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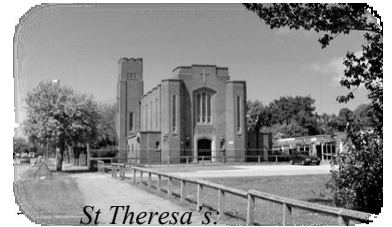
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- ❖ Parish Safeguarding Representative: Claire Graham. Tel 01244 341287 or 0788 055 3830.

24th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME 17th SEPTEMBER 2017

Saturday 16th September – Ss Cornelius, PM & Cyprian BM

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

Sunday 17th September

St. Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Kay & Graham George's Int.
St. Columba's 11.00 a.m. Joseph Marsden

Monday 18th September

St. Theresa's 9.00 a.m. Joan Woods RIP
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Julie Briody RIP

Tuesday 19th September

St Columba's 9.15 a.m. Mulhearn Family
St. Theresa's 6.30 p.m. Priest's Intention

Wednesday 20th September – Ss Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang & Companions, Mm

St Columba's 9.15 a.m. Michael O'Sullivan RIP
St Theresa's **11.15 a.m. Funeral Service for
Jessie Teresa Andrews**
St Theresa's 7.00 p.m. The Faithful Departed

Thursday 21st September – St Matthew, Ap, Ev

St Theresa's 9.00 a.m. Special Intention
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Sheila O'Donovan

Friday 22nd September

St Theresa's 8-8.55a.m. Expos. Of the Blessed Sacrament
9.00 a.m. Charles Woods RIP
St Columba's 7.00p.m. Terry Whatmough

Saturday 23rd September – St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

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

Sunday 24th September

St. Theresa's 9.30 a.m. James Casey RIP
St. Columba's 11.00 a.m. The Murphy Family

EXPOSITION & MORNING PRAYER - ST. COLUMBA:

Exposition before the Blessed Sacrament takes place from 8.10 a.m., followed by Morning Prayer, at 9.00 a.m., Monday to Thursday, except Wednesday 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.

HOME MISSION SUNDAY:

There will be a retiring collection this weekend for the National Day of Prayer for Home Missions.

CONFESSION:

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: Confessions are heard 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 Mike Maxwell 07851 720217 (text or phone).

We welcome into God's family, Skye Everley Szuszkiewicz, Enya Josephine Randles and Connor Jack Bennett, baptised at St Theresa's recently. May God bless them and their families.

OFFERTORY:

St. Columba's: Loose Plate £476.69, Planned Giving: £426.40, Average Weekly Standing Orders: £735.00, Candles: £41.42, Sunday Coffee £36.18.

St. Theresa's: £254.73 plus Average Weekly Standing Orders £100.

LATELY DEAD:

Please remember in your prayers, Jessie Teresa Andrews, who died recently, and also her family. The funeral service is on **Wednesday 20th September** at 11.15am at St. Theresa's. May she rest in peace.

ST. COLUMBA'S ANNIVERSARIES:

Sydney Bronley, Keith Wallis, Kevin Kavanagh, Wallawa Jalzabek, John Collins, Phyllis Mary Galvin, Peter McLean, John McLoughlin, Amelia Puzzuto, Joseph Jones, Catherine (Kitty) Kane, Thomas Anthony Chambers, Murial Williams, Eileen Letitia Jones, Arthur Newton, John McCabe, Ann Kettlewell, Frank Smith, Thomas McLoughlin, Charles McDonnell, Carrie Wells, Kathleen Green, Jane Anne Sherwood, Kathleen Lockhart, Jane Ann (Ann) Melia, Mary Elizabeth Pendlebury, James Gregory Murphy, Sinead Osborne, Anne Veronica Kirby, Terence James Whatmough, Cyril Diego DeSouza, Mary-Catherine Moya Rosa Carney, Elizabeth Conlon, James Watts, Mark Anthony Colegate, Canon Francis Murphy, Michael Paul Smith

ST. THERESA'S ANNIVERSARIES:

Richard Edwin Jones, Joan Margaret Mary Wood, Paul Kavanagh, William Anthony Kirkham, Magdalene Pleavin, Christopher Paddock, Brian Henry Woodstream, Dorothy (Dolly) Edge, Mary McNicholls.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE:

St. Columba's:

17th Sept Sue Carr

Third World

24th Sept

HARVEST FESTIVAL

1st Oct MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING – cake

donations would be gratefully received

Tea, coffee and juice are available in the hall after the 11am Mass. All are welcome.

