



St Columba's Church

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD SUNDAY, 1st JUNE 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.
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Sunday:	9.15 a.m. 11.00 a.m.

INTENTIONS:

Fr. Gerry Courell.
Maureen Tolefree. The Parish.
Cyril Baxter.
Eileen Beck.
Charles Trainor.
Bernard Leigh.
John Wilkie.
Harry Teague. (SVP)
Gerry Cummins.
Mary & Ray Green. 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.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Dorothy Davies, Catherine Ryan, Kathleen Nancy Wood, Patricia Gardner, William Arthur Evans, Raymond O'Brien, Winifride McDonald, Margaret Lewis, Thomas James Croghan, Jennifer Pearl Byrne, Andrew McRoberts, Letitia Doran, Felix Wilkinson, Donal Murphy, Margaret Banks, Bill Sweeney, Nancy Joan Woods, Eileen Beck, Cornelius McNamara, Stan Benson, Edmund Rodgers, Hazel Marjorie Russell, Charles Traynor, Zygmunt Michalak, Thomas Moore, Joan Edwards, Stanley James Tilston, Nippy Coogan, Eileen Burton, Helen Maria Madden, Berti (Ian) McClellan, Catherine Lavelle, David Morgan.

LATELY DEAD:

Please remember in your prayers Harry Teague.

CONFESSIONS:

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

OCTAVE OF PRAYER:

Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity is being celebrated this coming week at St Columba's from Sunday evening until next Sunday evening. This week the short service is at 6.30 p.m. in the Iona Chapel. The main service next Sunday evening is at 7.00 p.m. in the main church. I encourage people to support us this week to pray and unite with other churches in our area.

OFFERTORY

Loose Plate:	£552.33
Planned Giving:	£450.80
Average Weekly SOs:	£510.00
Donations: Coffee Morning.	£40.75

Thank you for your continuing generosity.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

1st June, Sewing Group - Funds for Africa.

8th June, SUMMER FAIR & BBQ - Social Committee.

15th June CWL.

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

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Ormonde Road, Newton Hall Drive, Beechway, Upton Dene and Upton Grange.
- For the staff and patients of the Hospice of the Good Shepherd and the local support groups.
- For those who are terminally ill and those who care for them.

BIDDING PRAYER WRITER:

We urgently need a Bidding Prayer writer to join the team, initially for the month of July. Can you help? Please get in touch with Mary Sherman on 01244 638978.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS/ READERS ROTA:

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

ST COLUMBA'S AND SOUNDWALL RAISE £1K FOR HOGS:

St Columba's and Chester band Soundwall presented a £1k cheque to the Hospice of the Good Shepherd at last Saturday's Soundwall concert. The parish Hall and dance floor were heaving! A special thanks to Sue Carr, Bill Baker and Cath Carter for organising the event. A special thanks to Marie Cunniff and Ann Clarke whose dedicated efforts kept the huge audience in food and drink all night.

HOSPITAL MASS:

The regular "First Thursday" Mass will be celebrated on 5th June 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.

SVP:

The SVP monthly collection will be taken after all Masses next weekend (7th – 8th June). We thank you for your continued support.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS:

All the children will come together for the Parish Thanksgiving Mass on **Sunday 22nd June** at 11.00.a.m. Please continue to pray for them at this special time.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY, 1st – 8th JUNE:

The Week of Prayer, arranged by Churches Together in Upton, starts **this Sunday**, hosted by St. Columba's. Each day from **Sunday 1st June to Saturday 7th June** a short service of prayer and reflection will be held in the Iona Chapel at 6.30 p.m., led by a member of one of the three Upton churches: St. Columba's, Holy Ascension, and United Reformed. Then on the final day, **Sunday 8th June (Pentecost Sunday)** the main service of the week will be held at 7.00 p.m. in the main church, followed by refreshments in the Hall.

The services will follow the theme of the booklet specially prepared by the Churches of French Canada, and published by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland under the title "Is Christ Divided?" All are welcome at these services.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

- **Tuesday: Ss Charles Lwanga and Companions.** Charles Lwanga was the leader in Uganda of a group of 22 Catholics and Anglicans, many newly baptised, killed for their faith between 1885 and 1887. Charles himself was killed on this day in 1886.
- **Thursday: St. Boniface** (d.755). Though born in Devon and brought up in the south west of England, from the age of forty until his martyrdom at the age of eighty, he spent all his missionary life in continental Europe. He was an Anglo-Saxon, and felt called to preach the word to his pagan Saxon "cousins", working over much of present-day Germany. As a result, he is much better known in Germany than in his native land.

HAPPY FAMILIES – MORE THAN A CARD GAME?

Being happy at home is something we all hope for but families and their needs change as our children grow. Sometimes it can be hard to keep pace with these changes. Whilst the teenage years are some of the most rewarding, they can present the greatest challenges for parents and young people alike. Approaches that worked well before are no longer effective or appropriate and conflict can become more common as we try to negotiate new freedoms and responsibilities.

Are you interested in exploring positive ways of parenting teenagers and building on your skills and strategies to keep communication open in your family? Join like-minded parents in a small and supportive group for 6 weekly sessions where you can develop and adapt tried and tested techniques to suit your family situation, taking small steps each week to bring about big changes. The course is free and starts on **Wednesday, 4th June at 7.30 p.m. in Chester Catholic High School.** For more information or to book a place, please ring Claire on 01244 300338 or 07743 704383.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations to Alice Steaton and Adam Gibbons married at St Columba's on Thursday. We wish them every happiness for their future life together.

CHESTER CAFOD SUPPORT GROUP:

- The Group is 25 years old this year! A Celebration Mass will be held in St. Theresa's Blacon, on **Wednesday 4th June** at 7.00 p.m. followed by refreshments in Parish Centre. Please join us on this very special occasion.
- Ecumenical "Songs of Praise" in St. Theresa's Church, on **Sunday 15th June** at 4pm to celebrate the work of CAFOD, Christian Aid and Tearfund. Refreshments to follow in the Parish Centre.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

- The Annual BBQ is on **Sunday, 8th June, after 11 o'clock Mass** to celebrate the anniversary of St. Columba.
- This year's Coach Trip is to the historic cathedral town of Lichfield on **Friday, 25th July**, leaving St. Columba's at 9 a.m. A list for names and information on Lichfield is up in the front porch of the Church. The cost is £10.50p.

THANK YOU:

Richard Curtis writes: I would like to thank all the parishioners who sponsored my 10km run in Aberdeen, the money going to The Sandpiper Trust Charity, which helps provide medical equipment for remote GP practices. With the help of Margaret Curtis, collecting at coffees after Sunday Mass and the badminton members, £126 was raised. This is the link to the webpage:

<http://www.justgiving.com/Run4SandPiper>

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 Brian Webster, Tel: 01244 851026.

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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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SUMMER FASHION SHOW:

This is being held at West Cheshire College, Ellesmere Port Campus, on **Wednesday 4th June**, 7.30 for 8.00 p.m. Tickets £5 adults, £2 students. It is organised by Chifundo Fashion, whose products will be available for sale after the show. All proceeds go in support of the development and funding of Malawi women's tailoring courses. (This replaces the "Eco Fashion Show" previously advertised for 8th May.) Contact 01244 381490.

PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN FROM HARM ON THE INTERNET:

Gareth Cheesman from Chester Schools Christian Work will be giving a talk aimed at parents of primary school children. The session will provide an overview of the pressures children face and practical tools and behaviours you can employ to help protect them. This will be on **Wednesday 4th June** from 7.30pm at The Firs School 45 Newton Lane. Registration required at www.firsschool.net/workshop/