

Catholic Churches of St Columba and St Theresa



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- ❖ Chester Hospitals' Chaplaincy: Tel: 01244 364543, answer phone available.
- ❖ Parish Safeguarding Representative: Claire Graham. Tel 01244 341287 or 0788 055 3830.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY, 5th FEBRUARY 2017

Saturday 4th February

St. Theresa's 10.00 a.m. Parishioners' Intentions
St. Columba's 6.30 p.m. Gladys L Shanley - Vigil

Sunday 5th February

St. Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Pamela Dobson RIP
St. Columba's 11.00 a.m. The Parish

Monday 6th February

St. Theresa's 9.00 a.m. Priest's Intentions
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Frank Jeffes

Tuesday 7th February

St. Theresa's 9.00 a.m. Private Intentions
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Mike Jones

Wednesday 8th February

St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Kennedy Family Intentions
St. Theresa's 7.00 p.m. Bridget Williams RIP

Thursday 9th February

St. Theresa's 9.00 a.m. The Faithful Departed
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Lauren Heywood

Friday 10th February

St. Theresa's 8-8.55a.m. Expos Of the Blessed Sacrament
9.00 a.m. Private Intention
St. Columba's 7.00 p.m. Sean McCabe

Saturday 11th February

St. Theresa's 10.00 a.m. Priest's Intention
St. Columba's 6.30 p.m. The Parish

Sunday 12th February

St. Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Parishioners' Intentions
St. Columba's 11.00 a.m. Eileen O'Donovan

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: Between 6.00 p.m. and 6.25 p.m. before the Vigil Mass. At other times by arrangement with Fr. Jonathan.

St. Theresa's: After weekday Mass and by arrangement with Fr. Isidore.

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.

BISHOP'S VISITATION TO ST THERESA'S:

To be held on Sunday 26th February.

OFFERTORY:

St. Columba's: Loose Plate £472.90; Planned Giving £448.15; Average Weekly STOs £720.00, Candles: £68.49, Donation from Badminton Group £150.00.

St. Theresa's: £214.22 plus average weekly STOs £130.

ST. COLUMBA'S ANNIVERSARIES:

Vincent Murphy, Margery Angela Whatmough, Michael Jones, Kathleen Bernadette McGoldrick, Thady Byrne, Sr. Andrea O'Malley, Joan Davies, Janet Bailey, Brian Dunn, Fr. James Molloy, Lesbia Sullivan, Christopher Woods, Edward Joseph Brecon, Ernest Kendal, Ann Mary Hughes, Ray James, Marjorie Sweeney, Ida Trumdale, Ethel McGlown, Robert Shelton, Kathleen O'Farrell, Joseph Hanratty, David Harris, William Bailey, Kathleen Stone, Annie Sweeney, Stephanus Windsor, George Hollingsworth, Alfred Winn, Rachel Joyce, William Thompson, William Victor (Vic) Fry, George Ogg, Ellen Ferguson, Joseph Hilton, Sheila Davies, Trudy Potts, James Frances Blythin, Henrietta Helen Bond, John James (Sean) McCabe, Bernard Nicholas, Francis James Watts, Hilda Heveran, Joyce Wynne, Sydney Joseph Merchant (B.E.M.)

ST. THERESA'S ANNIVERSARIES:

Joan McLoughlin, Joan Davies, Charles George Clarke, Winifred Bird, John Gregory Doyle, Caroline Agnes Rodhan, Mary Beryl Riley, John Potter, Emily Micklethwaite, Marion Gresty, Daphne Maloney, Elizabeth Hodges

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

- We Pray for the residents of Whitton Drive, Sutton Drive, Bidston Close and Greenfield Lane;
- For the Babies & Toddlers Group, Sunshine Tots, Praise and Play and for all the leaders;
- For young families.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS' ROTA: (St. Theresa's)

The new rota has now been prepared and can be collected from the sacristy at St. Theresa's.

ST. PIO PRAYER GROUP:

The next meeting is on Thursday, 9 February, at 7.30pm in 10, Totland Grove, Newton, Chester CH2 2EY.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:

The Women's World day of Prayer Service for 2017 will be held at St. Columba's on Friday March 3rd, at 10.30. The service takes the form of Readings and Hymns and this year has been prepared by Christian women of the Philippines. All are welcome so please come along.

