

St Columba's Church

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EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 2ND MARCH 2014

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.

Ash Wednesday: 9.15 a.m.
7.15 p.m.

Thursday: 12.00 noon

Friday: 9.15 a.m.
7.15 p.m.

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11.00 a.m.

INTENTIONS:

Mary Moran

Terry Cunningham A.
The Parish

Bernard Leigh SVP.

Betty McPhillips RIP.

Victor Fry
Mary Jeffes

REQUIEM Mary McClafferty

Sean McCabe SVP.

Stations of the Cross

Benediction and Holy Communion

Barbara Sawle RIP.

Elizabeth Williams BM.

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

LATELY DEAD:

Please remember in your prayers Sean McCabe, Mary McClafferty and Bernard Leigh.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Maud Yates, Cornelius Heffernan, Elizabeth Heffernan, Thomas Conlon, Ulrica Lester, Mary Dutton, Ian Allmark, Anne Holland, Ellen Catherine Kerr, Sheila McCabe, Alfred Bolton, Sheila Faye, Bridget Roberts, Joan Burrows, Cornlius Murphy, Noel Morrissey, John Burrell, Anthony Xuereb, Philip Anthony (Tony) Lambe, Terence (Terry) Cunningham, Gemma Elizabeth Holcroft, John Nigel Burrell, Veronica Eileen McPeake, William Rodgers, Frederick Fletcher, Dolores Coriam, Walter Kenneth James Cooper, Michael Hutfield, Fred Hutfield, Alan Frederick Barker, Lily Margaret Jones, Michael Hogan, Margaret Hennessy, Thomas Anthony Evans, Gerald A Rigby, James Rooney, William Patrick Lester, John Christopherson, June Winifrede Mullins, Winifred Basaraba.

CONFESSIONS:

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

OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate: £602.33

Planned Giving: £451.20

Average Weekly SOs: £547.00

Thank you for your generous support.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Rosewood Avenue, Whitby Avenue and Egerton Drive.
- Those on the brass and flower rotas and those who distribute flowers.
- Those who clean our churches and halls.

LENT BEGINS THIS WEEK:

Please try to make an effort to come to Lenten devotions to prepare to celebrate the Paschal mystery of Jesus' life death and resurrection.

A leaflet is available in both porches giving details of the times of services throughout Lent and Easter. Please take one home with you so that you have it to refer to throughout the Lenten Season.

During the season there are opportunities to do a **One Day Retreat** at the Sandymount Retreat House in Crosby. The dates are:

- **Saturday 15th March**
- **Saturday 22nd March.**

Details of these days are on a poster in the porch. To book a place either by phone 0151 9244850 or go online at www.sandymountretreats.org.uk.

SVP COLLECTION:

The SVP monthly collection will be taken after all Masses this weekend. We thank you for your continued support.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

March 2nd SVP SVP

March 9th Catholic High School PTA For
Themselves

March 16th Sewing Group

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

THANKS:

Janet, Mark and Lynn McCabe would like to thank Father Cooke and everyone for their expressions of sympathy following Sean's sad death. They are very grateful to those who have arranged for masses to be said for him and for their kind donations to the British Heart Foundation and Prostate Cancer UK in his memory.

HOSPITAL MASS:

The regular "First Thursday" Mass will be celebrated on 6th March 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.

LENTEN PRAYERS:

During Lent we are asked to pray for these intentions: Candidates for the Sacraments; Women; The Needy and Hungry of the World; Penitents and Wanderers.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY CATECISTS WANTED:

Children's liturgy takes place in the hall during 11 am mass. Could you join the group of 15 catechists to help pass on your faith to our children? All ideas and materials are provided. You only need to be there once every 5 weeks and you can swap any week when you can't be there. For more information contact Catherine on 383866 or 07462 780302 or catherine.green@care4free.net.

LENT FAST DAY:

This year's Lent Fast Day is on **Friday 14th March**. The Fast Day envelopes will be available along with the newsletters next weekend, and can then be returned in the offertory baskets the following weekend, 15th-16th March. The Fast Day offerings go in support of CAFOD's work in developing countries, and your support will be greatly appreciated.

NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH:

10th - 18th March at St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead. Each year the Mill Hill Community prepares for the Feast of St Joseph, their patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society and the missionary work of the church, as well as, for the intentions of all those who support their work. You are invited to send in your petitions and/or to request a Novena booklet to enable you to join in from home by praying the daily Novena prayer, please write to Fr Denis Treacy MHM, St Joseph's Missionary Society, Communications House, 12 Craufurd Rise, Maidenhead SL6 7LS or email novena@millmissionaries.com. Please see posters at front and rear of church.

RED MISSION BOXES:

Could those parishioners holding Red Mission Boxes please leave them in the Sacristy for Margaret Curtis to collect. Your box can be collected from the rear porch. Thank you for your continued support.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:

The theme for this week and next is **Lent** and the prayer is:
*Lord, Watch over us in the six weeks of Lent.
As we think of others, teach us to be selfless in our acts of charity and fasting.
Help us to remember the importance of Lent and what Jesus did for us.
Amen.*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MEETING:

The Commentary Mass for **all parents and the children** who are making their First Communion in May will be in St. Columba's Church at 6.30 p.m. on **Monday 10th March**.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN UPTON:

- Upton Churches Together are running a 5-week Lent Course, "**From the Ram to the Lamb**", an exploration of the ways in which Jesus fulfils Old Testament prophecy and the sacrificial system. The course is at Upton URC, Heath Road, at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday evenings, starting on **Thursday 6th March**.
- A **LENTEN LUNCH** of Soup and Sandwiches is being held on **Thursday 13th March** from 12.00 noon to 1.00 p.m. at Upton URC, Heath Road. All welcome. The proceeds will go to the Hospice of the Good Shepherd.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING:

Bishop Mark has asked the newly refreshed Justice and Peace Commission to take positive action in such causes as the evil of human trafficking, including support for the Anti Human Trafficking Forum, to be held in Frodsham Methodist Church on **Saturday, 29th March**, 9.30 a.m. – 4.30 p.m. The programme is geared to positive steps to combat this evil, and is organised with the support of Churches Together in Cheshire. Please contact info@frodshamchurchestogether.org.uk for further details.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:

The local service at St. Columba's is at 10.30 a.m. on **Friday 7th March**. It will last about an hour, followed by light refreshments. The Women's World Day of Prayer is an interdenominational Christian organisation run by women to focus attention on one country each year and to pray for its peoples. The Christian women of Egypt prepared this year's service entitled, "Streams in the Desert". Please come and support them by joining the congregation here in Upton as a link in the chain of prayer for Egypt, which will be taking place across the world for 24 hours on 7th March.

ST COLUMBA'S HALL BOOKINGS:

For all Hall bookings and enquiries please contact Sue Carr on 07553 114531
E-mail: columbashallbookings@gmail.com

NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Muriel Green.
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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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