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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 12th MARCH 2017

Saturday 11th March

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

Sunday 12th March

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

Monday 13th March

St. Theresa's 9.00 a.m. Private Intention
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Orlando Santon

Tuesday 14th March

St Columba's 9.15 a.m. Fr. Bernard Wilkinson
St. Theresa's 6.30 pm The Faithful Departed

Wednesday 15th March

St Columba's 9.15 a.m. Patrick & Eileen O'Driscoll
St. Theresa's 2.15 p.m. **Requiem Ethel Thompson**
7.00 p.m. Priest's Intention, followed
by Stations of the Cross

Thursday 16th March

St. Theresa's 9.00 a.m. The Faithful Departed
1.15 p.m. **Funeral Service for
Kathleen Theresa Broster**
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Margery Whatmough RIP
REQUIEM 2.00 p.m. Albert Ronald Williams

Friday 17th March St. Patrick, Patron of Ireland

St Theresa's 8-8.55a.m. Expos. Of the Blessed
Sacrament
9.00 a.m. Private Intention EML
St. Columba's 7.00p.m. Colin Smith followed by
Stations of the Cross (Justice & Peace)

Saturday 18th March

St. Theresa's 10.00a.m. Parishioners' Intention
St Columba's 6.30 pm Annie Roberts - **Vigil**

Sunday 19th March

St Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Thanksgiving
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 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.

LATELY DEAD:

Please pray for the families and friends of those who have died recently: Kathleen Theresa Broster, Ethel (Etty) Elizabeth Thompson, Garrett Nelson, and Albert Ronald Williams.

Ethel Thompson's Requiem Mass is on Wednesday 15th March at 2.15pm at St Theresa's.

Kathleen Broster's funeral is on Thursday 16th March at 1.15 at St Theresa's,

Albert Ronald Williams' Requiem Mass is on Thursday 16th March at 2.00pm at St. Columba's, and

Garrett Nelson's Requiem Mass is on Monday 20th March at 2pm at St Theresa's.

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.

- A very warm welcome to Joshua Moloney who was baptised last week. We welcome Joshua and his family to our parish and send our warmest congratulations. Please keep them in your prayers.
- Many congratulations to the Roberts family today as baby Finley Oliver is baptised. We hope the family have a great celebration and will keep them in our prayers.

ST COLUMBA'S ANNIVERSARIES:

Daniel John Darcy, Dorothy Sybil Jefferies, Pauline O'Connor, Martin McKenna (Snr), Annie Elizabeth Bowler, Edward Sweeney, John Weaver, Margaret Sutcliffe, Donat O'Loughlin, Michael O'Leary, Tom Boulton, John Kavanagh, Mary Swift, Robert Ferguson, Frank Kirwan, Norman Ible, Ena Stinson, Maria Evans, Sr. Francis Reidy, Anna (Anne) Maria Reid, Mary Winifred Tallon, John Gerraghty, Melvyn Alan Paterson, Mary Christopherson, Francis (Frank) Leslie Garside, Delia Mangan, James Michael Boyle, Margaret Gibbons, Bernadette Manifold, James Ryan, Ellen Raynor, Helen Shaw, Vincent Williams, Pauline Ashmore.

ST THERESA'S ANNIVERSARIES:

Mary Fennell, Patricia Sheridan, Michael Cooney, Helen Wickes, Matilda Joyce, Thomas Dwerryhouse, Raymond Thompson, Kathleen Merritt, Leslie Fletcher, Lilian Williams, John Tully, Michael Healy, Geraldine Hopley, Geogina Schofield, Mary Rice, Mary Ward, Robert Balloch, Ronald Garside, Penelope Pendleton, Walter Hodge, Bernadette Manifold, Lesley Dwerryhouse, Liam Ryan.

OFFERTORY:

St Columba's: Loose Plate: £452.62; Planned Giving £428.74; Average Weekly Standing Orders £720.00; Candles: £58.74.

St Theresa's: £296.97 plus average weekly standing orders of £130.

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.

LENT FAST DAY:

Please return the Fast Day envelopes in the normal offertory baskets this weekend or next. Many thanks for your support.

