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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. 4TH SEPTEMBER 2016

Saturday 3rd September (Sunday Vigil Mass)

St Theresa's 6.30pm Marie Ross
St Columba's 7.15pm The Parish

Sunday 4th September

St Columba's 9.15am Milly Paziuk
St Theresa's 10.00am Parishioners' Intentions
St Columba's 11.00am Michael Holland RIP

Monday 5th September

St Theresa's 9.00am Priest's Intention
St Columba's 9.15am Brenda Dugdale

Tuesday 6th September

St Columba's 9.15am Jim Gallagher RIP
St Theresa's 1.00pm Nuptial Mass for Jerry & Ann

Wednesday 7th September

St Columba's 9.15am Rosemary Prendergast
St Theresa's 7.00pm Joe Joyce RIP

Thursday 8th September (Birthday of Blessed Virgin Mary)

St Theresa's 9.00am Private Intention
St Columba's 9.15 am Joan Jones RIP

Friday 9th September

St Theresa's 8-8.55am Expo Of the Blessed Sacrament
9.00am Catherine Forshaw
St Columba's 7.00pm Fr Leo Wilkinson

Saturday 10th September (St Ambrose Barlow)

St Theresa's 10.00am Charles Woods RIP
St Columba's 6.30pm Abigail Coleman (Vigil Mass)

Sunday 11th September

St Theresa's 9.30am Parishioners' Intentions
St Columba's 11.00am Mary & Jimi Davies

We welcome Fr Jim from the Franciscans who will be celebrating Masses this weekend at St.Columba's.

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.

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).

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

CONFESSIONS

St Columba's: Each Saturday morning between 10am and 10.30am and in the evening between 6.45 pm and 7.10pm. **From 10th September, confessions in the evening will be between 6.00pm and 6.25pm.**

St Theresa's: As there is no Saturday Evening Mass there will be no Confessions on Saturday evening, but Confessions will take place after every weekday Mass.

ST. COLUMBA'S ANNIVERSARIES:

Mary Telling, Derek Mycock, Carol Hughes, Gladys Steaton, Lorna Cater, Margaret Stevens, Kathleen Mary Douglas, Carole Joan Bowness, Gloria Durick, Elizabeth Martha Holdcroft, Eileen Mary Pealing, Molly Addison, Mary Wilde, Robert Charles Jones, Simon Sinclair Dolan, George Ogg, Lucy Maria Taylor, Brigid Brennan, Sheila Williamson, Dorothy Harrop, Lionel John Sheridan, Philomena Byrne, Dorothea Steiner, Dorothy Tierney, Jenny Harris, Joseph Reginald Dunne, Catherine Frances Hewitt, Norah Veronica Lester, Mary Margaret Pengelly, Donald John Reddy, Nancy Banks, Paul Bowler.

ST. THERESA'S ANNIVERSARIES:

May Dodd, Shirley Stanton, Freda Morris, Thomas O'Toole, Anne (Nancy) Mullen, Kathleen O'Hanlon, Brenda McGrath, Carol Crimes, Aiden McAssey, Margaret Anthony, Nora Lester, John Phillips, John Killet.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

Children have their own Liturgy during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9.30am Mass on a Sunday (St. Theresa's) and 11am (St. Columba's). (At **St. Columba's** this will re-commence on **Sunday 11th September**).

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 £459.08, Planned Giving £508.97, Average Weekly Standing Orders £720.00, Candles £65.78. Piety stall £200; Coffee morning 46.95.

CONFIRMATION:

Preparation sessions start again on **Sunday 11th September** after the 11.00am Mass. We will meet in the Iona Chapel, as the hall is still out of action, at 12.30pm. If you have any queries please email stcolumbatheresaconfirmation@hotmail.co.uk

MUSIC GROUP AT 11.00 a.m. MASS:

The Music Group restarts on **Sunday 11th September**. To keep the Group going we need more members. Do you play the flute, clarinet, recorder or guitar? Or do you enjoy singing? Please consider helping us to lead the singing at 11.00 a.m. Mass on alternate Sundays from 11th September. Your only commitment is to come to the practice before Mass. Please come along, or phone Pauline Payne, 01244 350323.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE:

St. Columba's:

4th Sept. Any volunteers please
11th Sept. Catholic High School PTA Parish
18th Sept. McMillan Coffee Morning
25th Sept. Sewing Group Royal British Legion
Tea, coffee and juice are served in the Iona Chapel after both Sunday Masses. All are welcome.

