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- ❖ Parish Safeguarding Representative: Claire Graham. Tel 01244 341287 or 0788 055 3830.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. 3rd JULY 2016

Saturday (Sunday Vigil Mass)

St Theresa's 6.30pm Tania Shankland's Intentions
St Columba's 7.15pm The Brown Family & Richard

Sunday 3rd July

St Columba's 9.15am The Parish
St Theresa's 10.00am Parishioners' Intentions
St Columba's 11.00am The Catenians

Monday 4th July

St Theresa's 9.00am Private Intention
St Columba's 9.15am The Secular Fund

Tuesday 5th July

St Columba's 9.15am John Cotter (R.I.P.)
St Theresa's 6.30pm Stan Taylor (R.I.P.)

Wednesday 6th July

St Columba's 9.15am Thomas Daley
St Theresa's 7.00pm Jim Turnbull (R.I.P.)

Thursday 7th July

St Theresa's 9.00am Holy Souls
St Columba's 10.00am **Requiem Mass, John Cotter**

Friday 8th July

St Theresa's 8-8.55am Expo of the Blessed Sacrament
9.00am Charles Woods (R.I.P.)
St Columba's 7.00pm Jimmy Fitzgerald

Saturday 9th July (Sunday Vigil Mass)

St Theresa's 6.30pm Alistair Sinclair (R.I.P.)
St Columba's 7.15pm Ralph Davenport

Sunday 10th July

St Columba's 9.15am James Regan
St Theresa's 10.00am Parishioners' Intentions
St Columba's 11.00am The Parish

LATELY DEAD:

Please pray for the family and friends of John Cotter, who died recently. The Requiem Mass will take place at St. Columba's on Thursday 7th July at 10.00 a.m.

MORNING PRAYER (St Columba's):

At 9.00 a.m. before the Blessed Sacrament in the Iona Chapel, Monday through to Thursday, except Wednesdays, when Morning Prayer will commence at 8.50 a.m. followed at 9.10 a.m. by Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour prior to Mass.

CONFESSIONS:

St. Columba's:

Each Saturday morning between 10.a.m.-10.30 a.m. and in the evening 6.45 p.m. - 7.10 p.m. (before Saturday Vigil Mass).

St. Theresa's: from 5.55 p.m. to 6.25 p.m. on a Saturday evening and after every weekday Mass.

BAPTISMS:

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

Warmest congratulations to twins **Charlotte and Eleanor White** on their baptism on Sunday. We welcome them to our parish family and hope they enjoy the celebration. Please keep them all in your prayers.

St. Theresa's: To arrange a Baptism please contact Fr Isidore.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

Children have their own Liturgy during the Liturgy of the Word at the 10am Mass on a Sunday (St. Theresa's) and 11am (St. Columba's).

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Exposition takes place this week at St. Theresa's from 8am – 8.55am on Friday morning. There are books available for you to use during Exposition. All welcome.

OFFERTORY:

St Columba's: Loose Plate £551.66, Planned Giving £465.69, Average Weekly Standing Orders £720.00, Candles £54.95

St Theresa's: £411.37 plus Average weekly standing orders £136

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE:

St. Columba's:

3rd July Sue Bownas CAFOD
10th July Badminton Parish
17th July CWL CWL

Tea, coffee and juice are served in the Hall after both Sunday Masses. All are welcome.

Today, Coffee after Mass is being served by members of Chester CAFOD Support Group. Monies raised will be donated to CAFOD's Syria Appeal to support our partners in their work with refugees. We will also have some cakes for sale so please do come across to the hall for coffee and to support this appeal.

St. Theresa's:

Tea, coffee and juice are available in the Parish Club after 10am Mass. All are very welcome.

SEA SUNDAY:

Next week is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. It draws attention to the work of Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church in Great Britain and which provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. For more information see www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Kingsmead, Linksway, The Oakes Drive and Penfold Hey.
- The church secretaries and those who help with administration.
- Good communication links in our churches.

NEW PARISHIONERS (St Theresa's):

If you are new to St. Theresa's would you please take a form from the back of church complete and return it to the sacristy. Thanks.

PRAYER BOARD (St. Theresa's):

Please write any intentions you have in the book at the front of the church. Thank you.

