

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.

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY, 15TH JANUARY 2017

Saturday 14th January

St. Theresa's 10.00 a.m. No Service
St. Columba's 6.30 p.m. John & Kath Edwards- **Vigil Mass**

Sunday 15th January

St. Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Pellegrini & Depono Family
St. Columba's 11.00 a.m. Frank Jeffes A

Monday 16th January

St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Stephen Jones RIP
St. Theresa's 9.00 a.m. No Service

Tuesday 17th January

St Columba's 9.15 a.m. Clare Bailey RIP
St. Theresa's 12 noon **REQUIEM FOR DYLAN BROWN**

Wednesday 18th January

St Columba's 9.15 a.m. Muriel Hargens A
St Theresa's 7.00 p.m. No Service

Thursday 19th January

St Theresa's 9.00 a.m. No Service
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Denis & Patrick O'Donovan

Friday 20th January

St Theresa's No Service
St Columba's 7.00p.m. The Duggan Family

Saturday 21st January

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

Sunday 22nd January

St Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Angela Sturgeon RIP
St Columba's 11.00a.m. Terry & Margery Whatmough

LATELY DEAD:

Please pray for the family and friends of the following who died recently:

Dylan Brown whose Requiem Mass will be at St Theresa's on 17th January at 12 noon.

Mary Dee whose Requiem Mass will be at St Theresa's on 23rd January at 10.00a.m.

May they rest in peace

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: No confessions at this time.

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 £408.59; Planned Giving £395.20; Average Weekly STOs £720.00.

Donations: Crib: £67.20 Candles: £18.59

St. Theresa's: £252.61 plus average weekly STOs £130.

ST. COLUMBA'S ANNIVERSARIES:

Mary Regan, William Walker, Joan Ann Roberts, Samuel Grouke, Victoria Nisperos Scott, Samantha Edwards, Eric Boardman, Gillian Pendleton, Dora Bowen, William John (Jack) Barlow, Dorothy Boulton, Rowena Thompson, Angela Finan, Mary Anne Corner, Eliza Dean, John Rooney, Joan Mary Connolly, Kenneth Liversage, Helen Wilson, Rosemary Larsen, Jack Cunniff, John Abbott, Veronica Martell, Edith Watkins, Ann Mahoney, John Joseph McLoughlin, Ian William Mylchreest, Bryan Burden, Maurice King, Reg Wells, Annie O'Loughlin, Margaret Holding, Eileen Coombes, Jason Monet, Siobhan McKenna, Raymond James Storton, , Elsie Rowlands, William Woods, Mgr. George Roger Leonard, Joan Connolly, Nora Margaret Connolly, David Noel Beckett, Bridget O'Malley, William Hope, Mary (Molly) Tallon, Monica Tweedle, Olivia Trotter, Tony Comerford, Richard Monet, James Kilcoyne, Florence Donnolly, Dorothy Tallon, Reginald Walpole, Anne Cunniff, Ivy Katherine Vickery.

ST. THERESA'S ANNIVERSARIES:

Marshall Howard Evans, Martin Patrick Honan, Mary Veronica Feeny, Shirley Ross, Elsie Elizabeth Edwards, Margaret Mary Heard, William Mernock, Robert William Hocking, James Halligan, Ivy Rose Fry, Frederick Arnold Basnett, Patricia Agnes Gaulton, Eryl McAlea, Stanley Edward Taylor, Maurice Maloney, Eric Samuel Rogers, Eugene O'Toole and Denis Ivers.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS:

If anyone who has received their First Holy Communion is interested in becoming an altar server, please contact Richard Curtis on rich.curtis89@yahoo.co.uk

WALSINGHAM RETREAT 24-27TH APRIL 2017:

Cost of the retreat is £225pp and a deposit of £30 is required. Cheques should be made to J.Doherty, can be given to Carol Galvin or Sue Carr at St Columba's or to Gerry at St Theresa's

BISHOP'S VISITATION TO ST COLUMBA'S:

On the weekend of 14/15th January, we welcome Bishop Mark on his official visitation of the Parish. The practice of Bishop's Visitation dates from the early church. The purpose is to encourage the clergy and people in their Christian life and witness. It also reminds us that our Parish belongs to the local Church of the Diocese of Shrewsbury and the universal Catholic Church throughout the World.

