



# St Columba's Church

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- ❖ Chester Hospitals' Chaplaincy: Tel: 01244 364543, answer phone available.
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## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2016.

### MASS TIMES:

Saturday Vigil  
Sunday:

Monday  
Tuesday:  
Wednesday:  
Thursday:

**Friday:**  
Saturday  
Saturday Vigil Mass:  
Sunday

### INTENTIONS:

7.15 p.m. Kathryn Sanson. RIP.  
9.15 a.m. The Parish.  
11.00 a.m. Cliff Jones.  
9.15 a.m. John Stephen McCarthy.  
9.15a a.m. Kathryn Sanson.  
9.15 a.m. Special Intention. (NH)  
9.15a.m. Trevor Lightbrown.  
**7.00 p.m. Prudence Fay.**  
**NO MORNING MASS**  
7.15 p.m. The Parish.  
9.15 a.m. Bill Browne.  
11.00 a.m. Pat Barker.

### MORNING PRAYER:

Each morning at 9.00 a.m. in the Iona Chapel, Monday through to Friday, except Wednesdays, when Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour are said at 9.15 a.m. prior to Mass.

### CONFESSIONS:

Each Saturday, in the morning 10.00 to 10.30 a.m. and in the evening 6.45 to 7.10 p.m. (before the Saturday Vigil Mass).

### BAPTISMS:

By appointment. After speaking to Fr. Jonathan to arrange a date, please contact Claire O'Donnell 07743 704383 (text or 'phone).

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Anne Marie Fearon, Elizabeth Evans, Herbert Clarke, Hermon Siddall, Robert McMahon, Florence Mary Jewsbury, Kathleen Ann Thomas, Joan and Vic Iddow, John Galvin, Michael Grant Leonard, Grace Williams, Francis Hugh McCann, Mary Barrett, John Fell, Mary Brain, Veronica Underwood, James O'Flaherty, Alice Jane Kennedy, Frank Royle, Siobhain White, Jessie Christian, Paul Maiden, Vincent Thomas Devane, Anthony McAleavy, Caroline Shone, Henry McGuinness, Angela Bird, John Palmer, Eric Gerald Barlow, Daniel Joseph Keegan, Leonard Shone, Dr. Leo De Gamrose, Len Dugdale, Henry Anthony Tallant, Jonathan Owens, Eve Parkes, Bernard McSweeney, Patricia Lynch, Joseph Walsh, Terence Shirley, Patricia Westrom, Georgine Ogg, Bernard Cunningham, James Vincent Kerr, Margaret Mary Welby.

### OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:

The new pink envelopes for 2016-16 come into use today. Please collect yours from the front porch if you haven't already done so and dispose of any out of date yellow envelopes which you may still have. Any problems, please contact David Savage on 380626.

### NEW OFFICE!:

The Church Office has now moved from the Presbytery into the Church Office. The Office will be open between 10.00 – 12 mid-day Monday to Friday. The Office Telephone Number is: 624019. The Office email address is: [stcolumbaschurch2016@outlook.com](mailto:stcolumbaschurch2016@outlook.com)

### MISSION TODAY:

The Spring edition of Mission Today are available from both the front and rear porches

### OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate:	£461.33
Planned Giving:	£506.30
Average Weekly Standing Orders:	£683.00
<b>Donations:</b>	
Candles:	£67.01

### UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Kingsway, Dicksons Drive and Brookfield Drive.
- For Worship Groups and all who plan services.
- For our worship that it is vibrant, spiritual and prayerful.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MEETING:

The final meeting in the preparation programme is the Commentary Mass for **all parents and all the children** who are making their First Communion in May. It will be in St. Columba's Church at 6.30 p.m. on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April**.

### CONFIRMATION:

If you wish to be Confirmed this year, please put your details on the list in the front porch to join the preparation programme. To be Confirmed you must be in high school Year 8 or above on **28th October 2016** (i.e. be at high school in Year 7 now, or older – there is no upper age limit.) Details of the parents and candidates meeting will be emailed to all on the list next week. For more information about the programme, please ring Denise Lusk on 379742.

### MUSIC AT THE 11.00 a.m. MASS:

As mentioned last week, we are introducing the music of the New Celtic Liturgy which has the words of the new translation of the Mass. We will be using it each Sunday for the next few weeks. Please remember to pick up the music sheet each week from the hymn book stand and do your best to join in the singing.

### SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

10th April	Sue Carr	Third World
17th April	Ruth & Jacquie	BUZZ Group
24th April	Marg & Jacquie	Fellowship Lunch

Coffee and cakes this Sunday are in support of our parish's various Third World projects – and lots of delicious home-made cakes have been prepared. Do come over to the Hall after Mass to enjoy them!

### FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

- Monday: **St. Stanislaus** (1010-79). Bishop and martyr, Patron of Poland. He became Bishop of Cracow in 1072 and was a zealous reformer, tireless preacher and a benefactor to the poor. He became embroiled in a bitter quarrel with the king over issues of corruption, violence and injustice. This led to his murder at the king's own hand.
- Wednesday: **St. Martin I** (d 655). Pope and martyr. Born in Umbria (Italy), Martin became Pope in 649 having previously been Papal Legate in Constantinople. He fell out of favour with the reigning emperor Constans II and suffered imprisonment and exile to Crimea, dying as a consequence of the many hardships. He is the last pope to be venerated as a martyr.

### YOUTH MASS & CONCERT AT OUR LADY'S, ELLESMERE PORT - SATURDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL:

Youth and Family Mass at 6.30pm. Followed by a concert given by the musicians and singers from the Chester and Ellesmere Port Lourdes Youth Group. This promises to be a great concert raising funds for the Lourdes Youth and Youth SVP. Please bring your own drinks. Tea, coffee and light refreshments will be available. Tickets are £5 each and can be secured by phoning 0151 327 6158. All welcome.

### HIGH CHAIR:

Because we would like to encourage young families into the hall, does anybody have a high chair that is no longer needed? If you do, please contact Marg Curtis 318424

### OFSTED REPORT, CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:

Congratulation to the School on receiving a very favourable report from the Ofsted inspectors, following visits held in March. They confirm the school's "Good" rating and comment very favourably on a number of aspects of the school's life: it's clearly defined values and beliefs, its distinct "family feel", and the setting of an environment where everyone is encouraged to strive and achieve their potential. Copies of the full Ofsted letter are available in the church porches.

### THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN:

It will hold the Annual Pro Life Demonstration on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** on Hoole Road, near Canadian Avenue, from 11a.m. to 12.30a.m. This is a Silent Witness to inform people of the truth about Abortion. Please pray for its success and join us if you can, if only for a short while. Thank you.

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

The next meeting will be **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April** at 2 pm in St Francis Church Hall. It is our AGM taking approximately half an hour, followed by afternoon tea to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday. Please note change of date and time. Any queries please ring 01244 346772.

### PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:

A Five Day Pilgrimage to Lourdes, from **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2016**, has been arranged, as an opportunity to celebrate the Holy Year of Mercy. The cost is £599 for full board. For more information, see poster on notice board. Forms are available from Fr. Jonathan or contact Fr. Paul O'Grady 0151 330 6588.

### PLANNED GIVING AND GIFT AID:

If you would like to know more about these schemes, which can increase your offerings by 25% at no cost to you, please contact David Savage 280626.

### ST PIO PRAYER GROUP:

The next meeting is on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April**, at 10, Totland Grove, Newton, Chester CH2 2EY starting at 7.30pm.

### DIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS:

The Annual Diocesan Day for Catechists will be on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June** at Ellesmere Port Catholic High School. The theme is: 'Resources: What do we have? What do we need?' Fergal Martin, Head of the Catholic Truth Society, will present its aims, work and publications, followed by group discussion and general feedback. Further details to follow. Registration, please, by **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** with [helen.jones@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:helen.jones@dioceseofshrewsbury.org).

### ST. COLUMBA'S SOCIAL EVENTS DIARY:

<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Family Bingo.
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	BBQ to celebrate St Columba's Anniversary.
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	Annual coach trip to Worcester.

### FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL FAMILY BINGO NIGHT:

We will be holding a family Bingo night on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April** starting at 7 p.m. come along and join in the fun. Teas coffees squashes provided, if you would like something stronger please bring your own alcoholic drinks, entrance fee 50p for everyone.

### CHURCHES TOGETHER IN UPTON:

Churches Together in Upton have started an initiative to extend the current practice of praying for the residents of particular roads by encouraging individual prayer requests. These can be made in writing to: Prayer Meeting, Upton United Reformed Church, Heath Road, Chester, or email: [info@uptonurc.org.uk](mailto:info@uptonurc.org.uk).

Churches Together in Upton hold a Coffee Morning each Monday at The Pavilion, Wealstone Lane (next to the Library) from 10 a.m. to noon - an ideal opportunity to meet and make friends in a relaxed welcoming atmosphere. If anyone is interested in helping out, please come along on a Monday to find out more.

### ST. COLUMBA'S HALL BOOKINGS:

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

### NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

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