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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 5TH MARCH 2017

Saturday 4th March

St. Theresa's	10.00 a.m.	Trevor James Lightbown
St. Columba's	6.30 p.m.	Gavin Webster - Vigil Mass

Sunday 5th March

St. Theresa's	9.30 a.m.	Parishioners' Intentions
St. Columba's	11.00 a.m.	The Parish

Monday 6th March

St. Theresa's	9.00 a.m.	Priest's Intention
St. Columba's	9.15 a.m.	Stephen Jones
	7.00 p.m.	Deanery Penitential Service

Tuesday 7th March

St Columba's	9.15 a.m.	Victor Fry
St. Theresa's	6.30 pm	The Faithful Departed

Wednesday 8th March

St Columba's	9.15 a.m.	Mary Moore
St Theresa's	7.00 p.m.	Private Intention followed Stations of the Cross

Thursday 9th March

St Theresa's	9.00 a.m.	Priest's Intention
St. Columba's	9.15 a.m.	Sheila Whelan

Friday 10th March – FAMILY FAST DAY.

St Theresa's	8-8.55a.m.	Expos. of the Blessed Sacrament
	9.00 a.m.	Priest's Intention
St Columba's	7.00p.m.	Ann McCarthy A followed by Stations of the Cross

Saturday 11th March

St. Theresa's	10.00a.m.	Parishioners' Intentions
St Columba's	6.30 pm	The Parish - Vigil Mass

Sunday 12th March

St Theresa's	9.30 a.m.	Margaret Parry
St Columba's	11.00a.m.	Carol O'Colmain

LATELY DEAD:

Please pray for the family and friends of **Albert Ronald Williams** who died recently.

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: Please contact Fr Isidore to arrange.

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.

ST COLUMBA'S ANNIVERSARIES:

Joan Burrows, Cornelius Murphy, Noel Morrissey, John Burrell, Gavin Stuart Webster, Anthony Xuereb, Philip Anthony (Tony) Lambe, Terence (Terry) Cunningham, Gemma Elizabeth Holcroft, John Nigel Burrell, Veronica Eileen McPeake, William Rodgers, Frederick Fletcher, Dolores Coriam, Walter Kenneth James Cooper, Michael Hutfield, Fred Hutfield, Alan Frederick Barker, Lily Margaret Jones, Michael Hogan, Margaret Hennessy, Thomas Anthony Evans, Gerald A Rigby, James Rooney, William Patrick Lester, John Christopherson, June Winifrede Mullins, Winifred Basaraba, Fr. Bernard Wilkinson, Teresa Cowdrey, Carol Vozniack, Irene Quance, Cornelius Lally, Jane Henderson, Marjorie Dodman, Daniel John Darcy, Dorothy Sybil Jefferies, Pauline O'Connor, Martin McKenna (Snr) and Annie Elizabeth Bowler.

ST THERESA'S ANNIVERSARIES:

Michael Becker, William Carroll, Elizabeth Bowers, Trevor Lightbown, Ronald Boylan, Patrick Dougherty, Francis Nemes, James Feeney, Winifred Turton, Dorothy Byrne, William Lester, Ellen Kerr, Mary Dean, Mary Fennell, Patricia Sheridan, Michael Cooney, Helen Wickes, Matilda Joyce and Thomas Dwerryhouse.

CONFESSIONS

St. Columba's: Between 6.00 pm. and 6.25pm. before the Vigil Mass.

At other times by arrangement with Fr. Jonathan.

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

OFFERTORY:

St Columba's: Loose Plate £397.04; Planned Giving £437.11;

Average Weekly Standing Orders £720.00; Candles £51.12

St Theresa's: £407.52 plus average weekly standing orders £130.

PARISH REFURBISHMENT - DEVELOPMENT OF GARAGE:

The garage at the rear of the church is an unattractive building useable only for storage. Proposals have been made to convert it to a more useful space: voluntary groups of parishioners involved in supporting the work of the church could meet there and store materials; the parish office could be there; children could prepare there for the Sunday liturgy. However, funds have not been available to carry out such work.

Now, thanks to parishioners' contributions to 'Our Mission Together' this work is possible. 30% of the funding received from our pledges is allocated to our own parish refurbishments, which means that over £60,000 is available.

The hall has just been much improved with the assistance of a WREN grant. The weekly offerings of parishioners have contributed to improvement in the church: re-decoration, refurbishment of the kneelers, carpeting and the installation of an efficient heating system. A multi-purpose building to replace the garage would complement the functions of the church and the hall.

The Buildings Committee has agreed to keep parishioners informed of the progress of any plans and would welcome any further suggestions for uses of the garage building

Lighting: All the lights in the hall are being replaced with LED lights over this week-end. The shades on the wall lights will remain. Lights will also be installed over the bar and the servery to improve the ambient lighting for social events. This will reduce substantially the electricity bill for the hall and minimise the need for maintenance.

