

St Columba's Church

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT SUNDAY, 30th NOVEMBER 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	12.00noon.
Wednesday:	9.15 a.m.
Thursday:	9.15 a.m.
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:

John Brook. RIP.
Martin Keating and Gerry Galvin.
The Parish.
June Semenzato. RIP.
REQUIEM. CATHERINE LOUISE COLUMBINE.
Joan & Jack Sheeran.
Thelma Ford. RIP.
Winifred McSweeney.SVP.
Special Intention. P.W.
Jack & Mary Byrne.
Ann Poole.
The Parish

LATELY DEAD:

Catherine Louise Columbine. Please remember her and her family in your prayers. Her Requiem Mass is on Tuesday, 12 noon.

BAPTISMS:

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

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.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: 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, Agnes Jones, William Bird, Henry Bird, Michael Burns, Joseph Dowd, Margaret Bech.

CONFESSIONS:

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

OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate:	£557.76
Planned Giving:	£528.33
Average Weekly SOs:	£510.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.

If you are interested in joining the Planned Giving and/or Gift Aid schemes, please ring David Savage on 01244 380626.

NEW CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR ROTA AND NEW PROCEDURES:

Please will you pick up your new Christmas/New Year Rota from the basket in the front porch. Information for new practises for both Eucharistic Ministers will be enclosed. These procedures will commence from this week-end.

If you have an e-mail address or if you have changed your e-mail address, please let me know. My e-mail address is: - gerryandcarol.galvin@gmail.com
Many thanks.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

30th Nov. Jackie Turvey Sea Cadets & Parish

7th Dec. Badminton Parish

14th Dec. Maggie Jarret OAKS

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

MISSION CALENDARS 2015:

The Mission Today Calendars are available on the tables in the front and rear porches of the Church. Thank you for your support.

AUTUMN FAYRE:

A big thanks to everyone who helped make the Autumn Fayre its usual success especially everyone who helped in the kitchen and making teas and coffees. This year we made £250 which will be used to subsidise future events plus donated to various Church charities.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we 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.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS:

Would parents of children who would like to have a small part in the Christmas Eve Nativity play at the 6pm mass contact Claire Graham (07880553830) or Rachel Borman (01244 981228) to give your details. Children who take part will be rewarded with a small gift. Their parents will be rewarded with a thank you. :)

HOSPITAL MASS:

The regular "First Thursday" Mass will be celebrated on **Thursday 4th 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 hospital. All are welcome.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT ST. COLUMBA'S:

A small cream coloured leaflet giving details of all the Masses and Carol Singing planned for the Advent and Christmas Season is now available. Please take one home as a reminder.

NEW LITURGICAL YEAR – NEW LITURGICAL PRACTICE:

As the Church's new Liturgical Year begins, you will become aware of two changes to our practice at Sunday and weekday Mass, from now on. After Holy Communion, before the "Prayer after Communion", Fr. Cooke will call to him our Ministers of Holy Communion who are to take the Eucharist to those confined to their homes. He will send them out using the following words: "As you go, please take with you not only the Sacrament we have celebrated, but also the Word of God which we have heard, as well as the affection of this parish community, and ask for the prayers of those whom you visit in return." Secondly, Ministers will purify the sacred vessels immediately after Mass is concluded, at the credence tables in church/chapel; Fr. Cooke will appreciate your remaining aware of this and showing appropriate respect. Thank you.

SOUNDWALL CHRISTMAS-TASTIC SHOW AT ST COLUMBA'S HALL ON 6TH DECEMBER 2014:

Live music, dancing and prizes for all the family from big vocal band Soundwall and children from the Catholic High, St. Werburgh's and other local schools. Profits from this show will go towards disabled kids' charity, the Cheshire Academy. Soundwall have raised £11k for charity since forming in 2011. Tickets: £7 and £5 concessions. Catherine.

Tel: 07840114297 Email: catherine@catherineharrisonarts.co.uk

CHESTER AND ELLESMERE PORT S.V.P TRIP TO WALSINGHAM:

The annual S.V.P. trip to Walsingham will take place on **Monday 13th April 2015** and return on **Thursday 16th April 2015**. A deposit of £75 will be required as soon as possible made payable to S.V.P. If anyone wishes to go, can you please let Brian Forrest know on 01244 318863.

PRAYER INTENTIONS:

Wednesday this week is declared within our diocese a Day of Special Prayer for All Migrants and Refugees.

LIGHTS IN CHURCH:

Please, if for any reason you are in church in the evening, would you make sure when you leave that all lights are put out. Thank you!

SVP MONTHLY COLLECTION:

The monthly collection will take place after the Masses next weekend, **6-7th December**. *Many thanks for your continued support.*

GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION:

As a thank you for the Golden Jubilee and Flower Festival celebration, Father Cooke would like to invite all those involved in making the occasion so successful, to a Buffet lunch in the Church Hall on **Monday 15th December**, 12 noon.

FLOWER FESTIVAL CALENDARS:

Showing displays from the Flower Festival will be on sale on Piety Stall and in the Hall after Mass on Sunday.

WEST CHESHIRE FOODBANK:

Foodbank volunteers are currently wanted for both Chester and Ellesmere Port distribution centres. For more information about these part-time vacancies please call Lynn Taylor on 01244 401062, or pick up an application form from either of the church porches.

FEAST OF THE WEEK:

Wednesday, St. Francis Xavier, Patron of Foreign Missions. Born in 1506 in the Basque country, he was schooled in Paris where he met and followed another Basque, Ignatius Loyola, founder of the Jesuits. 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 planned to be smuggled across to mainland China from an offshore island, in order to continue his missionary work – but he was struck down by a fever from which he never recovered, dying at the age of 46. □
Saturday, St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, Turkey in the 4th century, widely venerated and claimed as patron in both East and West. His reputation for generosity led to the custom of giving children gifts on his feast day, and thus to the Christmas figure of Santa Claus.

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

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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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