WALSINGHAM RETREAT 24-27th APRIL 2017:

Please can we have the remaining deposits by the end of the week. There are few places left. – For details please phone Janette on 01244 678265.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE:

St. Columba's:

5th Feb Heather Lannin Sierra Leone
12th Feb CWL CWL
19th Feb Chris & Liz Nichols Tombola

Tea, coffee and juices are available in the Hall. All are welcome. The 2017 coffee rota is in the Hall. There are a few vacancies. If anyone wishes to make teas and coffees after the 11am Mass to support a charity of their own choice please phone Marg Curtis on 01244-318424.

St. Theresa's:

Tea, coffee and juice are available in the Parish Club after the 9.30 am Mass. All are very welcome.

MASS FOR MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE:

This year the Mass for Marriage and Family Life will be celebrated at **Noon on Saturday 11th February at Our Lady and the Apostles, Shaw Heath, Stockport SK3 8BQ** with Bishop Mark presiding. All married couples and families are welcome but if you are a couple celebrating a significant wedding anniversary (silver, ruby, golden or platinum) and you wish to attend, then **please let your Parish Priest know by February 2nd** and he will arrange for a special invitation to be sent you on behalf of the Bishop.

FACILITIES AT ST. THERESA'S:

- **Sound system:** The new mike on the pulpit proved faulty and was returned. A replacement and has now been fitted. Thank you for your patience!
- **Building work:** A toilet is being put where the Piety shop used to be, and the back of church is being refitted, also a ramp access is being provided (the concrete needs time to set before its railings can be fitted). We apologise for the inconvenience but hope you agree that the work is long overdue and will be worth the temporary disruption.
- **Piety Shop:** The Piety Shop at St Theresa's is now open in its new home at the back of church. There are still a few diaries left if you haven't got yours yet.

BLACON SOCIAL GROUP – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Could you spare a couple of hours a week to support activities and have a coffee and chat with people with a vision impairment? The Group meets on Thursday mornings, 10.30-12.30. It's an initiative aided by the regional charity Vision Support. Contact Jo Jardine on 01244-381515 for further information.

ST. COLUMBA'S HALL REFURBISHMENT:

Local Councillors Gill Watson and Richard Beacham joined parishioners for coffee after Mass on 22 January. They were very appreciative of the opportunity to see the improvements to the hall and impressed by its being so well used. There is a photograph and report in the current edition of The Chester Leader.

Pauline Rourke: Hall Management Committee

FR. COOKE'S BOOKS:

When Fr. Cooke retired he left behind a number of books. Some books have been selected for parish use and a small number have been donated to Gladstone's Library. The remainder, about 500 books, have now been catalogued and are available for parishioners to take. A list of the books and a form for you to reserve any book(s) you would like to have is on the table in the main porch at St Columba's. There is no charge. The list will remain open until the end of February after which arrangements will be made for you to collect your

books. Any then remaining will be disposed of through Betterworld books, an online bookseller, which supports worldwide literacy charities. Queries to David Savage.

ADVANCE NOTICE – TALKS ON LENTEN

READINGS:

A series of five talks on the Lenten Sunday Readings will commence on **Tuesday 28th February**. All welcome. See poster on Notice Boards and on the parish website

ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION FAMILY NIGHT:

Enjoy a family night out to celebrate St. Patrick. On Saturday 18th March, 8.00 p.m. until midnight enjoy live bands; 'Caubeen' and 'Wet the Tea' plus Irish Dancers at St. Columba's church hall. Bring your own food and drink. Tickets £5.00 available after 11.00 mass or contact Joe on 07973-834329 or 0151-3564570.

REQUEST FOR ROSARY BEADS:

There has been a request for unused rosary beads from poor RC parishioners from a Spiritan church in Sierra Leone, West Africa. A box has been left in the front of St. Columba's church to collect any rosary bead donations that you'd like to pass on. Thank you in anticipation. Any questions - Contact Heather 07840621878

CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES:

The next CCRS Module is 'Introduction to Liturgy' led by Dr. Marian Tolley. The sessions are on Saturday 11th February and Saturday 11th March from 10 am to 3.30 pm and the venue is Our Lady's Parish Centre, 2a Enfield Road, Ellesmere Port CH65 8BY. The cost is £25. Marian is an excellent speaker and the Module is both interesting and useful and everyone is welcome. All enquiries to Rowena Nield: rowena.nield@sky.com 0161 440 8619

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AND CONFIRMATION:

Saturday 25th February 10:00am-1:00pm (registration from 9:30am) at Ellesmere Port Catholic High School, CH65 7AQ. Speakers: Teresa Kehoe and Hannah Vaughn-Spruce. This is a day open to everyone interested in how to share the faith with children and adolescents.

Enquiries: barbara.davies@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Registration: helen.jones@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

See poster for details.

CLEANERS' ROTA C (St. Theresa's)

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 Muriel Green

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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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