Blinds: On Friday 11 March the white vertical blinds will be replaced by black roller blinds. Those on the upper windows will be electrically operated, independently of those on the lower windows which will be manually operated.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray:

- For the residents of Ellesmere Ave., Pensby Avenue and Kendal Close.
- For Pax Christi, Saving to Share, Mission Groups, Christian Aid, CAFOD and Traidcraft.
- For our mission in the wider church.

CELEBRATE FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT:

27th Feb – 12th March. Theme – *“It’s time to put Fairtrade in your break”*. Around 70% of the world’s population relies on food crops grown on local small farms. Fluctuations world food prices can spell disaster for small farmers and co-operatives, so Fairtrade guarantees a fair, stable price for their products - and also a “premium”: a little bit extra which they can invest in their family’s future, or in their business or local community.

- Fairtrade goods will be on sale in St. Theresa’s and St. Columba’s after the Masses on **Sunday 12th March**.

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY – FRIDAY 10th MARCH:

The Fast Day envelopes are with the Newsletter this weekend.. They may be returned via the normal offertory baskets next weekend. The donations help CAFOD’s work in support of families in the developing world.

REMINDER:

Please can I remind Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion that there is a meeting with Fr. Jonathan on Saturday, 11th March at 10.00 a.m.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE:

St. Columba’s:

5 th March	Catholic High	PTA
12 th March	Heather Lannin	Sierra Leone
19 th March	Alison & Paul Wrigglesworth Tombola	

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

St Theresa’s:

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

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:

The Diocese organises an annual pilgrimage to Lourdes. This year it is from Thursday, 27th July to Friday, 4th August (overland) or from Friday, 28th July to Thursday, 3rd August (by air). I would like to take a group from the Parish to participate in this pilgrimage. Will anyone interested please let me know. Fr. Jonathan.

ST. PIO PRAYER GROUP:

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

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:

The new envelopes for St Columba’s for the new tax year are now available. Please collect yours from the table in the porch nearest to the Hall. Any problems contact David Savage 380626.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

We are once again holding a Family Bingo Night on **Friday 24th March** at 7p.m.in St Columba’s Church hall as it is Red Nose Day, please come wearing your red noses if you wish or any other appropriate attire for Red Nose Day.

Other Dates for your Dairy:

- **Friday, 10th March** at 7.30 p.m. in St Columba’s Hall **Quiz Night** in aid of Hospice of the Good Shepherd. Entrance £2.00.
- **Saturday, 18th March** – Family Night Out to Celebrate St Patrick’s Day. From 8.00p.m. to midnight in St Columba’s Parish Hall.
Joe Connally “Caubeen” hosting “Wet the Tea” plus Irish Dancers.
Please bring your own food and drink!
Tickets £5.00 available in the Hall after 11.00 a.m. Mass or directly from Joe 07973 834329 or 0151 356 4570.

TO CALVARY WITH MATTHEW:

These talks will continue on Tuesday when we’ll be looking at the readings for the second Sunday of Lent. Newcomers welcome. Full details on the Notice Board and the website.

CHRISTIAN AID – LENT LUNCHESES:

City Centre Churches Together are holding Lent Lunches on each Monday in Lent, 12 noon to 1.30pm at the Quaker Meeting House, off Frodsham St. Suggested minimum donation of £5, with all proceeds in support of Christian Aid.

FACILITIES AT ST THERESA’S:

The ramp is now available to use.

CLEANERS’ ROTA A (ST THERESA’S):

LIFT REQUIRED:

Is there anyone from Upton who comes to the Sunday 9.30 am Mass at St. Theresa’s who would be able to give Fr Isidore a lift to St. Columba’s for the 11.00 am Mass? This is only every other week, but may be less if more people volunteer. Please call the presbytery (01244 371660) and leave your name and number.

NEWSLETTER ROTA:

Our Joint Newsletter is prepared by a rota of 8 people, taking turns to do the compiling – the newsletter itself is printed commercially. The current rota runs to the end of Lent so will shortly be rolled forward. We are always keen for new volunteers, so if you are interested but would like to know more, please contact Bernard Payne (01244 350323) or Eileen Irwin (01244 371660).

- Brian Webster is coming off the rota this time. He’s been involved with the newsletter ever since the arrangements were set up in 2001, so we thank him very much for his help over the years.

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 & enquiries please contact Sue Carr on 07553 114531 or email columbashallbookings@gmail.com

NEXT WEEK’S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Harry Sweeney, 01244 327462,
e-mail: harrye_sweeney@hotmail.com
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.
Website: www.stcolumbachester.org.uk

OUR MISSION TOGETHER UPDATE

Many thanks to all who have made pledges to Our Mission Together. We are close to but still just under our target. Pledges from anyone who has not yet been able to commit to pledging even at this late stage would be gratefully received. Forms and a box for completed forms are available in the church porches