

Catholic Churches of St Columba and St Theresa



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

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18th SEPTEMBER 2016

Saturday 17th September

St. Theresa's 10.00 am Joan Woods RIP
St Columba's 6.30 pm (Vigil Mass) Hugh Middleton

Sunday: 18th September **Home Mission Sunday**

St. Theresa's 9.30 am Peter Lane RIP
St. Columba's 11.00 am Peter Barry

Monday 19th September

St. Theresa's 9.00 am Rose Turnbull RIP
St. Columba's 9.15 am Kevin Mullhearn

Tuesday 20th September **St. Matthew**

St Columba's 11.00am **Requiem Mass for Ellen Lally**
St. Theresa's 6.30 pm Mark Palatino RIP

Wednesday 21st September

St Columba's 9.15am Terry Whatmough RIP
St Theresa's 7.00pm Private Intention

Thursday 22nd September

St Theresa's 9.00 am Priest's Intention
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Veronica Lee RIP

Friday 23rd September **St. Padre Pio**

St Theresa's 8-8.55am Expos. Of the Blessed Sacrament
9.00 am Joan & Charles Woods
St Columba's 7.00pm Rozanne Shields

Saturday 24th September **Our Lady of Walsingham**

St. Theresa's 10.00am The Faithful Departed
St Columba's 6.30 pm (Vigil Mass) Joan Jones

Sunday 25th September

St Theresa's 9.30 am Parishioners' Intentions
St Columba's 11.00am The Parish

ST. COLUMBA'S ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: 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, Elizabeth Conlon, James Watts, Mark Anthony Colegate, Canon Francis Murphy, Michael Paul Smith, Fr. John Lennon, and Francis Joseph Dean.

LATELY DEAD: Please pray for Ellen Lally who died recently; her Requiem Mass is next Tuesday at 11:00 am.

OFFERTORY:

St Columba's: Loose Plate £394.01, Planned Giving £400.33, Average Weekly Standing Orders £720.00, Candles £56.17.

St Theresa's: £295.20.

ST. THERESA'S ANNIVERSARIES:

Mary Buckoke, James Scanlan, Arthur Stunnell, Theresa Mortlock, Joseph Thompson, Bernard Jones, James Henneberry, Ian Murray, Lillian Flynn, Brian Jones, Maria Lovick, Paula Connolly, Rose Jones, Desmond Parry, Stephen Blundell, Patrick Hayes, Patricia Evans, Eric Hocking, Jeremiah Keating and Eric Melia.

MORNING PRAYER (St Columba's):

At 9.00 a.m. before the Blessed Sacrament in the Iona Chapel, Monday 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.

CONFESSION:

St. Columba's: From Saturday 10th September there will be no morning Confessions. Confessions will be heard between 6.00 p.m. and 6.25 p.m. before the Vigil Mass.

St. Theresa's: With no Saturday evening Mass, there will be no confessions on Saturday evenings. **Confessions will take place after every weekday Mass.**

BAPTISMS:

St. Columba's: By appointment. After speaking to Fr. Jonathan to fix a date, contact Claire O'Donnell 07743704383 (text or 'phone'.

St. Theresa's: To arrange a Baptism please contact Fr. Isadore..

DIOCESAN HISTORY DAY:

This annual event takes place this year here in St. Columba's Hall on **Saturday 24th September** 10.30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. £5 entry on the day. Part of the day will include a talk and exhibition on St. Werburgh's Great War research. The exhibition will remain for parishioners to view. The Hall will be open after Saturday evening Mass on the 24th, and again on Sunday morning 25th September.

MASS FOR SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

This will be at St Theresa's on Sunday, 2nd October at 2:00 p.m. If you know of anyone needing a lift, please put their name on the list at the back of the church. All are welcome.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES:

These are in the Church Hall on Wednesday evenings in term time and are for children who come to St Columba's church but don't attend St. Werburgh's & St. Columba's Primary School. The preparation programme for First Sacraments starts when children are in Year 2 at school (age 6 in September). Please ring Pauline Payne on 01244 350323 to enrol or for more information. The starting date is **Wednesday 21st September.**

CLEANERS' ROTA B (St. Theresa's)

HOME MISSION SUNDAY (St Theresa's):

Today, 18th September, is a Day of Special Prayer for Home Missions. Prayer Cards available at the back of the church.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE:

St. Columba's:

18th Sept Sewing Group Parish

25th Sept Harvest

2nd Oct McMillan Coffee Morning

Tea, coffee and juice will be served in the Iona Chapel on 18th Sept after the 11 o'clock 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.