CLEANERS' ROTA C (St. Theresa's)

WANTED (St Theresa's):

We would be very grateful for anyone willing to wash the altar linen each week. If you are able to do this please see Eileen Irwin. Thank you.

200 CLUB (St Theresa's):

The winners of the GRAND DRAW are:- £150 G. Gilghooley (no.74) £100 M. lane (no. 15) £50 M. Baker (no.3) and £50 G. Templeton (no.6) The new envelopes are available at the back of church.

KNIT AND NATTER:

On **Wednesday 6th July**, Barbara Hewitt of "Green Africa" will come to tell us what the charity does and how they use the items we make for them. Doors open at 10am at United Reformed Church, Saughall Road Blacon. All welcome.

SONGS OF PRAISE, SATURDAY 16 JULY:

Blacon Churches are holding a "Songs of Praise" at Blacon Station starting at 12.30pm Bring your own picnic lunch.

ST. COLUMBA'S PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council takes place on **Monday 4th July**.

DIOCESAN VACANCY: WELFARE OFFICER:

This is a new post, with the Diocese seeking to appoint a Registered Social Worker or Nurse. The successful candidate will support retired priests in living an independent, dignified and fulfilling life, and supporting those who require additional assistance through age or infirmity, as well as assistance to any priest still in ministry who requires similar support through periods of prolonged ill health. For further information go to the website: www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies Closing date **8 July**.

COACH TRIP TO WORCESTER 22nd JULY:

With several people now on the reserve list, we are looking to book a larger coach. If you are interested in the visit (or can no longer take up your original booking) please contact Paul Wigglesworth 07564 286710 or Margaret Curtis.

CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES:

The CCRS study course is designed for people who are involved in communicating their Catholic faith, directly or indirectly. It is open to catechists, people involved in liturgical work, and other interested adults. The course is run through a series of modules, 8 days in total between September and June, at Our Lady, Star of the Sea Parish Centre in Ellesmere Port. The first module starts on Saturday 10th September.

Further information on the posters (including the parish website) or from Rowena Nield, 0161 440 8619,
Email rowena.nield@sky.com

ST. COLUMBA'S & ST. THERESA'S JOINT PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT:

Parish Letter: Copies of Fr. Jonathan's letter of 26th June are still available in both churches.

Joint Newsletter: A number of people have told us they dislike the insert page, suggesting this leads to a certain amount of confusion. Given that the Joint Newsletter trial runs until the end of July, we can experiment with further changes. For this weekend's issue we are reducing the content to that which can be contained within the normal two pages. To do this we have omitted certain previously-regular items: Anniversary lists, Sick lists, Feasts of the Week, and a number of longer-term items. We won't adopt this approach lightly, so we will very much welcome your comments.

MESSAGE FROM ST WERBURGH'S AND ST COLUMBA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL:

"Many of you will be aware that for a number of years we have been trying to secure funding for a building within the school grounds as a base for our Out of School Club. It has been a long drawn out process with numerous obstacles slowing the project down. Finally, though, after four years of persistence, we have secured the funding and building is planned to start next term. The project is being partially funded by the parishes. The building will be a permanent fixture, unlike the modular building initially planned.

"The new brick building will bring many benefits: a base for Out of School Club enabling the school hall to be available for indoor sports clubs, an extra teaching space during the day, and a venue for parent workshops and toddler groups. We will keep you updated in the coming months."

As a Parish, we are delighted to support this venture.

RED MISSION BOXES (St Columba's):

Could those Parishioners holding Red Mission Boxes please leave them in the Sacristy for Margaret Curtis. You can collect your box from the table in the rear porch of the Church. Thank you for your continued support.

MISSION TODAY / CWL NEWS:

Copies of the Summer issues of Mission Today and CWL News are available in St Columba's front and rear porches.

ST. COLUMBA'S CHURCH & HALL BOOKINGS:

If you wish to arrange meetings etc. in either the Church or the Iona Chapel please make a booking through Carol Galvin, Church

Office: 01244 624019, email

stcolumbaschurch2016@outlook.com

For all Hall bookings and enquiries please contact Sue Carr on

07553 114531 or email

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NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Ann Siddall 01244 371787,
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Items for inclusion can be left in the Sacristy at either church.

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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