

ST. COLUMBA'S

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Please see pamphlets in Church Porches for more details*

PASSION SUNDAY (PALM SUNDAY) SUNDAY, 24th MARCH 2013

MASS & SERVICE TIMES:

Saturday Vigil Mass: 7.15 p.m.

Sunday: 9.15 a.m.

11.00 a.m.

Monday: 9.15 a.m.

Tuesday: 9.15 a.m.

Wednesday: 9.15 a.m.

(Followed by Exposition until 11.00 a.m.)

Maundy Thursday: 8.00 p.m.

Good Friday: 9.45 – 10.45 a.m.

11.15 a.m.

3.00 p.m.

7.30 p.m.

Holy Saturday: 8.00 p.m.

Easter Sunday: 9.15 a.m.

11.00 a.m.

INTENTIONS:

The Parish

Frances Dune

Annie Roberts A.

Andrew Fallon

Edwin Edwards A.

Gerry Galvin

Mass of the Lord's Supper.

Watching till 10.00 p.m. and

Compline

Confessions

Family Stations of the Cross

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

United Service, Chester Cathedral

The Easter Vigil.

Mary Regan

The Parish

EXPOSITION DURING LENT:

As part of the Year of Faith initiative, Exposition has taken place after Mass each Wednesday, until 11.00 a.m., during Lent - the final occasion being Wednesday this week.

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:

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

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Francis Wright, Annie Roberts, Josephine Angela Daisie Roberts, Gloria Elizabeth Mary Williams, Stanley Richard Tilston, Maurice Chapman Snr, Harry Grove, Rose Mary Mitchell, Kenneth (Ken) Roy Thompson, Donald Goodacre, Eddie Edwards, Joseph (Joe) O'Reilly, Annie Sweeney, Philip Parry, Kevin Coriam, Sarah Healey, Thomas Henry Lennon, Teresa O'Rourke, Angela Elizabeth (Betty) Beadles, Eva Fitzpatrick, Kathleen Veronica Lloyd, Bridget Kathleen Wilkinson, Anthony Adams, Ellen Tonks, Bridget Kerry, Margarita Lee, Pauline Josephine Redford, Anthony Burns.

CONFESSIONS:

This week, on Good Friday, 9.45 to 10.45 a.m.

COFFEE/TEA:

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

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA 2013:

- March 24th St Werburgh's & St Columba's School PTA

- March 31st Eileen Hordley

- April 7th Pat Wilkinson

Enquiries to Margaret Curtis, 01244 318424

OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate: £468.58

Planned Giving: £427.48

Average Weekly Standing Orders: £556.00

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:

The new envelopes are now available for collection in the rear porch.

GIFT AID DONORS: IMPORTANT:

If you no longer pay income tax, please inform David Savage, tel. 380626 or savage214@btinternet.com 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.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Kelvin Grove, Western Approach, and Thirlmere Road.
- For a greater compassion for those who feel marginalised in our society.
- For a deeper unity between the churches.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CHESTER:

The United Service for Good Friday, held annually in Chester Cathedral, takes place at 7.30 p.m. The preacher will be Fr. Paul Shaw, parish priest at St. Werburgh's, who also serves as chair of Churches Together in Chester. All welcome.

HOLY WEEK ROTA:

Please will you pick up your copy of the Holy Week Rota from the front porch. Can I please remind everyone to ensure that a replacement is found if you are unable to carry out your duty. Many thanks



YEAR OF FAITH:

We have experienced in our own days the occupation of countries by the forces of a foreign power. During his life on earth Jesus and his fellow Jews experienced the same situation from the occupation of their country by the Roman Army. As we hold our blessed

palms today we think of those Jews who welcomed Christ as the one who would rescue them from their oppressors and restore their kingdom. It wasn't to be: their cries of 'hosanna' soon turned to cries of 'crucify him.' The Church recognises a particular link with the Jewish people in that God chose them above all others to receive his Word. The Jewish faith, unlike other non-Christian religions is already a response to the Revelation of God in the Old Testament, and on Good Friday one of the bidding prayers asks God to hear 'the prayers of your Church that the people you first made your own may attain the fullness of redemption.'

Let that prayer be ours.

The greatest feast of this Year of Faith, as of every year, is the Easter Triduum of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. Please take a leaflet to help you celebrate this year's Triduum.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:

This week's theme is **Easter**:

Lord,

At Easter we remember the sacrifice that Jesus made for us, he died to save us from sin. His death gives us an opportunity to start again. Keep us from getting so wrapped up in the chocolate eggs that we forget to celebrate Jesus' resurrection- the real meaning of Easter. Amen

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.

EASTER FLOWERS:

There is a collection after all Masses this weekend for the flowers to decorate the Church for the Easter celebrations. Thank you in advance for your generosity, which helps provide flowers not only for Easter but throughout the year.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Our Eucharistic Ministers are reminded of their obligation to renew their commitment to the Ministry, at The Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday.

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 **columbashallbooking@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 Alison Wrigglesworth
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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 WEDNESDAY (note earlier deadline this week).** Please include a phone number in case of queries.

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