St Theresa's:

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

UPTON & BLACON CHURCHES TOGETHER:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of St. Christopher's Close, Dale Drive, Heath Road, Harthill Road, The Parade, Tomlin's Terrace and Carlisle Road;
- The Treasurers, Finance Organisers and the Gift Aid Recorders;
- Those looking after the financial affairs of our Churches.

MUSIC GROUP AT 11.00 a.m. MASS:

The Music Group restarts **this Sunday**. To keep the Group going we need more members, especially players. Do you play the flute, clarinet, recorder or guitar? Or do you enjoy singing? Please consider helping us to lead the singing at 11.00 a.m. Mass on alternate Sundays. Your only commitment is to come to the practice at 10.30 a.m. before Mass. Please come along, or phone Pauline Payne, 01244 350323.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES:

These classes are held in St. Columba's Church Hall on Wednesday evenings in term time from 5pm to 6pm. They are for children who come to either St. Columba's or St. Theresa's churches but do not attend one of the Roman Catholic Primary Schools. The preparation for First Sacraments starts when the children are in Year 2 at school (age 6 in September). The start date this term is **Wednesday 20th September**.

Please ring Pauline Payne on 01244 350323 or email pauline.payne4@btinternet.com to enrol or for more information.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING MASS (ST COLUMBA'S):

We will have our Harvest Thanksgiving Mass at 11.00 a.m. **next Sunday 24th September**. As we give thanks for our own harvest, we will be thinking of people in developing countries whose harvests may have failed. We would therefore ask you to kindly take a CAFOD Harvest Fast Day envelope which will be available with Church Newsletters next weekend (30th Sept/ 1st Oct) in readiness for the **Harvest Fast Day on Friday 6th October**. The envelopes will be collected in the normal collection baskets at Masses on 7th/8th October.

- If you would like to bring your own harvest gifts on Sunday 24th we will have a table in the Hall after Mass for any produce, preserves or plants you may wish to bring for sale at the Harvest coffee morning, proceeds to CAFOD. If you would like to donate tins or packet food, please put them in the baskets placed in either porch in the church. These will go to the Foodbank collection. Thank you.

"SONGS OF PRAISE" SUNDAY 17th SEPT:

This is being held at 4.00pm in St. Thomas's Church, Parkgate Road, in support of Christian Aid. The organist will be Matt Baker and a homily will be given by Trevor Dennis, retired Vice-Dean of Chester Cathedral. Refreshments to follow, gifts of cakes welcome.

MASS WITH CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK- 1st October:

This Mass will be at St. Theresa's at 3.00pm followed by refreshments in the School Hall. All welcome.

Is any among you sick? Let him call for the presbyters of the Church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with the oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

ST THERESA'S FEAST DAY – 1st October:

We would be grateful for donations to buy roses to decorate the church on this special Feast Day. Please put donations in an envelope marked "St Theresa's Feast Day Flowers" and place in the offertory basket or roses can be left at St Theresa's presbytery on Friday 29th September. Thank you.

NEW YOUTH GROUP:

Our new St. Columba and St. Theresa youth group, for 10-14 year olds, will begin on **Monday 9th October**, from 7.15 to 9pm. The group will meet on the second Monday of each month. We will start in the Iona Chapel for a short faith-based activity and then move to the hall for games (group games/Wii games/football ...), craft, art, refreshments, general hanging out etc., ending with prayers. If your child would like to join please email Anthony Hunt on hunta@christofidelis.org.uk for more information, for the parental consent form, and so we have refreshment numbers.

RED MISSION BOXES:

St Columba's: Could those parishioners holding Red Mission Boxes please leave them in the sacristy for Marg Curtis (318424) to collect. You can collect your box again from the rear table in the church, thank you for your continuing support.

