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

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 17th JULY 2016.

Saturday 16th July (Sunday Vigil Mass)

St Theresa's 6.30p.m. Mae Dunne's Intentions
St Columba's 7.15p.m. The Parish

Sunday 17th July

St. Columba's 9.15a.m. Bibby Quinn
St. Theresa's 10.00a.m. Parishioners' Intentions
St. Columba's 11.00a.m. Frederick Hodson

Monday 18th July

St. Theresa's 9.00a.m. Eileen Jones
St. Columba's 9.15a.m. Rita and Mick Brophy

Tuesday 19th July

St Columba's 9.15a.m. Eileen Jones
St. Theresa's 6.30p.m. P. Intention/John Plessington

Wednesday 20th July

St Columba's 9.15a.m. Edwin Koenig
St Theresa's 7.00p.m. Priest's Intention

Thursday 21st July

St Theresa's 9.00a.m. Intentions of all at St. Theresa's
School – End of Year Mass
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Petrina Higgins

Friday 22nd July

St Theresa's 8-8.55am Expos. of the Blessed
Sacrament
St. Theresa's 9.00am Private Intention/St. Mary
Magdalene
St Columba's 7.00pm Tim Arbuckle

Saturday 23rd July (Sunday Vigil Mass)

St Theresa's 6.30pm Tania Shanklands Intentions.
St. Bridget; Day of Special
Prayer for Europe
St Columba's 7.15pm Audrey Bracken

Sunday 24th July

St Columba's 9.15a.m. The Parish
St Theresa's 10.00a.m. Parishioners' Intentions
St Columba's 11.00a.m. The Catenians

CENSUS SUNDAY:

Today is Census Sunday, when you will be asked to complete a Census Form during Mass.

COACH TRIP TO WORCESTER FRIDAY 22ND JULY:

Those going on the trip please remember the coach will leave St Columba's car park at 09:00 on Friday 22nd July.

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 at 9.15 a.m.

CONFESSIONS:

St. Columba's: Each Saturday morning between 10.a.m.-10.30 a.m. and in the evening 6.45 p.m. - 7.10 p.m. (before Saturday Vigil Mass).
St. Theresa's: from 5.55 p.m. to 6.25 p.m. on a Saturday evening and after every weekday Mass.

BAPTISMS:

St. Columba's: By appointment. After speaking to Fr. Jonathan to arrange a date, please contact Claire O'Donnell 07743704383 (text or 'phone').
St. Theresa's: To arrange a Baptism please contact Fr. Isadore.

OFFERTORY:

St Columba's: Loose Plate £506.08, Planned Giving £422.24, Average Weekly Standing Orders £720.00, Candles £46.16.
St Theresa's: £375.12, plus Average weekly standing orders £136

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE:

St. Columba's:

17th July CWL CWL
24th July Sewing Group Parish

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 10am Mass. All are very welcome.

MUSIC AT 11.00 MASS (St Columba's):

The Music Group will start their summer break from this weekend, and Rob from next Sunday. We will return in September. We thank all the players and singers for the part they play in leading the music in the liturgy. Our special thanks go to Ellie and Francesca for sharing their flute playing talents with us over the years, and our best wishes go to them as they move on to university life.

OFFICE VOLUNTEER NEEDED:

Would you like to be part of a **friendly team**, working together in the CAFOD Shrewsbury Volunteer Centre? We are looking for someone to carry out a variety of admin tasks working alongside other volunteers and staff. If you are competent on the computer, love working on databases (!) and have at least 3 hours a week to spare, please contact Bridget Fenwick on bfenwick@cafod.org.uk or on 07920 232936. The CAFOD office is in Chester, adjacent to St. Clare's Church.

READERS ROTA (St Theresa's):

There are copies of the new rota available in the sacristy

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of The Croft, Kirby Close and Ambleside.
- For all who are baptised in our churches and their families and for the support given to them.
- For all who help or attend our crèches.

“SHREWSBURY VOICE”:

Copies of the Summer 2016 issue of the Diocesan magazine are now available, price £1. Articles include one on the topic *Our Mission Together* – the subject of Bishop Mark’s letter to St. Columba parishioners last weekend. Copies of that letter are still available in the church porches. Look out for further information on the nature of the project and taking it forward.

