

Catholic Churches of St Columba and St Theresa



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- ❖ Chester Hospitals' Chaplaincy: Tel: 01244 364543, answer phone available.
- ❖ Parish Safeguarding Representative: Claire Graham. Tel 01244 341287 or 0788 055 3830.

3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY, 22nd JANUARY 2017

Saturday 21st January

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

Sunday 22nd January

St. Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Angela Sturgeon RIP
St. Columba's 11.00 a.m. The Parish

Monday 23rd January

St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Terry & Margaret Whatmough
St. Theresa's 10.00 a.m. Requiem Mass for Mary Dee

Tuesday 24th January

St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Frank Jeffes A
St. Theresa's No Service

Wednesday 25th January

St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Katherine Sanson A
St. Theresa's No Service

Thursday 26th January

St. Theresa's No Service
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Priest's Intention

Friday 27th January

St. Theresa's 9.00am Hilda Drake
St. Columba's 10.00am **Requiem Mass for Mary Doris Morrissey**

No Evening Mass

Saturday 28th January

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

Sunday 29th January

St. Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Parishioners' Intentions
St. Columba's 11.00a.m. John & Frederick Hodson

LATELY DEAD:

Please pray for the family and friends of Mary Dee whose Requiem Mass will be at St Theresa's on 23rd January at 10.00a.m. May she rest in peace

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.

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: No confessions at this time.

BISHOP'S VISITATION TO ST THERESA'S:

To be held on Sunday 26th February.

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: To arrange a Baptism please contact Fr Isidore

OFFERTORY:

St. Columba's: Loose Plate £480.62; Planned Giving £526.66; Average Weekly STOs £720.00, Candles: £101.15

St. Theresa's: £272.57 plus average weekly STOs £130.

BEQUEST:

Thank you to the anonymous donor who has bequeathed £15,000 to St Theresa's, £10,000 of which is for vestments.

ST. COLUMBA'S ANNIVERSARIES:

Bridget O'Malley, William Hope, Mary (Molly) Tallon, Monica Tweedle, Olivia Trotter, Tony Comerford, Richard Monet, James Kilcoyne, Florence Donnolly, Dorothy Tallon, Reginald Walpole, Anne Cunniff, Ivy Katherine Vickery. Mary McCallum Michael Gritten, William Carter Edward Halligan, John Mahoney, Robert Stephen Macdonald, Vicky Smith, Reginald Paul Harrison, Susan Pollock Charles Dutton, Christine Elizabeth Colgan, Ann-Marie Loughlin, Gladys Lilian Shanley, Patricia Banks, Margaret Johnstone, Malcolm Anthony de-Monte, Mary (Mollie) Callow, Robert Charles Gore, Julia Jones, Mary Thompson, Sean Murphy, Anne Gritten, Adam Turner, Josephine Patricia Grehan, Phoebe Phillips, Molly Choppen, John Martin, Marie Cousins, Patrick Foley, Jean Anderson, Margaret Barrow, Rosemary Larsen, Anne Gritten, Adam Turner, Josephine Patricia Grehan, Phoebe Phillips, Molly Choppen, John Martin, Marie Cousins, Patrick Foley, Jean Anderson, Margaret Barrow, Rosemary Larsen

ST. THERESA'S ANNIVERSARIES:

Denis Ivers, Adrienne Veronica Coles, William Rogers, Kathleen Mary Wynne, William McGeever, Bridget Smith, Henry Swinburnes, Christina (Nina) Delaney, Joseph Franciyer Jaworgyn, Miriam Brownbill, Wilfred Garratt, Ernest Evans, Lieselotte Dodds

WALSINGHAM RETREAT 24-27TH APRIL 2017:

cost of the retreat is £225pp and a deposit of £30 is required. Cheques should be made to J. Doherty can be given to Carol Galvin or Sue Carr at St Columba's or to Gerry at St Theresa's

FIRST FORGIVENESS : On Saturday 28th January 29 children from St Columba's parish will receive the Sacrament of First Forgiveness in a special service of celebration. Please pray for the children and their families at this special time in their faith journeys.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

- We Pray for the residents of Shocklach Road & Bolesworth Road.
- For the choirs, music groups and Sing Praise;
- For uniting all who play and sing from the three churches.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE:

22nd Jan Jacque & Alison Parish
29th Jan 21st Guides Themselves
5th Feb Any Volunteers?

