

St Columba's Church

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 2nd FEBRUARY 2014

MASS TIMES:

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| Saturday Vigil Mass: | 7.15 p.m. | INTENTIONS: Anne Fitzpatrick. |
| Sunday: | 9.00 a.m. | The Parish. |
| | 11.00 a.m. | Lesbia Sullivan. |
| Monday: | 9.15 a.m. | November List. |
| Tuesday: | 9.15 a.m. | Charles Chase. |
| Wednesday: | 9.15 a.m. | November List. |
| Thursday: | 9.15 a.m. | Ann Loughlan. |
| Friday: | 9.15 a.m. | P. Intention. |
| Saturday: | 9.15 a.m. | Barbara Sawle. R.I.P. |
| Saturday Vigil Mass: | 7.15 p.m. | Ray James and Elizabeth Williams. |
| Sunday: | 9.15 a.m. | Margery Whatmough and Patricia Duggan. |
| | 11.00 a.m. | Francis Watts. |

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:

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

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Minnie Brown, Elizabeth Tiffin, Madeline Vozniak, Dorothy Poole, Edward Kiernan, Tom Wilkinson, Isabella Boulton, William Byrne, Bigview Tadeusz Roszowski, Frank Burton, Alice Edna Bellis, Bruno Walmsley, Patrick O'Gorman, Mabel Volk, Kerry Maria Duffy, Christopher John Bryan, Vincent Murphy, Margery Angela Whatmough, Michael Jones, Kathleen Bernadette McGoldrick, Thady Byrne, Sr. Andrea O'Malley, Joan Davies, Janet Bailey, Fr. James Molloy, Lesbia Sullivan, Christopher Woods, Edward Joseph Brecon, Ernest Kendal, Ann Mary Hughes, Ray James, Marjorie Sweeney, Ida Trumdale, Ethel McGlown, Robert Shelton, Kathleen O'Farrell, Joseph Hanratty, David Harris, William Bailey.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

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| Feb 2 nd | Ellesmere Port & Chester Youth | Lourdes's Group |
| Feb 9 th | CWL | CWL |
| Feb 16 th | Christopher & Elizabeth | Tombola |

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

CONFESSIONS:

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

OFFERTORY:

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| Loose Plate: | £501.82 |
| Planned Giving: | £554.77 |
| Average Weekly SOs: | £547.00 |
| Donations: | |
| Badminton: | £150.00 |

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

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

FIRST FORGIVENESS:

30 children from the Parish received the Sacrament of First Forgiveness at a celebration held this Saturday morning. Please pray for the children and their families at this special time in their faith journeys.

RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND – SPECIAL COLLECTION:

The annual collection for this fund will be held over two weekends, **15th/16th and 22nd/23rd February**. Special envelopes will be available in the porches next weekend for you to take home and return to the collection plate over the following two weekends.

PART-TIME VACANCIES AT THE FIRS SCHOOL:

They are looking for an **office assistant** for 7 hours a week during school term. This may increase as time goes on, and ability to help in office cover during holidays (overtime) would be useful. They also seek an **after care assistant** working in the after school club. Ideally, you would have NVQ3 in childcare or equivalent. 3.30pm-5.00pm Mon-Thu during term time. If interested please contact admin@firsschool.org for pay details, an application form and job description. The **closing date** for the job vacancies is **7th February**.

50TH ANNIVERSARY:

September 2014 marks 50 years since the laying of the foundation stone of St. Columba's Church. To celebrate our golden anniversary St. Columba's flower ladies are planning a Flower Festival which will take place here in the Church during the first week of September. We are hoping that this festival will be a very special event and we would love for as many of you as possible to help. We will be having a meeting **after 11.00 a.m. Mass on 9th February** to discuss plans. Please do come along if you would like to get involved. Please do not feel that you have to have any experience specifically with flowers as there are many different ways to help. If you are unable to join us for the meeting, but would still like to be a part of the team then please speak to one of us after Mass, or you can contact us on the following numbers: Marie: 01244 340564, Anne: 01244 350939; Sue: 01244 312892.

FOODBANK:

The necessary arrangements are now in place for St. Columba's to operate as a collection point for the West Cheshire Foodbank. In each porch there is a box for donations of non-perishable food items. Lists of the food items required are attached to this newsletter, with further copies in the porches.

The boxes will be emptied on a weekly basis, the donated items being collected and taken to the Foodbank's main depot in Ellesmere Port. Supplies are then delivered to locations in the Chester and Ellesmere Port area to which people and families in crisis situations are referred by care professionals in order to obtain emergency food supplies and be advised on means of further support.

In each of the porches, you will also see further information about the Foodbank operation, including copies of the latest newsletter. You can also find out a lot more information, including opportunities for volunteering with aspects of the work of the Foodbank, at www.westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk. 4300 people have received emergency help since the Foodbank opened in November 2012. We hope that St. Columba's Parish will be able to give it good support.

WHAT GETS TEENAGERS OUT OF BED ON A SUNDAY MORNING?

Baking cakes and biscuits that's what! Come to the hall after any mass this Sunday and you will see smiling, cheerful teenagers selling their wares. They are raising the money for their fares to Lourdes where they will be voluntary helpers for frail pilgrims who need to use wheelchairs to get about. Having conquered cakes, their next challenge is the wheelchair handling assessment!

FEAST OF THE WEEK – ST. WERBURGH:

We celebrate her feast on Monday. St. Werburgh is a saint closely associated with Chester. A "Saxon Royal", she was born around 650 A.D. near Stone (in what is now Staffordshire). She became a nun and rose to be Abbess of Ely, subsequently founding or reforming a number of convents across the huge extent of the Diocese of Lichfield (coinciding with the greater part of the Saxon Kingdom of Mercia). She was buried at one of her convents (Hanbury, Staffordshire) but at the time of later Danish invasions, her remains were brought to the comparative safety of the Saxon stronghold at Chester, where her shrine became a renowned place of pilgrimage. The Minster established at her shrine in Chester later became the Benedictine Abbey, then later still, Chester Cathedral.

HOSPITAL MASS:

The regular "First Thursday" Mass will be celebrated on **6th 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 hospital. All are welcome.

BAPTISMS:

Jaden Maximilian Amankwaah and Mason Filby were baptised recently. A warm welcome and congratulations to Jaden and Mason and their families on this happy occasion. Please remember them in your prayers.

THANK YOU FROM ICKLE PICKLES:

Last week's coffee & cake sales raised £140 for Ickle Pickles, a charity that supports neo-natal units throughout the U.K. Many of you made donations without even getting a cake! Thank you for your generosity. Anyone wanting more info about Ickle Pickles can visit their website at www.icklepickles.org

SEWING MACHINES THAT WORK WITH A HANDLE OR ELECTRIC WANTED FOR MALAWI PLEASE Needed by 26th February 2014

If you can deliver to 1 St Christophers Close Chester CH2 1EJ, this would be appreciated. Otherwise please ring 01244 381490 or email sflynn@waitrose.com and we will try and collect. Susan Flynn (Chair of Synod Malawi Task Group)



ST COLUMBA'S HALL BOOKINGS:

For all Hall bookings and enquiries please contact Sue Carr on 07553 114531
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NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Brian Webster.

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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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