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

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 19TH FEBRUARY 2017

Saturday 18th February

St. Theresa's 10.00 am Parishioners' Intentions
St Columba's: 6.30 pm Bill Brown – **Vigil Mass**

Sunday 19th February

St Theresa's 9.30 am Brian Gannon RIP
St Columba's: 11.00am The Parish

Monday 20th February

St Theresa's 9.00 am The Faithful Departed
St Columba's 9.15 am Tom & Eileen Finnigan

Tuesday 21st February

St Columba's 9.15am Vera Kennedy Intention
St Theresa's 1.15 pm **Requiem Margaret Parry**

Wednesday 22nd February - *Chair of St Peter*

St Columba's 10.00 am **Requiem - Jean Baker**
St Theresa's 7.00 pm Agnes Soden RIP

Thursday 23rd February - *St Polycarp*

St Theresa's 9.00 am Private Intention
St Columba's 9.15 am Gerry Galvin A.

Friday 24th February

St Theresa's 8-8.55am Exp.of the Blessed Sacrament
9.00 am Priest's Intention
St Columba's 7.00pm Fernando Carmigani RIP

Saturday 25th February

St Theresa's 10.00 am Priest's Intention
St Columba's 6.30pm Joan Lynch -**Vigil Mass**

Sunday 26th February

St Theresa's 9.30 am Parishioners' Intention
St Columba's 11.00 am Richard Murphy A.

LATELY DEAD:

Please pray for the family and friends of **Jean Baker** who died recently. A Requiem Mass will take place at St. Columba's on **Wednesday, 22nd February** at 10.00 am.

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.

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.

ST COLUMBA'S ANNIVERSARIES:

Wilfred Lee, Anna Spiten, Sheila Kilcoyne, Frances Connolly, Gwilym Griffiths, Eric Shanley, Thomas Croghan, Anne Rigby, Lilly Shirley, Agnes O'Connell, John Cummins, Hector Burton, Mary Anastasia Jeffs, Joan Wilkin, Mary Jeffes, Patricia Elizabeth "Trish" McClure, Gladys Murdoch, Elizabeth Dalziel, Ernest Roberts, Elizabeth Rodgers, Thomas Burke, John Parker, Robert Moor, Karol Kunicki, Mary Byrne, Andrew James, Danny Roberts, Gladys Marron, Gerald (Gerry) David Galvin, Margaret Gerrard, Mary Dutton, Evelyn Jones, John Spencer Madden (Dr.), Agnes Ryan, Gertrude Kieran, William Dolan, Mary Boulton, Catherine Fletcher, Mary Elizabeth McCafferty, Catherine Vickers, Charles Challinor, Etta Holmes, Gavin Webster, Allen Fairhead, David Nichols, Richard John Murphy, Richard L Roberts, Frank Tobin (Snr)

ST THERESA'S ANNIVERSARIES:

Gerald Vincent Barlow, Joseph Keever, Molly Phillips, Maria Alba Ortelli, Louisa Garratt, Francis Joseph Beyer, Gordon Whit, Austin Francis Grainger, Jean Margaret Field, Mary Nora Williams, Helen Evans, Mabel Heselwood, Richard David Jones, Ellen McGibbon, Margaret Ward, Christine Margaret Everard, Wademan Aird, Agnes Hodgkinson.

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 by arrangement with Fr. Isidore.

OFFERTORY:

St Columba's: Loose Plate £463.28; Planned Giving £460.83; Average Weekly Standing Orders £720.00; Candles £49.59.

St Theresa's: £300.66 plus average weekly standing orders £130.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AND CONFIRMATION:

Saturday 25th February 10:00am-1:00pm (registration from 9:30am) at Ellesmere Port Catholic High School, CH65 7AQ.

Speakers: Teresa Kehoe and Hannah Vaugh-Spruce. This is a day open to everyone interested in how to share the faith with children and adolescents. See poster for details.

Enquiries: barbara.davies@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Registration: helen.jones@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:

The Women's World day of Prayer Service for 2017 will be held at St. Columba's on **Friday 3rd March**, at 10.30. The service takes the form of Readings and Hymns and this year has been prepared by Christian women of the Philippines. All are welcome so please come along.

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. *Fr Jonathan.*

TALKS ON LENTEN READINGS:

The series of five talks on the Lenten Sunday Readings will commence on **Tuesday 28th February**, 6.30pm in the Iona Chapel. All welcome. See poster on Notice Boards and on the parish website

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE:

St. Columba's:

19th Feb Chris & Liz Nichols Tombola
26th Feb Third World Parish overseas projects
Tea, coffee and juice are served in the Hall after both Sunday Masses. All are welcome.

The 2017 coffee rota is in the Hall. There are a few vacancies. If anyone wishes to serve teas and coffees after the 11.00am Mass to support a charity of their own choice please phone Marg Curtis on 01244 318424.

St Theresa's:

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

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray:

- For the residents of Shepherds Lane, Thornton Dr, The Beeches and Windemere Avenue;
- For the Growth Action Planning in our Churches, Commitment for Life, Vision4Life and Fresh Expressions.