BISHOP'S VISITATION TO ST THERESA'S:

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

FIRST FORGIVENESS MEETING:

A reminder that the Parents' Meeting to discuss this sacrament will take place tomorrow, **Monday 16th January** at 7.00 p.m. in St. Werburgh's and St. Columba's School. The First Forgiveness Celebration for the children will be on **Saturday 28th January** at 10.00 a.m. here at St. Columba's church.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

- Pray for the residents of Newton Lane, Appleton Road and Handforth Road.
- For the Archive Group, Social Committees and fundraising groups.
- For the fellowship and sharing at social groups.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE:

15th Jan Any Volunteers?

22nd Jan Annette Albuquerque NEONATAL

29th Jan 21st Guides Themselves

Tea, coffee and juice 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 318424.

St Theresa's:

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

FLAME III: 10,000 REASONS:

Bishop Mark invites young people from the Diocese to join him at *Flame 3:10,000 Reasons* in Wembley on **Saturday 11th March 2017**. This huge national youth event is organised by the Catholic Youth Ministry Federation. It builds on the success of Flame and Flame II. The Diocesan Commission for the New Evangelisation of Youth will be block booking tickets and organising transport. For more details see: <http://cymfed.org.uk/flame2017/> - please don't book directly. See posters in the porches and the parish website. Details from Helen Jones at the Curial Offices, 0151 652 9855.

A YEAR FOR MISSION, 2017:

The series of four Reflections continues this week, with a talk by Fr. Jonathan, "*Thy Kingdom Come*" - an exploration of the link between the Church and the coming of the Father's Kingdom. This will be on **Wednesday 18th January**, 7-9 p.m. at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Centre, Ellesmere Port CH65 8BY. The remaining talks will be at the same venue on 25th January and 1st March. See posters.

PEACE SUNDAY:

This Sunday, 15th January, is designated as Peace Sunday with the Pope's message "Nonviolence: a style of politics for peace". Please pray for peace in our very troubled world.

HALL REFURBISHMENT

Our four local councillors were very helpful to us in supporting our recent successful bid to WREN for a grant of £50,000. They encouraged and advised us and contributed an additional £3,500 towards the refurbishment. We have invited them to join parishioners for coffee after Mass on **Sunday 22nd January** so we can thank them personally and they can admire the refurbished Hall.

Pauline Rourke: Hall Management Committee

SVP:

SVP meetings resumed on 10th Jan at 7:00pm in the Iona chapel of St. Columba's and will continue there every Tuesday in January. As we are still in the process of recruiting members, all are welcome to attend. Anyone interested please contact Mark Traynor. marktraynor96@gmail.com tel. 07752 317772.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN UPTON - SONGS OF PRAISE:

The Fifth Sunday service to be held on **29th January 2017**, will take the form of a "Songs of Praise". It will be held at Upton United Reform Church at 6.30pm. This is a great opportunity for parishioners to come together to sing a variety of hymns and there will be a chance to socialise afterwards, when refreshments will be served.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

Important date for your diaries - **Friday 3rd February** from 7.30pm to 10.30pm in St Theresa's Social Centre - "A Musical Evening" featuring homegrown talent!!! More details to follow.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION:

Bingo Night - A Bingo Night will be held on **Friday 3rd February** between 7 and 9 pm at the Catholic High School. A bar and tuck shop will be open. All welcome.

SPIRITANS:

A domestic assistant is required to work from mid-afternoon to early evening, Monday to Friday, for a retirement community of missionary priests in Chester. For more details, please contact Fr. Mark Connolly (07796 386924). Applications to be in by 31st January.

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 Eileen Irwin Tel: 01244 371660

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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.

Website: www.stcolumbachester.org.uk

VACANCIES AT THE FIRS SCHOOL:

The Firs School (Newton Lane) are looking for a **Lunchtime Assistant** working in the dining hall and playground. Previous experience working with children is desirable. 11.40 a.m.-1.30 p.m. Mon-Fri during term time. They are also looking for a **School Cleaner**. 5.00 p.m.-6.30 p.m. Mon-Fri during term with a small amount of work in the school holidays. If you are interested in either job please contact admin@firsschool.org or phone [01244 322443](tel:01244322443) for pay details, an application form and job description.