

St Columba's Church

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY 27th APRIL 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.
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:

Peter O'Hora
Bernard Leigh
Marilyn & Jose Dizon
Horace Rigby B.D.
Rebecca Morley
Dick Jones
Michael Wolfe
Derrick Jones A.
Joan Wells
Private Intention (Cherry)
Dave Beatty
The Parish

THERE WILL BE AN APPEAL AT ALL MASSES FOR THE FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND.

HOSPITAL MASS:

The regular "First Thursday" Mass will be celebrated on 1st May 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.

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. to 7.10 p.m.

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: Fr. Bernard McLeary, Thomas Richard Price, Ellen Kavanagh, Albert Thompson, Bridget Halliwell, Harry McAndrew, Henry Joseph McAndrew, Kathleen Mary Ward, Joseph Owen Hunt, John Daniel Jones, Gladys Maud Helen Burrell, Horace Rigby, Dennis Joseph Shaw, Margaret Mary Flynn, Grace Ross, Lil Dutton, Ivy Munday, Mary E Barlow, Margaret Power, Thomas Hanratty, James Connolly, Kevin Fearon and Ian Christopher Gaynor

OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate:	£1284.24
Planned Giving:	£718.75
Average Weekly SOs:	£510.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Ethelda Drive, Dorfold Way and Sussex Road;
- For all who serve through the Anglican Diocese of Chester, the RC Diocese of Shrewsbury, and the United Reformed Church Mersey Synod;
- For our churches, that they may be filled with the Holy Spirit.

RED MISSION BOX HOLDERS:

Mgr. Canon James Cronin has sent a special letter and poster, which is on the message wall in the front porch of the Church, thanking all those who support the Red Box in our Parish. St. Columba's raised £2,215 in 2013.

Thank you so much for your continued support.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

27th April	Anne & Antony	Parish
4th May	Marg & Jacque	Monies to fund Fellowship Lunch
11th May	Ruth & Jacque	Buzz Group

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

SPUC:

On 3rd of May from 11.00 a.m. until 1.00 p.m. the Chester SPUC branch is organising a local silent pro life chain on **Hoole Road, near Canadian Avenue**. The event marks the anniversary of the implementation of the Abortion Act on April 27th 1967 and commemorates the lives of over 8 million unborn children lost to abortion.

Placards will be available. Please support this event and if you need any further information please contact **Pat Wilkinson on 01244 327780**.

Please pray for this demonstration, and join us, even for a short time. Thank you.

EASTER THANKS:

Many thanks to all of those who helped Holy Week and Easter services go so well.

A lot of hard work goes on in the Parish throughout the year and we are very thankful for all that is done.

GOLDEN JUBILEE OF THE FOUNDING OF THE PARISH OF ST. COLUMBA AND OUR CHURCH:

You will see that the new Processional Cross and Paschal candle have now arrived and the Tabernacle is being re-furbished.

If you wish to contribute to the cost of these things, which are for our Golden Anniversary, please put your gift in an envelope marked 'Golden Anniversary Gift'.

Thank you very much for all the generous donations which we have already received, and in anticipation of further offerings thank you.

50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS:

As part of the celebrations we would like an "All Our Yesterdays", a display of photographs showing Christmas Fayres, Garden Parties, Guides, Scouts, etc. over the past 50 years. We would also like pictures of the original stained glass windows, usually found on wedding or First Communion snaps. Please have a look in your cupboards. Photos can be left in a box in the Sacristy. Please put your names and phone no. on the back to be returned to you eventually. Does anyone know of any weddings that took place in St. Columba's in 1965/66? We would like to hear about them. Further information, please ring Sue 312892.

REVIEW DAY FOR CATECHISTS:

A review and planning day for all catechists engaged in Children's Liturgy, First Sacraments and RCIA will be held in St. Columba's Hall on **Saturday 3rd May** from 10.15 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. All details are on the posters in the porches (and also on the parish website).

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS:

Family celebrations of the Sacrament start next week and continue throughout May. At the 11.00 a.m. Mass each Sunday some or all of the central pews will be reserved for the children and their families. We pray for them as they celebrate the great gift of the Real Presence of Jesus and his love for us all.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, 11th – 17th MAY:

Christian Aid Week is held each year in May and is a time when national and local efforts draw attention to the work of Christian Aid, raising funds through house-to-house collections using the familiar red envelopes. For many years St. Columba's has helped with the collection locally, in conjunction with Churches Together in Upton, and we are looking for volunteers to help with this. Envelopes will be available for next weekend, made up into bundles for each local street we have been allocated. Each bundle will contain all necessary details regarding collecting arrangements. Your help will be very much appreciated.

UPTON CHURCHES FELLOWSHIP LUNCH:

The Upton Churches take it in turns to host a Fellowship Lunch during the course of the year. The next lunch will be held during Christian Aid Week, hosted by Holy Ascension Church. This will be on **Wednesday 14th May**, 12 noon to 1.30 p.m. in the Kempe Room, at the rear of Holy Ascension, Church Lane, Upton. All welcome.

CONFIRMATION:

The next parish celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will be on Friday 3rd October 2014 at 7pm. As usual we will prepare together, at St. Columba's, with St. Theresa's parish and candidates from other Chester parishes. To be Confirmed you must be in school Year 8, or older, on the Confirmation day (no upper age limit). If you would like to be Confirmed please sign the list in the front porch. If you're not sure, why not come for a few sessions to find out more and then decide? Please sign up asap as an email will be

sent out shortly with further information. More information from Denise Lusk on 379742.

CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS:

Thank you very much to those who have come forwards to help prepare our young parishioners for Confirmation. We would like one or two more catechists to cover when team members are off. We will have a training session before the programme begins. Please contact Denise Lusk on 379742 if you can help.

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT:

St. Columba's Social Group is holding a family bingo night on **Friday, 2nd May in the Church Hall** starting at 7.00 p.m.

Entry free, prizes, raffle and refreshments; bring your own bottle if you want wine, beer, etc.

More dates for your diaries:

- **Sunday, 8th June** Annual BBQ also free and
- **Friday, 25th July** Coach trip to Lichfield.

A FURTHER DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Thursday 8th May: "ECO FASHION SHOW" at the John Prescott Theatre, West Cheshire College, Ellesmere Port, at 7.30 p.m. Profits will fund Malawi Women to do tailoring courses. Taking part are the college students, Chifundo Fashion and volunteers from Save the Children Shop. Tickets are £6 adults and £3 for 19 years and under—available from the College Reception, Save the Children Chester shop, or Chifundo 01244 381490.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

- ♦ Tuesday 29th is the feast of **Catherine of Siena**, a Dominican sister, who lived from 1347 to 1380.
- ♦ Thursday 1st May is the feast of **Joseph the Worker** - the foster-father of Christ and husband of Mary. This day is also the feast of **St. Asaph**, early 7th century Bishop in North Wales.
- ♦ Saturday 3rd May is the feast of **Philip and James, Apostles**.

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 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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