St Theresa's: Sean Baker will collect the Red Boxes for St. Theresa's from Sunday 17th September from the Sacristy. If people would like him to collect in person, please contact him on 07920174529.

SVP THANK YOU:

The SVP would like to say a big Thank You to all who enjoyed coffee, tea, cake, jam and marmalade at our recent Sunday morning coffee. We raised £82 which is marvellous. The money raised will go to support our work in our own Parish. It will also help us support initiatives in the wider area of Chester including the homeless centre. We are also committed to international projects through our "Twinning Scheme". We will explain more about this in the coming months.

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:

This will be compiled by Rebecca Vaughan, 01244 350323 e-mail: rebecca_vaughan@yahoo.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.

Website: www.stcolumbachester.org.uk

RECRUITMENT OF CATHOLIC TEACHERS:

Are you a Catholic teacher not teaching in a Catholic School? The Diocese is keen to recruit more Catholic teachers to its schools and is holding an informal session for those who may be interested in transition into the Catholic sector. This will be on **Monday 2nd October** at Ellesmere Port Catholic High School, Capenhurst Lane, Ellesmere Port, CH65 7AQ from 6.00 – 7.30 p.m. Further information from Sue Jenkinson, sue.jenkinson@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

EDUCATION VACANCIES:

- Diocesan Deputy Director of Education (closing date 22nd Sept)
- Deputy Head, Our Lady and St. Edward's Primary, Birkenhead (25th Sept)
- Head, Our Lady of Lourdes Primary, Partington (29th Sept)
- Deputy Head, Holy Cross Primary, Birkenhead (29th Sept)
- Deputy Head, St Mary of the Angels Primary, Ellesmere Port (2nd Oct)

For full details go to www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/vacancies

CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES (CCRS):

We would very much like to encourage uptake of the course leading to the Catholic Certificate of Religious Studies (CCRS). For more information about the course visit www.brs-ccrs.org.uk or contact rowena.nield@sky.com

CATECHETICAL FORMATION:

A National Eucharistic Congress will be held in Liverpool in September 2018. As part of our preparation the theme for our next Catechists' Day is: "**The Eucharist: Food for our Joy**". We will ask how, as Catechists working with many different people, we can communicate this great truth of our faith. The Catechists' Day is on **Saturday 7th October**, 10:00-13:00 at Ellesmere Port Catholic High School, CH65 7AQ. It is open to all Catechists and to anyone interested in this question. Please see poster for details.

Enquiries: Barbara Davies 07730 526821

barbara.davies@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Registration: Helen Jones 0151 652 9855

helen.jones@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

FAMILY BEETLE DRIVE:

This year we will be holding the beetle drive at St. Theresa's parish centre, at 7pm on **Friday 6th October**. Please bring the family along to join in the fun. The bar will be open for people to buy drinks.

QUIZ NIGHT, FRIDAY 13th OCTOBER:

This is our annual Quiz Night, arranged in conjunction with Churches Together in Upton and held in St. Columba's Hall, starting at 7.30pm. Admission on the door £1, nibbles provided, teas and coffees served, but bring your own wine. The Quiz is arranged for teams of six - these can be pre-arranged or made up on the night, so if you are "unattached" do please come along. Not too serious, it is always a very enjoyable evening. Proceeds go to CAFOD and Christian Aid.

ADVANCE NOTICE – CATENIAN GALA CELEBRATION DINNER 10th NOVEMBER:

The Chester Catenian Circle are celebrating their 70th Anniversary with a Gala Celebration Dinner at The Crowne Plaza Hotel. Please make a note of the date, further information to follow.

BRIDGE:

City Bridge Club are looking for new members. They meet at Wesley Church Centre, St. John Street Chester every Friday from 12 noon. If you are a bridge player and are interested in coming along please call 01244 315193.

ALPINE WALK:

Maria Lane would like to thank all of the very kind parishioners for their donations for Macmillan Nurses after her Alpine Walk. £300 has been raised so far.

A JAM JAR THANK YOU!

Many thanks for all the lovely jam jars – I now have plenty. Now look out for lovely jam! Catherine.