

# ST. COLUMBA'S

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## THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

### SUNDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> 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:

Terence Ogg RIP  
SP.Int. Scarlett K.  
The Parish  
Jack Sheenan  
Dennis Healey  
Thanksgiving St Teresa  
Robert Trundle  
Robert Breen SVP  
Joan Sheenan  
Denis O'Donovan A.  
David Noel Beckett A.  
The Parish

#### 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 with Fr Cooke.

#### ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Margaret Kennedy, 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, Mary Regan, William Walker, Joan Ann Roberts, Samuel Gourke, Victoria Nisperos Scott, Samantha Edwards, Dora Bowen, William John (Jack) Barlow, Dorothy Boulton, Rowena Thompson, Angela Finan, Mary Anne Corner, Eliza Dean, John Rooney, Joan Mary Connolly, Kenneth Liversage, Helen Wilson, Jack Cunniff, John Abbott, Veronica Martell, Edith Watkins, Ann Mahoney, John Joseph McLoughlin, Ian William Mylchreest, Reg Wells, Annie O'Loughlin, Margaret Holding, Eileen Coombes, Jason Monet, Siobhan McKenna, Elsie Rowlands, William Woods, Mgr. George Roger Leonard, Joan Connolly, Nora Margaret Connolly, David Noel Beckett.

#### 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: £466.81  
Planned Giving: £594.11  
Average Weekly Standing Orders: £556.00

#### BAPTISM CELEBRATION MASS:

The 11.00 a.m. Mass this Sunday is a celebration Mass for the families of those who were baptised at St. Columba's during the past year. All are welcome to join the families afterwards for tea/coffee and biscuits in the Hall.

#### UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The Residents of Newhall Road, Winston Court, Arradon Court, Breton Close and Wealstone Lane.
- For Greenacres, Orchard Manor, Wealstone and Crabwall Hall.
- For all those who live and work in these Homes.

#### THANKS FOR SYMPATHY:

Eileen, Lawrence and family wish to thank Fr. Russell and everyone for their support following the deaths of Eileen's Mum and Dad. Kind thoughts and messages of sympathy were deeply appreciated in a time of great sadness.

#### MASS FOR MARRIAGE:

##### SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2013:

Couples who are celebrating special anniversaries of their wedding (Silver, Ruby, Golden, Diamond or Platinum) in 2013 are particularly welcome to this celebratory Mass to be held at Our Lady & the Apostles, Stockport, at 2pm. If you wish to receive an invitation to attend from the Bishop, please will you let Fr. Russell or Lawrence have your details as soon as possible.

## YEAR OF FAITH:



YEAR OF FAITH 2012  
2013

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord provides an opportunity for us to think again about our own baptism or the baptisms of those for whom we may be responsible. Baptism is the first of three sacraments of initiation into a new life with Christ, the others being Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist. Infant Baptism has been a

feature of the Church from its earliest days. We can renew the promises made at our own baptisms by our godparents during the Easter Vigil liturgy or at the Easter Sunday Masses.

The fruit of Baptism is a rich reality, which besides forgiving original sin, gives birth into a new life in which we become adopted children of the Father, members of the Body of Christ and temples of the Holy Spirit. If we are responsible for arranging the baptism of children, we should pray for guidance in the choice of the godparents and for proper preparation for this sacrament. In our pagan world, where “christenings” are an excuse for dressing up and feasting and where “naming ceremonies” are becoming more popular, it is important for us to uphold the richness of the wonderful sacrament of Baptism.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN:

The Society is making its Annual White Flower Appeal on 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> January. Our thanks to Fr. Cooke for allowing this Appeal.

As SPUC upholds the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death, its work covers a wide spectrum of Pro-Life and Family issues. You can help with this work by taking a SPUC postcard from the Church porch, removing the prayer-card to use at home, filling in the declaration supporting true marriage, and returning it to SPUC, either today or by post.

Please give generously to this Appeal and continue to pray for the Pro-Life campaign. Thank you.

## CHESTER & ELLESMERE PORT DISTRICT SVP – WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE 2013:

The pilgrimage will take place from **Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> April to Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> April**. The cost (assuming 50 including driver on pilgrimage) will be approx. £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 **Brian Forrest on 01244 318863**.

## FIRST FORGIVENESS MEETING:

A reminder that the Parents’ Meeting to discuss this sacrament will be on Tuesday, **15<sup>th</sup> 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, **2<sup>nd</sup> February at 11.30 a.m.** at St. Columba’s Church.

## CAKES FOR ICKLE PICKLES:

**Sunday 20th January:** Delicious cakes will be on sale in the Church Hall, along with tea and coffee, after both Masses. All proceeds will go to Ickle Pickles - a nationwide charity supporting hospital neo-natal units where the tiniest and sickest newly-born babies are cared for. Do come: eat cake and help the babies!

## CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PRAYER OF THE WEEK:

The theme this week is **Christian Unity Week**.

*Lord,*

*Help us to work together with others and remember that we are all made in God’s image and likeness.*

*Inspire us to follow the bible teachings in Micah 6 that we should all act justly and walk humbly with You - Our God.*

*Amen*

## OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY:

This takes place as always between **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January and Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

## FEAST OF THE WEEK:

### Thursday – St Anthony

Born in 251 in upper Egypt, Anthony died in 356. He gave away his possessions and sought the austere life of the desert at an early age. He attracted disciples who formed communities of hermits. Anthony was always very involved in the theological controversies of his day, defending the divinity of Christ. He is venerated as the father of monasticism.

## NEXT WEEK’S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Brian Webster

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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.

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

The Newsletter and earlier issues may also be seen on the Parish Website:

[www.stcolumbachester.org.uk](http://www.stcolumbachester.org.uk)