St Theresa's:

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES:

These classes are held in the Church Hall on Wednesday evenings in term time. They are for children who come to St Columba's church but do not attend St. Werburgh's and St. Columba's Primary School. The preparation programme for First Sacraments starts when the children are in Year 2 at school (age 6 in September). Please ring Pauline Payne on 01244 350323 to enrol or for more information. The start date is **Wednesday 21st September**.

ST. COLUMBA'S HALL BUILDING WORK:

As is the way with building work - it is behind schedule! Fortunately, only for two weeks, so handover day is now **Wednesday 21st September**. Regrettably, a small number of bookings have had to be cancelled but arrangements have been made to enable access to the hall, or for the use of the church to continue, for a number of other groups.

ST PIO PRAYER GROUP:

The next meeting is on **Thursday 8th September**, starting at 7.30pm in 10 Totland Grove, Newton, Chester CH2 2EY.

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.

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ST. THERESA'S NEW ROTAS:

The new Eucharistic Rotas are available in the sacristy.

WORLD YOUTH DAY:

Jake Maquire will be showing his photos from his recent experience at the World Youth Day in Krakow on **Sunday, 11th September** in St. Theresa's Parish Centre after the 9.30am Mass. All welcome.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Lumley Road, Demage Lane and Willow Close
- For our senior schools: Upton High, The Catholic High and Bishops High.
- For all teachers especially those working in RE departments, and for all young people attending these schools especially those from our congregations.

In addition to prayers for the residents of particular roads, Upton Churches Together encourage individual prayer requests. Requests can be made by writing and posting to Prayer Meeting, Upton United Reformed Church, Heath Road, Chester, or by e-mail to info@uptonurc.org.uk

PARISH VOLUNTEERS

ST. COLUMBA'S & ST. THERESA'S:

A DBS renewal session will be held at St Columba's on **Sunday 11th September** following 11am Mass, for our dedicated parish volunteers to apply for an updated Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) Certificate. If your previous DBS is more than 4 years old it will need to be renewed.

Three forms of identity will need to be presented on the day, a list of the DBS accepted documents can be found on the DBS Government Website. Please also bring your National Insurance Number.

Please contact Andrew O'Brien on 0151 652 9855 if you are unsure if your volunteer role is eligible.

St Theresa's – DBS Forms available in the Sacristy for completion prior to going to St Columba's next Sunday.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE WALK:

This walk to St Plegmund's Well and St Peter's Church, Plemstall will be after 11am Mass next Sunday, (11th Sept.) the distance is 3.6 miles along the Greenway. We will say prayers at the well and then have a picnic in the church yard before walking back to church. St Peter's will be open for us to see the interesting interior (and the toilet!). Because St Plegmund is a local saint who was a scholar and became Archbishop of Canterbury in 890, we will ask for his intercession for blessings for the new academic year. People who can't or don't want to walk the distance can meet us there – maybe between 1.30 and 2.30. Bring a picnic, water bottle, waterproofs or umbrella depending on the weather forecast and wear sensible walking shoes! For more details contact Catherine Green on 383866 or catherine.green@care4free.net

COMBINED PARISH BEETLE DRIVE:

The Parish of St Columba's and St Theresa's are holding a **family beetle drive on Friday, 30th Sept. in St. Columba's Hall starting at 7pm**. Come along to this **joint venture** and join the fun, and meet new people; all ages welcome. Entrance £1 per person, tea, coffee and juice will be provided. If you would like something stronger please bring your own bottle, can etc.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL EXAM RESULTS:

Following on the heels of this year's very good A level results, we can also offer congratulations to the students and all at the school for the excellent GCSE results. In all, over 60% of the students who took the exams this summer secured 5 or more A*-C grades including English and Maths. Go to www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/education/gcse-results-2016 to see Head Teacher John Murray's detailed press release.

"GETTING BENEATH THE SKIN OF THE GOSPELS":

A course of four talks on the Gospels, to be given by Trevor Dennis, retired Vice Dean, Chester Cathedral. The talks, which are free, will be on **Thursdays 22 & 29 September and 6 & 13 October**, 7.30 p.m. at St. Mary's Hall Handbridge. For further details see the posters in the porches or on our parish website.

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 columbashallbookings@gmail.com

NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Rebecca Vaughan, 01244 350323, e-mail: rebecca_vghn@yahoo.co.uk

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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