"SONGS OF PRAISE" SUNDAY 25th SEPTEMBER:

We are invited this occasion in celebration of the work of Christian Aid, CAFOD and Tearfund, 4.00pm at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church, Parkgate Road. Homily by Canon Trevor Dennis, retired Vice-Dean of Chester Cathedral, organist Matt Baker. Refreshments to follow.

St Theresa's For further information, please see the poster at the back of church. All welcome.

FEAST OF ST THERESA:

Mass at 7.30pm on **Monday, 3 October** at St Theresa's followed by a shared table in the Parish Centre. Please put your name on the list at the back of church against the food you will bring. Wine will be provided.

BOOKING OF CHURCH/IONA CHAPEL:

Please can I remind everyone that should you need to book the Church or Iona Chapel for any reason, that you contact Carol Galvin, Church Office, in the first instance, as we are still getting double bookings. Many thanks.

"GETTING BENEATH THE SKIN OF THE GOSPELS":

A course of four talks on the Gospels, to be given by Trevor Dennis, retired Vice Dean, Chester cathedral. The talks, which are free, will be on **Thursdays 22 & 29 September and 6 & 13 October**, 7.30 p.m. at St. Mary's Hall Handbridge. For more details, see the posters in the porches or on our parish website.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- the residents of St Christopher's Close, Dale Drive and Heath Road.
- the Treasurers, Finance Organisers and Gift Aid Recorders
- all those responsible for the financial affairs of our churches

YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE:

Bishop Mark has encouraged as many parishes as possible to take part in a CAFOD initiative to welcome a Lampedusa Cross on its pilgrimage around the diocese. Sicilian carpenter, Francesco Tuccio, made wooden crosses from the wreckage of refugee boats which sank off the island of Lampedusa. His crosses were offered to survivors as a sign of hope. On **18th September**, the Cross will return to St Columba's for 11am Mass with an opportunity for quiet reflection after Mass. Please make every effort to participate in this unique opportunity.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING MASS (ST COLUMBA'S):

Next Sunday (25th Sept) we will have our Harvest Thanksgiving Mass at 11.00am. 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 (1st/2nd Oct) in readiness for the **Harvest Fast Day on Friday 7th October**. The envelopes will be collected in the normal collection baskets at Masses on 8th/9th October.

If you would like to bring your own harvest gifts on Sunday 25th we will have a table in the Hall (or back porch) after Mass for any produce, preserves or plants you may wish to bring for sale, proceeds to CAFOD. If you would like to donate tins or packet food, they will go to the Foodbank collection. Thank you.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION:

Year 7 Cheese and Wine Evening – All Year 7 parents and **their children** are invited to a Cheese & Wine Evening with a Family Quiz on **23rd of Sept.** at 7.30 pm in the School Hall. An evening to meet and socialise with other new parents. The event is free.

COMBINED PARISH BEETLE DRIVE:

The Parish of St Columba's and St Theresa's is holding a **family beetle drive on Friday, 30th Sept. in St. Columba's Hall starting at 7pm.** Come to this **joint venture** and join the fun, and meet new people; all ages welcome. Entrance £1 per person, tea, coffee and juice will be provided. If you would like something stronger please bring your own bottle, can etc. Anyone attending 7.00 pm Mass on this Friday is most welcome to join in with the fun after Mass.

PRAYER WALK (St Theresa's):

On **Saturday 24th September** starting at 10.30am from Mathew Henry Church, Blacon. All welcome.

DIOCESAN YOUTH EVENT, "BE APOSTLES OF MERCY":

This is an opportunity to celebrate being a young Catholic in the Year of Mercy. Open to all those in Year 10 and above, the event is being held on **Sunday 9th October** from 1.30 to 5.00 p.m. at Our Lady's Church in Ellesmere Port. The afternoon will include the celebration of Mass with Bishop Mark. Registration is essential, please email helen.jones@dioceseofshrewsbury.org or youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org and let us know you are coming! See poster on the parish website.

LOOKING @ MATTHEW:

This is an opportunity to find out more about the Gospel written by Saint Matthew, the Gospel for the new liturgical year. Father Michael Coughlan is leading these twilight sessions. Please see the poster for more details and for your nearest venue.

BADMINTON (St Columba's):

Wednesday morning and Thursday evening badminton resumes on 21st and 22nd Sept. Newcomers, ring 01244 383660.

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 Harry Sweeney, 01244 327462, e-mail: harrye_sweeney@hotmail.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.

