

St Columba's Church

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT SUNDAY 30th MARCH 2014

MASS TIMES:

Saturday Vigil Mass:	7.15 p.m.
Sunday:	9.00 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 p.m. 7.15 p.m.
Saturday:	9.15 a.m.
Saturday Vigil Mass:	7.15 p.m.
Sunday:	9.15 a.m. 11.00 a.m.

INTENTIONS:

Patrick & Eileen O'Driscoll
Kathleen Wilkinson.A.
The Parish.

SERVICE OF WORD AND COMMUNION.

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Stations of the Cross
Benediction and Holy
Communion.

NO SERVICE.

Bernard Leigh.

Noreen and John.

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: Eva Fitzpatrick, Kathleen Veronica Lloyd, Bridget Kathleen Wilkinson, Anthony Adams, Ellen Tonks, Bridget Kerry, Doreen McNamara, Margarita Lee, Pauline Josephine Redford, Anthony Burns, Holly, Mary Kiernan, Thomas Edward Hill, Ena O'Flynn, Carlo Lanzetta, Annie Rowlands, Stephen Andrew O'Brien, Doreen Carrington, Joseph Logan, Margaret Jones, Hugh Gale, Thomas Townson, Norma Kirwan, Frank McNamara, Frank Sullivan, Frances Fearon, Margaret Beckett, Mabel Josphine Douglas, Kathleen Frances Blohm, Anna Maria Borg, Vincentius Dilworth D. Keogh, Stan Smith, Ann Houghton.

CONFESSIONS:

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

SVP MONTHLY COLLECTION:

The SVP monthly collection will be taken next weekend, **5th-6th April**. Many thanks for your continued support.

OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate: £483.46

Planned Giving: £474.21

Average Weekly SOs: £547.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.

LENT FAST DAY:

Thank you very much for your offerings. The amount totalled £627.60. This has been sent to CAFOD in support of their work in developing countries. Thank you again for your support.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Newton Park Road, Kennedy Close and Sandon Road.
- For Upton Village Surgery and the Weston Grove Clinic.
- For Doctors, Nurses, Health Visitors and Social Workers in our community.

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE:

On **Thursday 10th April** at 7.15 pm, there will be a Lenten Penitential Service at St. Columba's Church. Visiting Priests will be available for confessions.

GOLDEN JUBILEE OF THE FOUNDING OF THE PARISH OF ST. COLUMBA AND OUR CHURCH:

Donations for the Processional Cross, the Tabernacle refurbishment and other items for the Church, please mark your gift envelopes 'Golden Jubilee'. Thank you.

FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS' MEETING:

The final meeting for parents to discuss the Sacrament and how it will be celebrated takes place on **Monday 31st March** at 7.00 p.m. in St. Werburgh's and St. Columba's School. Please try to attend this meeting.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

30rd March Eileen & Brenda - Parish

6th April Pat & John – SPUC

13th April Marie & Sue - Parish

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

THANK YOU:

Joan Baxter and family would like to thank Father Cooke and the parishioners for the many Mass cards and expressions of sympathy that they have received following Cyril's sad death.

RED MISSION BOXES:

Could those 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.

4th SUNDAY OF LENT – “MOTHERING SUNDAY”:

Children across the country honour their mothers by sending them a card or giving them a bunch of flowers on “Mothers’ Day”- which coincides with the fourth Sunday in Lent. Centuries ago it was considered important for people to return to their home or “mother” church at least once a year. So each year, in the middle of Lent, everyone would visit their “mother” church, or the main church of the area. It was this annual Lenten theme that led to the custom of working children being given the day off to visit their family on “Mothering Sunday”. Mothers’ Day or Mothering Sunday, we can all agree that mothers fully deserve to be honoured!

“SENSE AND NONSENSE ON ASSISTED DYING”:

An Assisted Dying Bill to legalise assisted suicide is currently before Parliament. There is often confusion about what ‘assisted dying’ means. A briefing note (in Q&A form) has been prepared on behalf of the Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales to explain simply and clearly what the issues are, and what the Church says. Copies of the briefing note are available at the back of the Church and can also be seen on the parish website, Pastoral Letters & Resources section.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY – HELP WANTED:

This Liturgy takes place in the Hall during 11.00 a.m. Mass. Could you join the group of 15 to help pass on your faith to our children? All ideas and materials are provided. You only need to be there once every 5 weeks, and always swap if needed. Please contact Catherine on 383866; 07462 780302; or catherine.green@care4free.net

LONDON MARATHON 2014:

Chester Lions Club kindly secured a place for Heather Lannin this year as she attempts to run the London Marathon on April 13th for the Hospice of the Good Shepherd. All sponsorship welcomes to raise £1500 for new day centre in Backford. www.justgiving.com/Heather-Lannin

FED UP OF COOKING ON A FRIDAY? THEN POP INTO THE 'POP-UP RESTAURANT':

For one night only, the Ellesmere Port and Chester Lourdes Youth group is running a ‘Pop-Up restaurant’ at St. Columba's church hall on **Friday 11th April** as part of their fundraising. Doors open at 7pm for a delicious but simple two-course meal, with full table service for £7 per person, under 12's free. Choice of main course: chilli con carne, chicken curry, beef hot pot, veggie option and a children's dish. Bar available. To book or enquire please contact Ellie Edwards (01244 300338 or email 'findelliedwards@hotmail.co.uk') with your name and number, and if possible an indication of your choice of mains and the number in your party.'

CONFIRMATION:

The next parish celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will be on Friday 3rd October '14 at 7pm. To be Confirmed you must be in school year 8, or older, on the Confirmation day. If you would like to be Confirmed please sign the list in the front porch. As usual we will prepare together with St. Theresa's parish and candidates from other Chester parishes. For more information contact Denise Lusk on 379742.

CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS:

We need two or three more catechists to help prepare our young people for Confirmation. If you would like to help (it's a good thing to do and generally fun) please contact Denise Lusk on 379742. We will have a training session before the programme begins.

HOSPITAL MASS:

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

WORLD WAR ONE MEMORIAL:

For soldiers who died or survived WWI. Families in Parish who have records or name of relatives, please contact Fr. Paul Shaw of St Werburgh's Chester; or cheshire.historian@fsmail.net For more information, please see the St Werburgh Parish Website for the Great War Project: www.stwerburghchester.co.uk/more-about-st-werburgh/s/great-war.aspx

WEST CHESHIRE FOODBANK:

Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to the Foodbank collection. This is an on-going effort for as long as the need is there. The food items donated from St. Columba's are collected every Friday morning and taken to the warehouse in Ellesmere Port, which then supplies the various distribution points in Chester and Ellesmere Port.

ST COLUMBA'S HALL BOOKINGS:

For all Hall bookings and enquiries please contact Sue Carr on 07553 114531
E-mail: columbashallbookings@gmail.com

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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