NEW PARISHIONERS (St Theresa’s):

If you are new to St. Theresa’s would you please take a form from the back of church, complete and return it to the sacristy. Thanks.

PRAYER BOARD (St. Theresa’s):

Please write any intentions you have in the book at the front of the church. Thank you.

WANTED (St Theresa’s):

Many thanks to the two ladies who have volunteered to wash altar linen, and a huge thank you to the previous “launders”.

SONGS OF PRAISE:

Many thanks to those who went along to this yesterday.

CLEANERS’ ROTA A (St Theresa’s)

APF - RED BOXES (St Theresa’s):

Please leave your boxes in the sacristy to be emptied.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS & READERS (St Theresa’s):

As the Mass times are changing in September we need to know, if possible, which Mass you will be attending. Please put your name on the list at the back of church in order that the new rotas can be made out. Also there are still a few certificates for those who attended the Training Day at Ellesmere Port Catholic High School. If you attended this but haven’t received a certificate, please put your name on the list and we will contact the Diocesan office.

WORLD YOUTH DAY KRAKOW 2016:

Fr. Jonathan writes: Next week I will be travelling to Poland to participate in the 2016 International World Youth Day. World Youth Day was started by St John Paul II because he wanted to gather the Catholic youth of the world to pray and to celebrate their faith and to encourage one another in their Christian witness and discipleship. Pope Benedict and Pope Francis have continued this tradition. This will be the fourth World Youth Day that I have participated in, although according to the Vatican, I am no longer classed as a youth (the cut off age is 35). I am, however, delighted that Jake Maguire from St Theresa’s Parish will be part of the Shrewsbury Diocese contingent taking part in this event. For me the most important aspect of World Youth Day for the young people of our Diocese is that they get to see that the rest of the world is not as secular as our own country and, while it might seem strange to be a Catholic in a western European culture, this is not the case in most of the world. It is wonderful for young people to experience the international and Catholic dimension of the faith, for them to realise that the family of the Church on earth is not such a little flock as it might seem here but numbers more than a billion people. This is a great encouragement. Please pray for me, for Jake and for the other young people that it will be a great experience that will bear fruit when we return home.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY:

Children have their own Liturgy during the Liturgy of the Word at the 10.00am Mass on a Sunday (St. Theresa’s) and 11.00am (St. Columba’s). This Sunday is the last occasion before the summer break at St. Columba’s, next Sunday 24th July at St. Theresa’s. We thank the children and their helpers for everything they do. Children’s Liturgy will start again in early September – further details will be included in the Newsletter nearer the time.

ST. COLUMBA’S PASTORAL COUNCIL:

The Pastoral Council met recently and the minutes are displayed on the Notice Board. Please take the time to read them. The Council needs new blood, if you are interested please contact the Chairman Paul Wrigglesworth.

UPTON CHURCHES TOGETHER:

We have an initiative to extend the current practice of praying for the residents of particular roads by encouraging individual prayer requests. Requests can be made by writing on a piece of paper and posting it to Prayer Meeting, Upton United Reformed Church, Heath Road, Chester, or by e-mail to info@uptonurc.org.uk

Churches Together in Upton also hold a coffee morning each Monday at the Pavilion, Wealstone Lane, (next to the Library) from 10 am to 12 noon. This is an ideal opportunity to meet and make friends in a relaxed welcoming atmosphere. If anyone is interested in helping out, please come along on a Monday to find out more.

5TH SUNDAY SERVICE:

When there are 5 Sundays in a month, Churches Together in Upton take turns to host a 5th Sunday Service.

On Sunday, 31st July, a short service will be held at Holy Ascension church in Upton starting at 6.30p.m.

These services are a great opportunity for the Upton churches to come together in a spirit of Christian fellowship and an open invitation is extended to all interested parishioners.

MUSICATHON AT HOLY ASCENSION CHURCH:

We are holding a 12 hour Musicathon at Holy Ascension Church, Upton, on **23th July** for the Erin Cross Appeal. From 8a.m. to 8p.m. there will be soloists and groups singing or playing instruments. At midday, our church choir will sing some anthems and this will be followed by some hymn singing – where visitors can request their favourite hymns in return for a donation to the fund.

If any parishioners who would like to sing or play an instrument at this event, please contact at this email address clare.newbould@btinternet.com

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 Brian Webster: 01244 851026, email: brianrobert@joycewebster.freeserve.co.uk
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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