

# St Columba's Church

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Parish Priest: Fr. Jonathan Brandon (from 7<sup>th</sup> February 2016)

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- ❖ Chester Hospitals' Chaplaincy: Tel: 01244 364543, answer phone available.
- ❖ Parish Safeguarding Representative: Claire Graham. Tel 01244 341287 or 0788 055 3830.

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2016

### MASS TIMES:

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| Saturday Vigil Mass: | 7.15 p.m.         | <b>INTENTIONS:</b><br>The Parish |
| Sunday:              | 9.15 a.m.         | Roman Boryslawski                |
|                      | 11.00 a.m.        | Hughie Middleton                 |
| Monday:              | 9.15 a.m.         | Service of Word &<br>Communion   |
| Tuesday:             | 9.15 a.m.         | “                                |
| Wednesday:           | 9.15 a.m.         | “                                |
| Thursday:            | 9.15 a.m.         | “                                |
| Friday:              | 9.15 a.m.         | “                                |
| Saturday:            | <b>NO SERVICE</b> |                                  |
| Saturday Vigil Mass: | 7.15 p.m.         | The Parish                       |
| Sunday:              | 9.15 a.m.         | Peggy Nichols                    |
|                      | 11.00 a.m.        | Rosemary Prendergast RIP         |

### BAPTISMS:

By appointment. After speaking to Lawrence (temporarily) 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.

### LATELY DEAD:

We remember in our prayer Frank Sydney Jeffes and Reginald Paul Harrison. May God comfort and support their families.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Jim Grisdale, Bernard Smith, Joseph Eric Gerrard, Mary O'Gorman, Bridget Rhoden, Anne Heaney-Glynn, Anne Helen Fitzpatrick, George Fletcher, Roman Boryseawski, Clifford Sale, Stephen Hunt, Kitty O'Donnell, Rachel Andrews, Joseph Blagg, Dr de Gamrose, John Joseph Lynch, Nellie Tyldesley, Minnie Brown, Elizabeth Tiffin, Madeline Vozniak, Dorothy Poole, Edward Kiernan, Tom Wilkinson, Isabella Boulton, William Byrne, Bigview Tadeusz Roszowski, Frank Burton, Alice Edna Bellis, Margaret Price, Bruno Walmsley, Patrick O'Gorman, Mabel Volk, Kerry Maria Duffy, Christopher John Bryan, Michael Allen, Vincent Murphy, Margery Angela Whatmough, Michael Jones, Kathleen Bernadette McGoldrick, Thady Byrne, Sr. Andrea O'Malley, Joan Davies, Janet Bailey, Brian Dunn, Fr. James Molloy, Lesbia Sullivan, Christopher Woods, Edward Joseph Brecon, Ernest Kendal, Ann Mary Hughes.

### CONFESSIONS:

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

### OFFERTORY:

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| Loose Plate:                    | £461.28 |
| Planned Giving:                 | £453.90 |
| Average Weekly Standing Orders: | £683.00 |
| Piety Stall:                    | £300.00 |
| Candles:                        | £62.34  |

### HOSPITAL MASS:

The regular "First Thursday" Mass will be celebrated on 4<sup>th</sup> February 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, including the Bowmere. All are welcome.

### CHURCHES TOGETHER IN UPTON:

- Churches Together in Upton have the tradition of holding a joint service on those occasions when a calendar month includes a 5th Sunday. **St. Columba's are leading the Fifth Sunday Service, this Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> January**, here in our church, starting at 6.30 p.m. Please try to come and join us. All are very welcome.
- Churches Together in Upton have started an initiative to extend the current practice of praying for the residents of particular roads by encouraging individual prayer requests. Requests can be made by writing on a piece of paper and posting it to Prayer Meeting, Upton United Reformed Church, Heath Road, Chester, or by email to [info@uptonurc.org.uk](mailto:info@uptonurc.org.uk)
- Churches Together in Upton hold a coffee morning each Monday at The Pavilion, Wealstone Lane (next to the Library) from 10 a.m. until 12 noon. This is an ideal opportunity to meet and make friends in a relaxed welcoming atmosphere. If anyone is interested in helping out please come along on a Monday to find out more.

### UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Dunham Way, Chirk Close and Tintern Avenue.
- The prayer groups and ecumenical prayer groups.
- Those who have nobody to pray for them.

