

# ST. COLUMBA'S

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Please see pamphlets in Church Porches for more details*

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2013

### MASS 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.

Thursday: 9.15 a.m.

Friday: 9.15 a.m.

Saturday: 9.15 a.m.

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11.00 a.m.

### INTENTIONS:

The Parish.

Graziella Baker. R.I.P.

Lil Dutton.

Maggie Burns. Recovery.

Ruth O'Sullivan(Exam)

Mavis Fazey.

Anne Lennon.

Eileen Roberts . R.I.P.

Private Intention.

Gerry Galvin.

Enid Mason. (Return to Health)

The Parish

**SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> MAY 2013 at 3.00 p.m.** at St Columba's there will be an Ecumenical Service with Bishop Mark Davies for all those suffering with cancer, their families and friends and all who care and support them.

### BAPTISMS:

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

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Joan Crump, Ofelia Lanzetta, Rose Creedon, Vincenzo Perruzza, William Walker, Stella Loughlin, Michael Gerald Taylor, Bernard Bownas, Alan Taylor, Helen Veronica Mack, Peter Concannon, Terence George Maloney, Bill Heaney, Ann Jane Harrison, Carolyn Thornton, Ken Hall, George Lavender, Wilfred Turner, John Ray Green, Marie (Nancy) Dagger, George Gibbons, William Johnson, William Huxley, Mary Ellen McCorry, Mary Vivien Dagger, Dennis O'Gorman, Bertha Lofthouse, Anthony Wall, Fiona Stuart, Hugh McCafferty, James Edward Jones.

### LATELY DEAD:

Mavis Fazey died very recently, we offer our condolences to her family and remember her in our prayers.

### 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.

### COFFEE/TEA:

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

### OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate: £590.24

Planned Giving: £386.15

Average Weekly Standing Orders: £547.00

Donation: (Coffee) £26.75

Thank you for your continued support.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS:

Family celebrations of the Sacrament have now begun and will continue throughout May. At the 11.00 a.m. Mass each Sunday some or all of the central benches will be reserved for the children and their families. We pray for and congratulate those making their First Holy Communion today: Ruby Beaumont, Shannon Brownhill, Amy Cadman, Leah Cadman, Daniel Craig, Sophie Crimes, Dervla De Souza, Jamie Jones, John Lally, Noah McBrearty-Gilliam, Jacob Mustieles, Rory O'Brien, Jessica Wright.

### CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, 12-18<sup>th</sup> MAY:

- **Envelope Collections:** Please add your name to the list in the front porch if you are able to help with any of the local street collections for Christian Aid Week.
- **Fellowship Lunch, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May.** This lunch is being held on behalf of Churches Together in Upton, 12.00 noon to 1.30 p.m. in the Kempe Room at Holy Ascension Parish Church, Church Lane Upton. All money raised will go in support of Christian Aid.

### UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Abbots Park, Milbourne Close and Neston Drive.
- For the Sewing Groups and Card Club.

### SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA 2013:

5th May Sue Carr Church Flowers

12th May Ruth & Jacque Autistic Soc.

19th May Scouts Parish & Fiji Charity

Enquiries to Margaret Curtis – 01244 318424



YEAR OF FAITH 2012-2013

### YEAR OF FAITH

On 13 May we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Fatima. In the spring of 1916, the year before Our Lady appeared, an angel appeared to Lucy aged 9 and her two cousins, Francisco aged 7 and Jacinta aged 6. The children were tending their flocks of sheep, had paused to eat their lunch and say the rosary. They wanted to get back to playing, so they just said 'Hail Mary' or 'Our Father' on each bead instead of the whole prayer. Suddenly there was a strong wind in the tree tops. Lucy describes what they saw: "a young man about 14 or 15 years old, whiter than snow, transparent as crystal when the sun shines through it and of great beauty." The angel said to them: "Do not be afraid. I am the Angel of Peace. Pray with me." Then the angel knelt down and bowed his head to the ground. The children followed his example. The angel then taught them the following prayer:

*My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love you! I ask pardon of You for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love You.*

The angel repeated the prayer, known as the Pardon Prayer, three times, rose up, told the children to pray in this way and disappeared. The children were wrapped in a supernatural atmosphere for a long time, continually repeating the prayer of the angel. They felt the presence of God so intimately they made no attempt to speak to each other, and this feeling lasted over till the following day.

### "DRAWING INSPIRATION FROM VATICAN II":

To celebrate the Year of Faith, the Diocese's Justice & Peace Commission is holding a study afternoon and discussion in St. Columba's Hall on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May**, from 2.15 -5.30 p.m. (socialising in the Hall from 1.00p.m.). The afternoon will be led by Brian Davies, former head of education at CAFOD, leading us through key aspects of the Vatican II documents and outcomes. All welcome.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

*Events arranged by Parish Social Committee:*

- **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June** - BBQ to celebrate the Feast of St Columba.
- **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July** - Coach Trip to the market town of Ludlow

*From St Werburgh's & St Columba's PTA:*

- **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June** - School Summer Fayre. The usual fun & excitement! Details to follow, but please, pray for dry weather! We are currently raising funds for a new mobile classroom. Many thanks for your support.

### "A PAUSE FOR HOPE" SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> MAY:

An Ecumenical Service for all people affected by cancer: sufferers, carers and friends, is being held here at St. Columba's Church on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May** at 3pm. This will be celebrated by Bishop Mark, and will include music from St. Werburgh's and St. Columba's Primary School Choir. For more information please see the posters in either porch, or go to [www.pauseforhope.org.uk](http://www.pauseforhope.org.uk)

### CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:

This week's theme is **SVP** and the prayer is:

*God,*

*Thank you for the example given to us by St. Vincent, and thank you for the brilliant work done in our communities by the SVP.*

*Give the SVP the strength of your Holy Spirit to help them carry on their mission, and help us do all we can to serve others.*

*Amen*

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS/READERS

**ROTA:** Your new Rota is now ready for collection in the Front Porch. Many thanks.

### SVP:

The SVP collection will take place this weekend, 4-5<sup>th</sup> May. Thank you for your continued support.

### HOME MADE CAKES:

Cakes for sale in the Hall after both Masses. Please come and support something for Bank Holiday Tea!

### BEETLE DRIVE:

Thanks to everyone who attended the Beetle Drive last Friday and made it an enjoyable evening.

### CHORAL CONCERT CHESTER

#### CATHEDRAL:

On **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May** at 7.30 p.m. in the Cathedral, Chester Music Society are giving a concert including Haydn's "Nelson" Mass, his Trumpet Concerto, and Mozart's Mass in C minor. Tickets are £7- £18, available from the Ticket Secretary on 07805 475816, or on the door.

### PARISH THIRD WORLD PROJECTS:

Thank you to everyone who has helped the Third World projects by standing orders, boxes in the porches and coffee mornings. £400 was recently sent to each of the Parish Projects we currently support: Bro. James Kimpton working for "Reaching the Unreached" in Southern India, Fr. John Kirwan for his missionary work among the people of DR Congo, and the OAKS charity school providing education for the children of Bo, Sierra Leone. Letters of thanks and photos have been received and are on the Third World Notice Board.

### NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Bernard Payne

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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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