations to the parish through the Gift Aid scheme.

MISSION CALENDAR 2016:

The Mission Calendars are available in the front and rear porches of the church. Thank you for your continued support.

CAFOD MASS:

The Chester CAFOD Support Group are having a special Mass at St. Clare's Lache at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 1st December. The Mass intention will be for the success of the UN Climate Talks being held in Paris 30th November to 11th December. Mass will be followed by tea and coffee in the Parish Room. Further information from Sue Bownas 01244 679270.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

Thanks to everyone who made the Autumn Fayre a success yet again on the day we made £250, which will go towards funding future events and charity. Also for senior parishioners we will again this year be holding a Christmas Party on **Saturday 12th December** starting at 2 p.m. Free entry, plus free buffet and glass of wine or similar including soft drinks.

CONCERT AT ST. WERBURGH'S:

An Italian choir "Coro Calycanthus" from Treviglio, Northern Italy, are visiting Chester. They are giving a free concert in St. Werburgh's Church on **Monday 7th December.** Doors open at 6.00 p.m. for 6.30 p.m. start. They promise to "delight you with their rich mixed harmonies and beautifully crafted classical repertoire".

CHRISTMAS CHARITY CONCERT:

Ellesmere Port Music Society will perform works by Bach, Haydn and Vivaldi, accompanied by the 18th Century Sinfonia playing period instruments. This baroque concert will be given on **Saturday 12th December at 7.30 p.m.** in the Civic Hall, Ellesmere Port, tickets £15. Full details on posters in both porches (and on the parish website) or contact Pauline Payne, 01244 350323.

WALSINGHAM 2016:

The annual trip to Walsingham will take place on 4th April 2016. The cost will be £185 with a £85 deposit payable before Christmas. Cheques payable to: David Farrell. We will be using Carvers Travel. The spiritual leader is Fr Forshaw from St. Anne's, New Ferry, who will possibly be bringing 10 people from his parish. If anyone is interested, please contact Brian Forrest on 01244 318863 as soon as possible.

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 Bernard Payne
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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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