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

TO CALVARY WITH MATTHEW:

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

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray:

- For the residents of Kingsway West, Rutland Place and Kendal Close.
- For the Growth Groups, Bible Study Groups and nurturing Groups.
- For a deepening of faith and awareness of Christ in us all.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

12th Mar	Heather Lannin	Sierra Leone
19th Mar	Alison & Paul Wrigglesworth	Tombola
26th March	Ruth @ Jacquie	BUZZ Group

Tea, coffee and juice are available in the hall. All are welcome.

The 2017 coffee rota is 'pinned up' 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 318424.

St Theresa's:

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

DIOCESAN AND PARISH 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.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT:

Fairtrade goods will be on sale at St. Theresa's and St. Columba's after the Masses this Sunday.

THANK YOU:

Many thanks to everyone who attended Margaret Parry's funeral recently, nearly £200.00 was collected for the Alzheimer's Society.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

The family Bingo night advertised in last two week's newsletter has been postponed until after Easter. For more information on this and the functions below please keep an eye on the newsletter and notice boards.

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.

Friday 21st April Dinner For Syria (St Columba's Church Hall) ticket prices will be £5 please lookout for more information in the newsletters and on the notice boards.

Sunday 14th May Spring Fayre (St Theresa's Parish Centre after 09:30 Mass)

Sunday 11th June Annual BBQ to celebrate the Anniversary of St Columba

FOOTSTEPS TO THE CROSS, FRIDAY 24th MARCH, 7.30 PM ST COLUMBA'S:

This will be led by the youth of our parish and will focus on Jesus' journey with his cross and the people he met. Although led by our young parishioners the service is for all ages. Please come along and support our young people. If you are high school age and would like to read at this service please phone Denise Lusk on 379742.

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.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN UPTON LENTEN LUNCH:

CTU are holding a Lenten Friendship Lunch on Thursday, 16th March at Upton URC church, Heath Road, from 12noon to 1pm. This should be very enjoyable and everyone will be made most welcome. (Donations to Hospice of the Good Shepherd)

CLEANERS' ROTA B (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 & enquiries please contact Sue Carr on 07553 114531 or email columbshallbookings@gmail.com

NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Bernard Payne, 01244 350323, e-mail: bernard.payne691@btinternet.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

GIFT AID ORGANISER:

The current Gift Aid Organiser for St Columba's wishes to "retire" in the not too distant future after almost ten years in the role. A volunteer is sought to take over this important job. Full training will be given along with the opportunity to shadow the current holder before taking over fully. If you are interested or would like to find out more about what is involved please contact Fr. Jonathan or David Savage (380626).

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).

FR COOKE'S BOOKS:

For those of you who have requested books, they will be available for you to collect in the Hall after 11.00 a.m. Mass today. Any problems please contact David Savage 380626.

BLACON UNITED CHURCHES:

United service at 3.00 p.m. Sunday 12th March at Holy Trinity Church, Blacon.

THIRD WORLD GROUP:

Thank you for all who supported our recent Coffee Morning - £190.00 was raised from cake sales and donations.

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.

LENTEN THOUGHT:

In the market in Juba, South Sudan, people can buy half a tomato for ½p because they can't afford to buy a whole one.

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 The next rota will start in October so you are welcome to come and see what happens now and again before then.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD 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 see how you could help

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

The next meeting is on Monday 13 March at St Francis Church, after midday Mass. If members would like to bring a childhood photo of themselves and share a short childhood story it would be appreciated
Also cakes will be on sale at St Theresa's after the 9.30 am Mass on Sunday 19 March.

NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH 10-18th MARCH:

The National Novena to St. Joseph will take place from 10 - 18 March 2017 at St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead and at Herbert House, Freshfield, Liverpool.

Each year the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St. Joseph, their patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society and the missionary outreach of the Church, as well as for the intentions of all those who support their work. You are invited to send in your petitions and/or to request a Novena booklet to enable you to join in from home by praying the daily Novena prayer. Please write to Fr. Liam Cummins MHM, St. Joseph's Missionary Society, 58 Cookham Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7HT or email novena@millhillmissionaries.com

There is a poster and more information about the Novena on the notice board in the front porch of the Church.