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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 19th MARCH 2017

Saturday 18th March

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

Sunday 19th March

St. Theresa's 9.30a.m. Thanksgiving
St. Columba's 11.00a.m. Annie Roberts

Monday 20th March St. Joseph, Husband of the BVM

St. Theresa's 9.00a.m. Joan & Charles Woods RIP
2.00p.m. Requiem, Garrett Nelson
St. Columba's **7.00p.m** Frank Seago
(Please note Mass time)

Tuesday 21st March

St. Theresa's 9.00a.m. The Faithful Departed
St. Columba's 9.15a.m. Patricia Duggan RIP

Wednesday 22nd March

St. Columba's 9.15a.m. Margaret Coxhead RIP
St. Theresa's 7.00p.m. Celia O'Sullivan, followed
by **Stations of the Cross**

Thursday 23rd March

St. Theresa's 9.00a.m. Private Intention (EML)
St. Columba's 9.15a.m. Bobby Murdoch

Friday 24th March

St. Theresa's 8-8.55a.m. Exposition of
The Blessed Sacrament
9.00a.m. Bradshaw & Millington Ints.
St. Columba's 7.00p.m. Jean Baker RIP, followed by
"Footstep to the Cross" Service

Saturday 25th March The Annunciation of The Lord

St. Theresa's 10.00a.m. Priest's Intention
St. Columba's 6.30pm **Vigil Mass.**
John & Caroline Tobin 50th Wedding Anniversary

Sunday 26th March

St. Theresa's 9.30a.m. Parishioners' Intention
St. Columba's 11.00a.m. The Parish

MORNING PRAYER (St Columba's):

At 9.00 a.m. before the Blessed Sacrament in the Io
Chapel, Monday through to Thursday, except Wednesday
when Morning Prayer will commence at 8.50a.m. followed
at 9.10 a.m. by Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual
 Succour prior to Mass.

CONFESSIONS:

St. Columba's: Between 6.00p.m. and 6.25p.m. before the Vigil
Mass. At other times by arrangement with Fr. Jonathan.

St. Theresa's: After weekday Mass and arrangement with Fr.
Isidore.

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: Please contact Fr Isidore to arrange.

LATELY DEAD:

Please pray for Garrett Nelson and Doreen Granger. May the Lord
grant them Eternal Life and console their families and friends
Garrett Nelson's Requiem Mass on Monday 20th March, 2pm
at St. Theresa's.

ST. COLUMBA'S ANNIVERSARIES:

James Ryan, Ellen Raynor, Helen Shaw, Vincent Williams,
Pauline Ashmore, John McNicholas, Alan Poole, Kevin Lewis,
Vincent Francis Barlow, Edward Dean Donnelly, Margaret M
McGeachin, Norman Thomas Dodd, Mary Jane Layden, Dr. John
Foody, Mary Elizabeth Rodriguez, Francis Wright, Annie
Roberts, Josephine Angela Daisy Roberts, Gloria Elizabeth Mary
Williams, Stanley Richard Tilston, Maurice Chapman Snr, Harry
Grove, Rose Mary Mitchell, Kenneth (Ken) Roy Thompson,
Donald Goodacre, Eddie Edwards, Joseph (Joe) O'Reilly,
Kathleen Sharp

ST. THERESA'S ANNIVERSARIES:

Bernadette Manifold, Lesley Dwerryhouse, Liam Ryan, Patrick
Mackin, Anthony Hocking, Winifred Atkinson, Hayden
Johnstone, Winifred Dowd, Marie Maddock, Theresa
Malcolmson, David Roberts, Joseph McAssey

OFFERTORY:

St Columba's: Loose Plate: £442.23; Planned Giving £432.37;
Average Weekly Standing Orders £720.00; Candles: £48.68.
St Theresa's: £226.77 plus average weekly standing orders of
£130.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:

The new envelopes for St Columba's for the new tax year are now
available. Please collect yours from the table in the porch nearest
to the Hall. Any problems contact David Savage 380 626.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS' AND READERS' ROTAS:

The new rotas for St. Theresa's are now available in the Sacristy.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to John and Caroline Tobin who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary this weekend.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray:

- For the residents of Kelvin Grove, Western Approach, and Thirlmere Road.
- For a greater compassion for those who feel marginalised by our society.
- For a deeper unity between the churches.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTAS:

19th Mar Alison & Paul Wrigglesworth Tombola
26th March Sewing Group Parish
2nd April Sue Carr Clatterbridge
Tea, coffee and juice are available in the hall. All welcome.
The 2017 coffee rotas 'pinned up' in the hall. There are a few vacancies. If anyone wishes to make tea and coffee 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 very welcome. **CWL cake this Sunday!**

LENT FAST DAY:

Please return the Fast Day envelopes in the normal offertory baskets. Many thanks for your support.

CHRISTIAN AID - LENT LUNCHESES:

City Centre Churches Together are holding Lent Luncheon each Monday in Lent, 12 noon to 1.30pm at the Quaker Meeting House, off Frodsham St. Suggested minimum donation of £5, with all proceeds in support of Christian Aid.

"TO CAL VARY WITH MATTHEW":

These talks will continue on Tuesday when we'll be looking at the readings for the Fourth Sunday of Lent. Newcomers welcome. Full details on the Notice Board and the website.

FOOTSTEP TO THE CROSS, FRIDAY 24th MARCH, 7.30pm ST COLUMBA'S:

This will be led by the youth of four parishes and will focus on Jesus' journey with his cross and the people he met. Although led by our young parishioners the service is for all ages. Please come along and support our young people. If you are High School age and would like to read at this service please phone Denise Luskon 379742.

