

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.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 12TH FEBRUARY 2017

Saturday 11th February

St. Theresa's 10.00 a.m. Priest's Intention
St. Columba's 6.30 p.m. The Parish - **Vigil Mass**

Sun 12th February Day of Special Prayer for Racial Justice

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

Monday 13th February

St. Theresa's 9.00 a.m. The Faithful Departed
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Ellen Finnigan RIP

Tuesday 14th February - SS Cyril & Methodius

St. Theresa's 9.00 a.m. Private Intention
St Columba's 9.15 a.m. O.L. Intention

Wednesday 15th February

St Columba's 9.15 a.m. Lesbia Sullivan
St Theresa's 7.00 p.m. Priest's Intention

Thursday 16th February

St Theresa's 9.00 a.m. The Faithful Departed
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Jose Teddy Lasadere

Friday 17th February

St Theresa's 8-8.55a.m. Expos. Of the Blessed Sacrament
9.00 a.m. Margaret Parry
St Columba's 7.00p.m. Francis Watts

Saturday 18th February

St. Theresa's 10.00a.m. Parishioners' Intentions
St Columba's 6.30 pm Bill Browne - **Vigil Mass**

Sunday 19th February

St Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Brian Gannon
St Columba's 11.00a.m. The Parish

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.

DECEASED: Please remember in your prayers Margaret Parry, who died recently, and also her family. Margaret was an active member of the parish and for many years was responsible for the flower arrangements at St Theresa's. The Requiem Mass is at St Theresa's on Tuesday 21st February at 1.15pm. May she rest in peace.

BISHOP'S VISITATION TO ST THERESA'S:

To be held on **Sunday 26th February.**

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.

OFFERTORY:

St. Columba's: Loose Plate £453.58; Planned Giving £471.26; Average Weekly STOs £720.00, Candles: £41.46

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

ST. COLUMBA'S ANNIVERSARIES:

Bernard Nicholas, Francis James Watts, Hilda Heveran, Joyce Wynne, Sydney Joseph Merchant (B.E.M.), Susan McGann, Margaret Finnigan, Bridget Mary McManus, Lilian May Adams, Marlene Rose Tyrrell, Bernard Leigh, William Constantine Browne, John Cummings, Owen Foulkes, James Marron, John Joseph O'Boyle, Margaret Turner, Harold Joseph Phelan, Major John Edward Jones, Eileen Harrison, Emily Marian (Marie) Leonard, John McHugh, June Adrienne Angela Garnett, Adriano Semenzato, Llewellyn Eaton, Wilfred Lee, Anna Spiten, Sheila Kilcoyne, Frances Connolly, Gwilym Griffiths, Eric Shanley

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, Daphne Maloney, Elizabeth Hodges, Thomas Donald Comyn, George Edward Mayers, Margaret Mary Jones, Elizabeth Sarah Eyton, Francis George Whitmee, Patricia Ann Villanti, Mary Smith, Maureen Anne Taylor, Gerald Vincent Barlow, Joseph, Molly Phillips, Maria Alba Ortelli

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

- We Pray for the residents of Gayton Close, Denhall Close and Moorhouse Close;
- For the Scouts, Venture Scouts, Cub Scouts and Beavers;
- For the Ranger Guides, Guides, Brownies, Rainbows, Boys' Brigade and Girls' Brigade.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE:

St. Columba's:

12 th Feb	CWL	CWL
19 th Feb	Chris & Liz Nichols	Tombola
26 th Feb	Third World	Themselves

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.

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

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

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

The next meeting will be held on Monday 13 February at St Francis Church Hall, following midday Mass. Fr Mark Connolly from the Spiritans will be giving an informal talk after the meeting.

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 Vaugh-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.

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

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.

QUIZ NIGHT:

There will be a quiz night at 7.30pm on Friday 10th March in St Columba's Church Hall. Tickets £2, all proceeds to the Hospice of the Good Shepherd. Please come along

"ACTS" DAY OF REFLECTION, SAT 11th MARCH:

"A Recovery of Mercy: the radical experience of Grace through all our addictions" is the theme for the next Day of Reflection for 'ACTS' ('Adult Catholics Together Spiritually'). If you are aged between 18 - 35 then you are more than welcome to join us when we will be led by Damien Prescott, the Director of 'Olive Branch Recovery Communities'. Approximately 9.30am - 5pm (exact times to be confirmed nearer the time), taking place at Wistaston Hall, Crewe CW2 8JS. Payment will be by anonymous donation (suggested cost £20 & £15 for unemployed/student). If you would like to join us or wish to know more please contact Siobhan at siobhanbc@talktalk.net tel: 0161 477 2783 / 07761 138947. Wistaston Hall is accessible by public transport but please contact Siobhan to discuss the possibility of getting a lift if you need one.

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; 'Cabeen' 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.

FR. COOKE'S BOOKS:

When Fr Cooke retired he left behind a number of books. The catalogue and a wish list for parishioners remains on the table in the rear porch, that closest to the Hall. 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.

ST COLUMBA'S CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

This takes place during 11 o'clock mass for primary school children, older children who'd like to help, and pre-school children with a parent or guardian. Any parishioner who'd like to take a turn with helping with the children's liturgy every 6 weeks would be most welcome and should contact Catherine on 07462 780 302 or catherine.green@care4free.net

DUKE OF EDINBURGH VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY:

If you would like to help with Children's Liturgy for the volunteering part of your Bronze Silver or Gold award, please contact Catherine on catherine.green@care4free.net or 01244 383866 to discuss the options.

FACILITIES AT ST. THERESA'S:

- **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.

MUSICAL EVENING ON 3rd FEBRUARY:

Thank you to all who supported this event – performers, caterers and those who came. The evening proved to be a great success AND £275 was raised for The Hospice of the Good Shepherd.

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.

RED MISSION BOXES - St. Columba's :

Could those parishioners holding Red Mission Boxes please leave them in the Sacristy for Marg Curtis. Once the money is counted, the boxes can be collected from the table in the rear porch. Any enquiries please contact Marg Curtis 318424. Thank you for your continued support.

CLEANERS' ROTA A (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:

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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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