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QUIZ NIGHT:

There will be a quiz night at 7.30pm on **Friday 10th March** in St Columba's Church Hall. Tickets £2, all proceeds to the Hospice of the Good Shepherd. Please come along

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

ST THERESA'S CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

Children have their own liturgy during the 9.30 am Mass on Sunday.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH VOLUNTEERING:

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 discuss the options.

RED MISSION BOXES – ST COLUMBA'S:

Could those parishioners holding Red Mission Boxes please leave them in the Sacristy for Marg Curtis. Once the money is counted, the boxes can be collected from the table in the rear porch. Any enquiries please contact Marg Curtis 318424. Thank you for your continued support.

APF (RED) BOXES – ST THERESA'S:

Thanks to those who have brought their boxes in. If anyone would like a box please contact Sean Baker on 07891 606189.

FR COOKE'S BOOKS:

The catalogue/wish list for parishioners is in the rear porch of St. Columba's and will remain open to the end of February. Arrangements to collect your books will then be made.

FREE: There are some books etc. at the back of St. Theresa's Church. Please take any that you can make use of.

LIFT REQUIRED:

Is there anyone from Upton who comes to the 9.30 am Mass at St. Theresa's on a Sunday 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 than that if more people volunteer. Please call the presbytery on 01244 371660 and leave your name and number. Many thanks.

BLACON SOCIAL GROUP – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Could you spare a couple of hours a week to support activities and have a coffee and chat with people with a vision impairment? The Group meets on Thursday mornings, 10.30-12.30. It's an initiative aided by the regional charity Vision Support. Contact Jo Jardine on 01244-381515 for further information.

FACILITIES AT ST THERESA'S:

There is now a toilet at the back of the Church where the piety shop used to be. The railings should be fitted to the new ramp in the next few weeks.

CLEANERS' ROTA B (ST THERESA'S):

If anyone is willing to go on the cleaning rota to make up another team (it will then be once a month) please call the presbytery on 01244 471660 and leave a message with your phone number. Thank you.

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_vghn@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

PARISH REFURBISHMENT AT ST.COLUMBA'S - REDEVELOPMENT OF GARAGE:

The garage at the rear of St. Columba's is an unattractive building useable only for storage. Proposals have been made to convert it to a more useful space: the numerous voluntary groups of parishioners involved in supporting the work of the church could meet comfortably there and store necessary materials; the parish office could be there; children could prepare there for the Sunday liturgy. However, funds have not been available to carry out such work.

Now, thanks to the generosity of parishioners' contributions to 'Our Mission Together' this work is possible. 30% of the funding received from our pledges is allocated to our own parish refurbishments, which means that at present over £60,000 is available.

The Hall has just been much improved with the assistance of a substantial WREN grant. The weekly offerings of parishioners have contributed to much improvement in the church: re-decoration, refurbishment of the kneelers, carpeting, improvement of the sound system and the installation of an efficient, cost effective heating system. A multi purpose building to replace the garage would complement the functions of the Church and the Hall.

The Buildings Committee has agreed to keep parishioners informed of the progress of any plans and would welcome any further suggestions for uses of the garage building.

Pauline Rourke - pauline.rourke@btinternet.com

“ACTS” DAY OF REFLECTION, SAT 11th MARCH:

"A Recovery of Mercy: the radical experience of Grace through all our addictions" is the theme for the next Day of Reflection for 'ACTS' ('Adult Catholics Together Spiritually'). If you are aged between 18 - 35 then you are more than welcome to join us when we will be led by Damien Prescott, the Director of 'Olive Branch Recovery Communities'. Approximately 9.30am - 5pm (exact times to be confirmed nearer the time), taking place at Wistaston Hall, Crewe CW2 8JS. Payment will be by anonymous donation (suggested cost £20 & £15 for unemployed/student). If you would like to join us or wish to know more please contact Siobhan at siobhanbc@talktalk.net tel: 0161 477 2783 / 07761 138947. Wistaston Hall is accessible by public transport but please contact Siobhan to discuss the possibility of getting a lift if you need one.

DIOCESAN VACANCIES:

The Diocese of Shrewsbury is looking to recruit for two posts, Assistant Director of Schools, and also a Surveyor. Details including job descriptions and application forms can be found on the Diocesan website at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies

SHREWSBURY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:

All are invited to join this year's pilgrimage to Lourdes which will take place between 27/28 July and 3/4 August. Brochures and Booking Forms can be downloaded from the Pilgrimage Website www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk or can be obtained from the Pilgrimage Office: St Alban's, 30 Mil Lane, Wallasey CH44 5UD. We would be pleased to hear from any doctors or nurses who would like to join the Pilgrimage Team. For more information contact the Pilgrimage Director, Fr David Long, at the above address or telephone 0151 638 1520.

ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION FAMILY NIGHT:

Enjoy a family night out to celebrate St. Patrick. On Saturday 18th March, 8.00 p.m. until midnight enjoy live bands; 'Caubeen' and 'Wet the Tea' plus Irish Dancers at St. Columba's church hall. Bring your own food and drink. Tickets £5.00 available after 11.00 mass or contact Joe on 07973-834329 or 0151-3564570.