HEALING MASS:

Saturday 25th March at 3.00pm, St. Werburgh's, Grosvenor Park Road, Chester, for all families affected by mental illness, and those that work with them. There will be an Anointing of the Sick during Mass and an opportunity for social singing and meeting members of the Diocesan Mental Health Action Group afterwards.

DIOCESAN & PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:

The Diocese organises an annual pilgrimage to Lourdes. This year it is from Thursday, 27th July to Friday, 4th August (overland) or from Friday, 28th July to Thursday, 3rd August (by air). I would like to take a group from the Parish to participate in this pilgrimage. Will anyone interested please let me know. Fr. Jonathan.

FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS' MEETING:

The meeting for parents to discuss the Sacrament and how it will be celebrated takes place on **Monday 20th March** at 7.00 p.m. in St. Werburgh's and St. Columba's School. Please try to attend this meeting.

EASTER LILIES:

It is a tradition in some parishes to buy Easter Lilies in remembrance of a deceased loved one. If you would like to buy an Easter Lily, please place £1 in an envelope clearly marked "Easter Lily" with the name of your loved one, and place it in the offertory basket. These lilies will decorate the Sanctuary during Easter, and the names of those remembered will be listed on the Sanctuary.

BISHOP'S PRAYER CARDS:

As mentioned in his Lent Pastoral Letter, Bishop Mark is distributing prayer cards to help the faithful to renew the practice of offering each day to God in "The Morning Offering" prayer. The prayer cards will act as a reminder during this season of Lent of how Catholics can offer their day to God with a one-minute prayer. Supplies of the prayer cards are now available in both our churches.

RELIGIOUS ITEMS:

There is a table in the front porch on which are various religious items and cards donated by parishioners. Please have a look to see if you would like any of them.

GIFT AID ORGANISER:

The current Gift Aid Organiser for St Columba's wishes to "retire" in the not too distant future after almost ten years in the role. A volunteer is sought to take over this important job. Full training will be given along with the opportunity to shadow the current holder before taking over fully. If you are interested or would like to find out more about what is involved please contact Fr. Jonathan or David Savage (380626).

NEWSLETTER ROTAS:

Our Joint Newsletter is prepared by a rota of 8 people, taking turns to do the compiling - the newsletter itself is printed commercially. The current rota runs to the end of Lent so will shortly be rolled forward. We are always keen for new volunteers, so if you are interested but would like to know more, please contact Bernard Payne (01244350323) or Eileen Irwin (01244371660).

CLEANERS' ROTAS (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: 01244624019, email stcolumbaschurch2016@outlook.com
For all Hall bookings & enquiries please contact Sue Carron 07553114531 or email columbahallbookings@gmail.com

NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Eileen Irwin, 01244371660, e-mail: st.theresas@btinternet.com
Items for inclusion can be left in the Sacristy at either church. Please ensure that all items are in place by 9.00a.m. on **Thursday**. Please include a phone number in case of queries.
Website: www.stcolumbachester.org.uk

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 07462780302 or catherine.green@care4free.net. The next rota will start in October so you are welcome to come and see what happens now and again before then.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY:

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 see how you could help.

NATIONAL ARBORETUM AND LICHFIELD COACH TRIP:

Upton Churches Together are organising a coach trip to the National Memorial Arboretum and Lichfield Cathedral which will take place on **Tuesday 23rd May**. Total cost of £17.50 includes coach fare and tea and scones at the Arboretum. For further details and booking, contact John Butler on tel: 01244 383703.

UPTON CHURCHES TOGETHER YORK COURSE:

Upton Churches Together have been holding this ecumenical study course during Lent. The remaining sessions are held at Upton URC (Heath Rd) on Wednesdays at 10.30am: **22nd March, 29th March and 5th April**. For further details please contact Revd Ruth Wilson on 01244 372622.

FILM NIGHT:

Upton URC (Heath Rd) has organised a Community Screening of the highly acclaimed film: *I, Daniel Blake* on **Saturday 1st April** at 7.00pm. FREE ENTRY (financial donations for Chester Foodbank are welcomed).

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

We are holding a "Dinner For Syria" on **Friday 21st April** at 7:30pm in St. Columba's Church Hall, a variety of hot meals will be provided, hot drinks provided but bring your own wine/beer etc. Tickets are £5 and will be available after the Masses this weekend. All proceeds will be going in support of Syrian refugees. Further information from Mary Briony, 01244 401317 (after 5pm).

Further Dates For Your Diary:

Sunday 14th May Spring Fayre, St. Theresa's Parish Centre after 09:30 Mass.

Sunday 11th June Annual BBQ to celebrate the Anniversary of St. Columba.

REFUGEE CRISIS:

"What Can We Do? Some practical responses to the refugee crisis": This is a free conference arranged by the Justice & Peace Group at St. Agnes, West Kirby, Wirral CH48 5DU on **Saturday 25th March**, 10.30am to 2.00pm (preceded by Mass at 10.00). Speakers will include Sean Ryan, Caritas Diocese of Salford, and Mary Kilcoyne, Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury. For more information and to register: email mamacook@aol.com or tel 0151 625 6512.

EAST AFRICA CRISIS APPEAL:

CAFOD are members of the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) who have launched a national appeal for the crisis which is affecting the countries of South Sudan, Somalia, Ethiopia and Kenya – over 16 million people on the brink of starvation and urgently need food, water and medical treatment. If you would like to donate you can do this directly by going to www.cafod.org.uk or www.dec.org.uk. You can also leave donations in the baskets after Masses in both our churches this weekend. In addition, at St. Columba's the Third World wall boxes in both porches will be available for donations for this cause through to the end of April.