

# St Columba's Church

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## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY. SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup> MAY 2015

### MASS TIMES:

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

### Monday: REQUIEM

Tuesday: 9.15 a.m.  
Wednesday: 9.15 a.m.

### Thursday: REQUIEM 11.00 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:

Hodson Family-Deceased

Mary Lavender

11.00 a.m. Teresa Hind

**Mary Elizabeth James**

Mary Regan

Eileen Beck

**Anthony Allingham**

Charles Trainor A.

Seamus McCabe

Fr. Courell

David Joyce

11.00 a.m. The Parish

### HOSPITAL MASS:

The regular "First Thursday" Mass will be celebrated on 4th June at 12.15pm in the Countess of Chester hospital Chapel. This is for all patients/outpatients, staff, families and friends, and the wellbeing of the hospital. All are welcome.

### 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 Saturday, except Wednesdays when Novena prayers are held at 9.15 a.m. before Mass commences.

### LATELY DEAD:

Please remember her in your prayers; Mary Elizabeth James, Anthony Allingham, Fr. Fred Robinson and Colin James Reynard. May they rest in peace and God give comfort to those who mourn.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

*Please remember in your prayers:*, Ernest Gordon George Kirk, Dorothy Davies, Catherine Ryan, Kathleen Nancy Wood, Patricia Gardner, William Arthur Evans, Raymond O'Brien, Winifride McDonald, Margaret Lewis, Thomas James Croghan, Jennifer Pearl Byrne, Andrew McRoberts, Letitia Doran, Felix Wilkinson, Donal Murphy, Margaret Banks, Bill Sweeney, Nancy Joan Woods, Eileen Beck, Cornelius McNamara, Stan Benson, Edmund Rodgers, Hazel Marjorie Russell, Charles Traynor, Zygmunt Michalak, Thomas Moore, Joan Edwards, Stanley James Tilston, Nippy Coogan and Eileen Burton.

### CONFESSIONS:

Each Saturday, after morning Mass and in the evening from 6.45 until 7.10 p.m.

### OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate: £628.64

Planned Giving: £453.27

Average Weekly SOs: £683.00

*Many thanks for your generous support.*

### SVP MONTHLY COLLECTION:

The next monthly collection will be after Masses next weekend. Thank you for your continued support.

### RED MISSION BOXES:

Those holding Red Mission Boxes please leave them in the Sacristy for Margaret Curtis to collect. The empty boxes can be collected from the table in the rear porch of the Church.

Thank you for your continued support.

### SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

May 31st Claire & Sarah Parish

June 7th Summer Fayre & BBQ Social Committee

June 14th Marg & Jacque Poor Clares

The next coffee rota is on the hall notice board.

There are some vacancies. If you would like to volunteer please add your name to the rota or contact Margaret Curtis 318424.

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

### HOSPICE COFFEE MORNING:

The coffee morning in aid of the Hospice raised £66. Thank-you for all your donations.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS:

This Sunday we congratulate and pray for Chloe Ellis and Maggie Woods who are receiving a blessing with their families at the 11.00a.m. Mass. All the children who have received their First Holy Communion or a blessing during May will come together for the Parish Thanksgiving Mass on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 11.00am. Please continue to pray for them at this special time.

### UPTON CHURCHES 5TH SUNDAY SERVICE - TODAY:

For a number of years the three Upton churches have in turn organised a evening service when there is a fifth Sunday in the month, this being a day when the other two churches do not have a scheduled service. The next service will be today at 6.30 p.m. here at St Columba's, a short service of scripture readings prayers and hymns based around the theme of the Trinity. There will be tea and coffee available afterwards in the Hall. You are warmly invited to attend.

### UPTON CHURCHS PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Ormonde Road, Newton Hall Drive, Beechway, Upton Dene and Upton Grange.
- Staff and patients of the Hospice of the Good Shepherd and the local support groups.
- Those who are terminally ill and those who care for them.

### FR COOKE'S 40<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY:

The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Fr. Cooke's ordination to the priesthood is on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2015. We are sure that parishioners will want to mark that significant date and so a collection has been organised for a presentation to be made after a special Mass at 11.00 a.m. on that Sunday. Special envelopes are available in the porches for you to make a gift should you so wish. Although the envelopes are out today they will not be collected until the weekends of 13/14 June and 20/21 June when collecting boxes will be available in the porches. Cheques should be made payable to *Newton Catholic Social Fund* and not to the parish. Any problems or questions please contact David Savage 380626.

### "THANK YOU'S":

- **Nepal Earthquake Appeal:** Many thanks to all the parishioners who have responded to this appeal. A total of £890 has been donated for sending on to CAFOD's special fund. After this weekend the Third World wall boxes will revert to receiving donations for our three ongoing projects – details of which are on the notice board in the front porch.
- **Christian Aid Week:** Many thanks to the 4 people who volunteered to help with the annual house-to-house collections in the local area earlier this month. A total of £538 was collected.
- **First Holy Communions this year:** A big thank-you to our School, our Parish support, families and all those who helped make it a great and happy success.

### FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

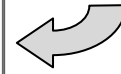
- Wednesday, **Ss Charles Lwanga and Companions.** Charles Lwanga was the leader in Uganda of a group of 22 Catholics and Anglicans, many newly baptised, killed for their faith between 1885 and 1887. Charles himself was killed on this day in 1886.
- Friday, **St. Boniface** (d.755). Though born in Devon and brought up in the south west of England, from the age of forty until his martyrdom at the age of eighty, he spent all his missionary life in continental Europe. He was an Anglo-Saxon, and felt called to preach the word to his pagan Saxon "cousins", working over much of present-day Germany. As a result, he is much better known in Germany than in his native land and is honoured as Apostle of Germany.

### SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

Look out for information on the following:



**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June** - Our annual BBQ to celebrate the anniversary of St Columba.



**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July** - Coach trip to Lancaster.

### 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)

### "SONGS OF PRAISE" SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE:

3.00 p.m. at St. Mark's C of E Church, St. Mark's Road, Saltney, Chester CH4 8DF. You are warmly invited to join this celebration of the work of Christian Aid, CAFOD and Tearfund. Homily by Canon Dr Trevor Dennis, retired Vice-Dean of Chester Cathedral. Posters in the porches and on the parish website.

### PAUSE FOR HOPE, SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JUNE:

Here at St. Columba's, 3.00 p.m. An ecumenical gathering for families and friends who have been affected by Cancer. An opportunity for prayer and reflection accompanied by hymns. See poster in the porches or on the parish website.

### PASTORAL COUNCIL:

The Pastoral Council last met on 11<sup>th</sup> May and the minutes are displayed on the notice board. Please take the time to read them. The next meeting will be on 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

### PLANNED GIVING AND GIFT AID:

The Gift Aid scheme is expected to recover for the parish more than £12,000 of income tax from HMRC for 2014-15. All this at no cost to the donor. If you are an income tax payer and would like to know more, contact David Savage on 380626.

### 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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