

ST. COLUMBA'S

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD SUNDAY, 6th JANUARY 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.
Saturday Vigil Mass: 7.15 p.m.
Sunday: 9:15 a.m.
11.00 a.m.

INTENTIONS:

Gavin Webster.A.
Dennis Healey.
The Parish.
Robert Breen. R.I.P.
Gerald Degenne.V.ill.
Colm O'Colmain.R.I.P.
Chris and Steve Colgan.
Fr. Warnock. SVP.
Joan Sheeran.
Terence Ogg. R.I.P.
Sp.Int.Scarlett.K.
The Parish.

MORNING PRAYER:

9.00 a.m. in the Sacristy Office, on weekdays except
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:

By appointment with Fr. Cooke.

COFFEE AFTER MASS:

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

CONGRATULATIONS:

To Daniel McElroy and Dominique Dainton, married at
St.Columba's this week. We wish them every happiness in
their life together.

ST. PIO PRAYER GROUP:

The next meeting is on **Thursday 10th January** at
7.30pm in 10 Totland Grove, Newton, Chester CH2 2EY.

OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate: £460.31
Planned Giving: £417.29
Donations: Piety Stall £150.00
Average Weekly SO £556.00
Thank you very much for your continuing
generosity.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers; Martin McKenna
(Jnr), Mary Upton, Robert Henry (Harry) Barton,
Les Christian, John Lloyd Hughes, Hilary
Makinson, Alf Humphreys, Horace (James) Doyle,
Mary McCowne, Colin Blyth, John Ibell, Gerard
McGlown, Helen Cadden, Desmond Sutton,
Michael Nicholson, Arthur Healey, Ivy
Braithwaite, John Woods, John Bullen, Margaret
Judge, Belle McRoberts, Frank Fell, Joseph Bowes,
Jimmy Roy Ward, Joan Mary Cotter, Ivy Whitmee,
Norah Byrne, Constance Wendy Mitchell,
Catherine Lawson, Cyril Watkin, James
Fairclough, Roy Sutton, Theresa Borg, Victoria
Phillips, Reginald Benwell, Patrick Connelly,
Margaret Josephine Hope, Anne Brough, Catherine
(Kitty) Floyd, Edwardus Cartwright, Margaret
Latham, Elizabeth Croghan, Alphonse Kaleta, Dr.
Marcel Cretois, Edmund Tyrrell, John
McGuinness, Bernard Joseph Adams

PARISH SOCIAL 11th JANUARY 7.30:

An event in the church hall, intended as an
opportunity for the parish to recognise all the hard
work done by the parish helpers during the year.
Please sign your name as attending in order for
numbers to be correct and indicate if you can help
with refreshments.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for the residents of:

- Dorset Road, Shipbrook Road, Mannings Lane
South and Peckforton Way.
- For the work of Churches Together in Upton
and Churches Together in Chester.
- For the Churches in Upton: Holy Ascension,
United Reformed, St. Columba's and the
Baptist Church.



YEAR OF FAITH²⁰¹²₂₀₁₃

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The great feast of the Epiphany celebrates the adoration of the Infant Jesus by the wise men from the East. Their coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they were seeking the one who will be king of

the nations. The feast takes on the meaning of an opening for non-Jews to become followers of Christ. This aspect became important many years later when St Paul began his work of conversion amongst the pagans.

In a couple of weeks we will be holding the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, when our thoughts turn towards our fellow Christians who are members of other churches. The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that “the desire to recover unity of all Christians is a gift of Christ and a call of the Holy Spirit”, and it lists things which are required in order to answer this call. Among these are the conversion of heart of the faithful to live holier lives and prayer in common with other Christians. The Catechism also requires us to have a “fraternal knowledge of each other” and to collaborate with other Christians in various areas of service to mankind.

CATHOLIC HIGH PRAYER OF THE WEEK:

The theme this week is **Let's Start Again**

Lord,

Inspire me to do my best and make good use of the talents you have given me.

Jesus always gave people the opportunity to have a fresh start.

Help me and others to make a fresh start in the New Year.

Amen

OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2012:

This takes place, as always, between **Friday 18th January and Friday 25th January** inclusive. Each evening at 6.30 p.m. there will be a short service organised by Churches Together in Upton and hosted by the United Reformed Church in Heath Road. All are warmly invited to attend.

FIRST FORGIVENESS MEETING:

A reminder that the Parents' Meeting to discuss this sacrament will be on **Tuesday 15th January** at 7.00 p.m. in St. Werburgh's and St. Columba's School. The First Forgiveness Celebration for the children will be on **Saturday 2nd February** at 11.30 a.m. at St. Columba's church.

FEAST OF THE WEEK – AELRED OF RIEVAULX:

January 12th is the Feast of Aelred of Rievaulx (1110-1167), who rose to become Abbot of the Cistercian Abbey of Rievaulx, set in the North Yorkshire moors a few miles north of York. Under his rule the abbey became one of the largest in the country, and through his writings he became a figure of national importance, remembered especially for his treatise on friendship *Speculum Caritatis*.

CHESTER & ELLESMERE PORT DISTRICT SVP WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE 2013:

The pilgrimage will take place from **Monday 8th April to Thursday 11th April**. The cost (assuming 50 including driver on pilgrimage) will be approximately £170 per person including coach travel, accommodation and meals in Walsingham and gratuities. For more details and to arrange to join the pilgrimage please contact **B. Forrest, 01244 318863**.

NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

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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 take your newsletter home with you and use it for reference and prayer during the week.

This Newsletter and earlier issues may also be seen on the Parish website:

www.stcolumbachester.org.uk