

St Columba's Church

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY 11th MAY 2014

MASS TIMES:

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| 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:

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| The Parish. |
| Mary Regan. |
| Kathleen O'Brian. |
| Charles Chase. |
| Tim Burne. |
| Gerry Cummins. |
| Joan Wells. |
| Victor McLellan. |
| Lorna Chaloner. RIP. |
| Marie Therese Camilleri. |
| Recovery from illness. |
| 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.

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 / 07880 553830.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Marie (Nancy) Dagger, George Gibbons, William Johnson, William Huxley, Mary Ellen McCorry, Mary Vivien Dagger, Dennis O'Gorman, Bertha Lofthouse, Anthony Wall, Fiona Stuart, Hugh McCafferty, James Edward Jones, Terence McNicholas, Cecil Arthur Baker, Joseph Stringer, Janet Evans, Joan Burton, Lionel Dean, Francis Gallagher, Mary McKay, Michael Joseph Barnett, William Walker, Thomas Patrick Dowd, Lillian Rachel Beswick.

A SPECIAL KIND OF RETREAT...:

A Foyer de Charité Retreat will be held at the Franciscan Friary, Pantasaph, from **10-16th August**. The theme is **God's Plan for the Fullness of Time**. Foyer retreats are held mainly in silence, with three talks a day, and offer a holistic way of deepening our faith in the Church's teaching and our life in Christ. The Foyers are communities of consecrated lay people living with a priest in order to help others grow closer to Christ and live the Catholic faith more fully. For further information or to book a place, contact Mgr. Barltrop: 020 7229 1548 or email: keithbarltrop@rcdow.org.uk

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND:

Pat Bevans would like to like to thank St. Columba's Parish for the warm reception and response for last weekend's appeal for the Friends of The Holy Land. The collection was very generous £1,002.13 and Pat warmly thanks you all.

OFFERTORY:

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| Loose Plate: | £483.45 |
| Planned Giving: | £437.49 |
| Average Weekly SOs: | £510.00 |

Donations:

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| Badminton: | £150.00 |
| Coffee Morning: | £20.00 |

Thank you for your continued generosity.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Arley Close, Lincoln Drive and Grasmere Road;
- For the elderly and housebound.
- For all who prepare the food and for those who come and enjoy the fellowship enjoyed at church meals.

RED MISSION BOX HOLDERS:

Mgr. Canon James Cronin has sent a special letter and poster thanking all those who support the Red Box in our Parish.

St. Columba's Parish has raised £2,215 in 2013. The poster and letter from Mgr. Canon James Cronin is on the message wall in the front porch of the Church. Thank you so much for your continued support.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

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| 11th May Ruth & Jacque | BUZZ Group |
| 18th May Scouts | Parish |
| 25th May SVP | Parish |

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

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS:

As part of our celebrations, we would like to reflect the growing and important multi-national aspect of the Parish. Anyone who would like to contribute and assist with this - perhaps we could have an initial chat, in the Iona Chapel, **after either Mass this Sunday, 11th May**. Alternatively give me a ring: Sue Carr, 01244 312892.

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION MEETING:

There will be a short meeting for those wishing to prepare for Confirmation, and their parents, on **Monday 19th May**, at 6.30pm, in the Iona Chapel. If you wish to be Confirmed and have not yet signed the list in the front porch please do so today, so that an information pack can be prepared for you before the meeting. If you are not sure about being Confirmed please come to the meeting anyway - it might help you to decide. For more information phone Denise Lusk (01244 379742).

CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS:

Thank you very much to those who have come forward 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 01244 379742 if you can help.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS:

Family celebrations of the Sacrament have now begun and will continue throughout May. At the 11.00 a.m. Mass each Sunday some or all of the central benches will be reserved for the children and their families. We pray for and congratulate those making their First Holy Communion this Sunday: Duncan Boyd, Ethan Conway, Isobel Gaughan, Andrew Green, Christy-Ann Herbert, Aoife Kelleher, Igor Konieczny, Erin Lloyd-Kerfoot, Ruby Melvin.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, 11-17th MAY:

- **Fellowship Lunch, Wednesday 14th May.** This lunch is being held on behalf of Churches Together in Upton, 12.00 noon to 1.30 p.m. in the Kempe Room at Holy Ascension Parish Church, Church Lane Upton. All money raised will go in support of Christian Aid. *All welcome.*
- **Envelope Collections:** St. Columba's takes responsibility for Christian Aid Week house-to-house collections in some of our local streets (A-D alphabetically). Envelopes are set out in the rear porch for each street, with all necessary instructions. The envelopes are for delivery this weekend. **If you are able to help with some of these collections this would be very much appreciated.** For more information please contact Bernard Payne, 01244 350323.

MAY MEETING OF THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

The **12th May** meeting of the Catholic Women's League will be a Mass for the World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations It will be held at **midday** at St. Francis Church, then lunch (BYO) followed by a talk and demonstration by Mr Pickford a Cartoon Artist. Please join us to see his work.

BIG BROWNIE BIRTHDAY TEA PARTY:

21st Chester Brownies are celebrating 100 years of Brownies on **Wednesday 14th May** at 6.45-7.30p.m. at St Columba's Church Hall. Please come along and bring some pennies for tea tasting. All proceeds go to Cancer Research UK. Do you have anything from when you were a Brownie? Old badges, uniform or photos. Please bring it along to show to us.

THIS SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE & CAKES ARE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR BUZZ YOUTH ACTIVITY GROUP:

This weekly group is part of the Cheshire Centre for Independent Living & it enables children & young people with a disability to experience leisure & social activities. Further information can be found at www.cheshirecil.org/services/family-support/buzz-youth-activity-group. Many thanks for your support, Ruth Gerrard.

SVP COLLECTION:

There will be a SVP collection this weekend **10th - 11th May**. *Thank you for your continued support.*

SVP HOLIDAY HOME:

The SVP Holiday Home at Talacre have some weekly vacancies throughout the season. If interested for a weeks holiday, please ring Brian on 01244 318863 for further details.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

Thanks to everyone who came to the family bingo night last Friday and made it such a success. Don't forget the Annual BBQ on **Sunday 8th June** to celebrate St Columba's anniversary and it's free. Also the coach trip to Lichfield on **Friday 25th July**, more details and lists to follow soon.

WEST CHESHIRE FOODBANK:

- Supplies gratefully received at St. Columba's are collected each week on a Friday for delivery to the main warehouse.
- The Foodbank organisers currently need more volunteers in their warehouse & distribution centres. If you are interested in supporting any of these roles, please email: volunteer@westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk
- Copies of the latest newsletter are available in each porch, or from the website www.westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk

URGENT HELP REQUIRED FOR LOURDES:

The Chester ACROSS Group require two helpers, at least one of whom must be female for our pilgrimage to Lourdes from **15th - 24th May**. The cost is £750 but help may be available to those who can't afford the full amount. For more information, please contact Marian Marsh on 07969-261-997 or Tony Murphy on 07881-656-974.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS/ READERS:

A copy of the new Rota is now available for collection in the front porch.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:

The theme this week is **We Are Unique** and the prayer is:

Lord, Thank you for the gifts that you gave to us. Help us to appreciate our own talents and those of the people around us by always trying our best and respecting others. Amen.

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 Ann Siddall.

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Items for inclusion can be left in the blue folder in the Sacristy by 9.00 a.m. on Thursday.

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