### FATHER COOKE'S RETIREMENT:

*Message from Fr. Cooke: I would like to warmly thank all the parishioners of St. Columba's for their generosity. During my time as parish priest I have always had the support and wisdom of parishioners. In particular, I thank Lawrence and Eileen Hordley for their help and for being an inspiration to the whole parish.*

A big Thank You to everyone who helped in some way with the arrangements for our Farewell Gathering for Fr. Cooke on 17<sup>th</sup> January. The large congregation for the 11.00 Mass and the crush afterwards in the Hall for the presentation were both clear signs of our great appreciation of his time as our Parish Priest. Your generous response to the retirement collection meant that we were able to present Father with a very nice cheque – along with a wonderful Leaving Book, which we are sure will give Father many fine recollections of his time with us.

Our new Parish Priest Fr. Jonathan Brandon joins us next weekend, celebrating the Vigil Mass on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February and the Sunday Masses on 7<sup>th</sup> February. We look forward to meeting him.

### RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND – SPECIAL COLLECTION:

Today the annual Special Collection for the Retired Priests' Fund is being held. With your help, we can build up the Fund to meet the future needs of our sick and retired priests.

Special Envelopes are available for you to use. If you use weekly Offertory Envelopes, please can I ask that you write in your envelope number. If you do not have your Offertory Envelope with you, or you give to your Parish by means of a Standing Order, write in your name and home address. In this way, it will be possible to reclaim the tax on your donation if you have joined the Gift Aid scheme.

A Leaflet about the Fund is also available, which explains how to make a regular donations and how to take advantage of Gift Aid to boost your donation to the Fund. I ask that you give as generously as you can to this very worthy cause and would also like to express my sincere gratitude for your continued support.

With every blessing, +Mark **Bishop of Shrewsbury**

[Make Cheques payable to "Retired Priests' Fund" or "St Columba's".]

### A JOURNEY THROUGH LENT:

A series of five talks led by David Savage on the readings for the Sundays of Lent is to be held at 7.00 p.m. in the Iona Chapel over five weeks commencing on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February. The talks are intended mainly for Readers, especially those reading during Lent, but a warm welcome is extended to all interested parishioners. See the Notice Boards for more details.

### FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

- Tuesday: **The Presentation of the Lord.** On this day, also known as the feast of Candlemas, we recall the presentation of Jesus in the temple. Forty days after His birth, Mary and Joseph went to Jerusalem to offer Him to the Lord, as prescribed by the law of Moses
- Wednesday: **St. Werburgh.** A saint closely associated with Chester. A "Saxon Royal", she was born around 650 A.D. near Stone. She became a nun and rose to be Abbess of Ely. She was buried at one of her convents but during the Danish invasions her remains were brought to Chester, where her shrine became a renowned place of pilgrimage. The Minster established at her shrine in Chester later became the Benedictine Abbey, later, Chester Cathedral.

### SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

- 31<sup>st</sup> Jan. Sue Carr OAKS
- 7th Feb Chris & Liz Nichols Tombola
- 14th Feb CWL CWL
- 21<sup>st</sup> Feb The Mosquera Family Parish

There are a few Sunday coffee mornings vacant this coming year. We urgently need volunteers to manage these mornings - either to raise money for the parish or a charity of your choice. If you can devote a couple of hours, please put your name on the rota in the hall or contact Margaret Curtis 318424 for more details. Tea, coffee and juice are served in the hall after Sunday morning Masses. All are welcome.

### ICKLE PICKLES:

Thanks to all who bought cakes, tea and coffee after last week's Masses. We raised £103 for Ickle Pickles. The cheque has been sent and our contribution will go towards providing life-saving equipment for pre-term and seriously ill newborn babies in neo-natal units throughout the U.K.

For more information about Ickle Pickles, please visit their website: [www.icklepickles.org](http://www.icklepickles.org)

### FIRST FORGIVENESS:

On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 10.00 a.m. 26 children from the Parish will receive the Sacrament of First Forgiveness in a special service of celebration. Please pray for the children and their families at this special time in their faith journeys.

### DIOCESAN MASS FOR MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE:

This year the Mass for Marriage and Family Life with Bishop Mark will be celebrated at noon on **Saturday 6th February** here at St Columba's. All married couples and families are welcome.

### HOSPICE SUPPORT GROUP QUIZ:

Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00 p.m. in the Hall. Raffle, Refreshments. Admission £2. Teams of 4-6. See poster on Notice Board.

### SANTA DASH:

Val Forrest would like to thank all those parishioners who sponsored her in the 'Santa Dash', a total of £135 was raised and donated to the Hospice.

### WORLD YOUTH DAY KRAKOW 2016:

For any 16 – 35 year olds there are still a few places available on the Diocesan trip to Poland (19<sup>th</sup> July – 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2016) to celebrate with Pope Francis and other young people from all over the world. **The last date for applications is Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February.** For further details view the website: <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/youth>

### ST. COLUMBA'S HALL BOOKINGS:

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

### NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Muriel Green  
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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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