

ST. COLUMBA'S

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EASTER SUNDAY) SUNDAY 31ST MARCH 2013

MASS & SERVICE TIMES:

Holy Saturday: 8.00 p.m.
Easter 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:

The Easter Vigil

Mary Regan

The Parish

Gerry Galvin

John Holden RIP

Private Intention

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Josefina Barbon

Terry Cunningham RIP

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.

CONFESSIONS:

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

BAPTISMS:

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

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Bridget Kathleen Wilkinson, Anthony Adams, Ellen Tonks, Bridget Kerry, Margarita Lee, Pauline Josephine Redford, Anthony, Burns. 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, Isiah O'Grady, Percy Massey, George Shirley, Agnes Mary Johnston, Ellen Langford, William Jeffs, Dorothy Jean Roberts, Winifride Pauline Boot, Bernard McAlinden.

COFFEE/TEA:

Tea and coffee are served in the Hall after both the Sunday morning Masses. All welcome.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA 2013:

March 31st Eileen Hordley

April 7th Pat Wilkinson

April 14th Anne and Anthony Mosquera

Enquiries to Margaret Curtis 01244 318424

OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate: £500.98

Planned Giving: £378.00

Average Weekly Standing Orders: £556.00

Piety Stall: £200.00

GIFT AID DONORS: IMPORTANT:

If you no longer pay income tax, please let David Savage, tel. 380626 or

savage214@btinternet.com know by 5th April, or it will be assumed that you have paid sufficient income tax for the Parish to claim Gift Aid on your donations for the tax year 2012/13.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:

The new envelopes which begin next week are now available for collection in the rear porch.

GIFT AID DONORS OVER 65:

Are you a Gift Aid donor aged 65 or over? If your income for 2012/13 is £25,400+ and you Gift Aid your donations to the Parish, it may be worthwhile letting HMRC know as there may be a personal tax benefit. An information sheet is available from David Savage, tel. 380626 or savage214@btinternet.com

"EASTER STORY IN WORDS AND MUSIC":

We have a warm invitation from Rev Sarah Simpson, Minister at Upton United Reformed Church to a special ecumenical service being held on Easter Sunday evening. It is at 6.30 p.m. at Upton URC, which is on Heath Lane, next to The Wheatsheaf.

This year, Easter Sunday happens to be on the 5th Sunday in the month. Recently, the Upton Churches have agreed to revive an earlier tradition of holding an ecumenical service on each 5th Sunday. They don't often occur: after Easter, the next 5th Sunday in 2013 will be on 29th September.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Newton Park Road, Kennedy Close and Sandon Road.
- Upton Village Surgery and Weston Grove Clinic.

Doctors, Nurses, Health visitors and Social Workers



YEAR OF FAITH 2012
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One of the last acts of Pope Benedict before his resignation was to announce that this weekend television cameras will be allowed to film the Shroud of Turin, which will be available for transmission worldwide. The event is scheduled to take

place on Holy Saturday. This seems an appropriate day for the ceremony: in May 2010 The Pope described the Shroud as "an icon of Holy Saturday" and said it speaks of pain but also of new hope. For centuries many have believed that the Shroud is the sheet referred to in the gospels as the cloth which wrapped around the body of Jesus when he was laid in the tomb. Photographs taken in 1898 disclosed details of wounds consistent in all respects with the Passion of Our Lord: the 121 strokes over the entire body of the scourging, wounds caused by thorns over the crown of the head, swellings to the eyebrows, nose and lower lip consistent with a fall on the way to Calvary, wounds of the nails through his wrists and in the left foot crossed over the right. Were the images etched into the cloth at the moment of Resurrection? Although belief in the Shroud is not an article of Faith, the images it presents help us to realise the immense suffering of Christ for each of us and the sublime wonder of the Resurrection.

ST. RICHARD OF CHICHESTER:

The Easter solemnities normally displace saints' feast days, but our newsletter has room for this saintly reference: The Feast of St. Richard of Chichester is on 3rd April. He lived in the 13th Century, a time of some strife between church and state - his election as Bishop giving rise to a rival appointment being made by King Henry III before finally being settled. St. Richard was the author of a well-known prayer, destined to become even more famous 700 years later when parts were set to music in *Godspell*:

"O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly and follow thee more nearly, day by day."

PARISH BUILDINGS COMMITTEE, MARCH 2013:

The kneelers have been re-covered. They look good and are comfortable. It was agreed to consider re-covering the chairs used on the altar. The inside walls of the church and the radiator covers have been painted. It is hoped that we will be able to have the outside of the church painted later in the year. We ask members of the congregation to use the gas lighter, not matches - please - to light votive candles, to avoid burns to the carpet. The heating system's ability to warm the church quickly and economically has been much appreciated on a number of recent occasions.

The next meeting will be on **Monday 29th April**, 7.30 p.m. in the church office.

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RED MISSION BOXES:

Could those Red Mission Box holders please leave their box in the Sacristy for Margaret Curtis to collect. If you wish to Gift Aid please attach a note to your box. Boxes can be collected from the rear porch. Thank you for your continued support.

PARISH HALL:

The Parish Hall will shortly be under new management; the change will be notified by the Newsletter. At present hall bookings and enquiries can still be made via the Muddimans, 07553114531 or **columbashallbookings@gmail.com**

PARISH WEBSITE:

We are now fully up and running with the new website, based on the WordPress system, but utilising the same address as before:

www.stcolumbachester.org.uk

We're intending to keep the website fairly simple and very easy to use, but we will be interested in any suggestions you might have for its further development. Please send your comments either to Rebecca Vaughan on **rebecca_vghn@yahoo.co.uk** or to **bernard.payne691@btinternet.com**

FOOTBALL KITS FOR AFRICA !

Please donate any 2nd hand /unwanted football kits (part or full) to be sent to Africa with the Kits4Kids charity. Take any donations to the Football Boutique in Rufus Court who are storing the kits until we have collected 100 to send. Any queries phone Heather 0784062 1878

ECO CHIC FASHION SHOW:

A fund-raising fashion show is being held on **Thursday 25th April** at 7.30 p.m. in the Rotunda at West Cheshire College's Ellesmere Port site, Sutton Way. The proceeds will go in aid of a project that helps to empower women in Malawi, and which is fostering links between West Cheshire's Fashion Department and the Beehive Tailoring School - part of the wide-ranging Krizevac Project which is based near Blantyre. Tickets for the evening will be £6, students £2. For further information and for tickets please phone 01244 381490.

NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Muriel Green.

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Items for inclusion can also 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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