Tea, coffee and juice are available in the hall. All are welcome. The 2017 coffee rota is in the hall. There are a few vacancies. If anyone wishes to make teas and coffees 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 are very welcome.

FLAME III: 10,000 REASONS:

Bishop Mark invites young people from the Diocese to join him at *Flame 3:10,000 Reasons* in Wembley on **Saturday 11th March 2017**. This huge national youth event is organised by the Catholic Youth Ministry Federation. It builds on the success of Flame and Flame II. The Diocesan Commission for the New Evangelisation of Youth will be block booking tickets and organising transport. For more details see: <http://cymfed.org.uk/flame2017/> - please don't book directly. See posters in the porches and the parish website. Details from Helen Jones at the Curial Offices, 0151 652 9855.

A YEAR FOR MISSION, 2017:

The third in the series of four Reflections takes place on **Wednesday 25th January**, 7-9 p.m. at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Centre, Ellesmere Port CH65 8BY. The remaining talk will be at the same venue on 1st March. See posters.

CAR PARKING. NEWHALL ROAD

Please can I make parishioners aware that it is illegal to park on the grass verges on Newhall Road (see new Road signs). A number of parishioners have had fines over the last few weekends.

MASS FOR MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE:

This year the Mass for Marriage and Family Life will be celebrated at **Noon on Saturday 11th February at Our Lady and the Apostles, Shaw Heath, Stockport SK3 8BQ** with Bishop Mark Davies presiding. All married couples and families are welcome but if you are a couple celebrating a significant wedding anniversary (silver, ruby, golden or platinum) and you wish to attend, then please let your Parish Priest know by the 2nd of February and he will arrange for a special invitation to be sent you on behalf of the Bishop.

APF (RED BOXES)

Would you please leave your boxes in the sacristy at St Theresa's to be counted. Thank you.

HALL REFURBISHMENT

Our four local councillors were very helpful to us in supporting our recent successful bid and contributed an additional £3,500 towards the refurbishment. We have invited them to join parishioners for coffee after Mass today, Sunday 22nd so we can thank them personally and they can admire the refurbished hall.
Pauline Rourke: Hall Management Committee

NEW ALTAR SERVERS:

If anyone who has received their First Holy Communion is interested in becoming an altar server, please contact Richard Curtis on rich.curtis89@yahoo.co.uk or 07787782255

SVP:

SVP meetings resumed on 10th Jan at 7:00pm in the Iona chapel of St. Columba's and will continue there every Tuesday in January. As we are still in the process of recruiting members, all are welcome to attend. Anyone interested please contact Mark Traynor. marktraynor96@gmail.com tel. 07752317772.

SPECIAL COLLECTION - RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND:

Next weekend the annual Collection for the Retired Priests' Fund. With your help, we can build up the Fund to meet the future needs of our sick and retired priests. Special Envelopes are available in the porches for you to use. If you use weekly Offertory Envelopes, please can I ask that you write in your envelope number and your parish.

If you prefer, you can donate Online via Paypal to the Fund at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund where you can also take advantage of Gift Aid.

It is also possible to donate by means of a Standing Order. Forms are available from David Savage. (01244 380626 or savage214@btinternet.com). I ask that you give as generously as you can to this very worthy cause and would also like to express my sincere gratitude for your continued support.

With every blessing, + **Mark, Bishop of Shrewsbury**

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN UPTON - SONGS OF PRAISE:

The fifth Sunday service to be held on 29th January 2017, will take the form of a "Songs of Praise". It will be held at Upton United Reform Church at 6.30pm. This is a great opportunity for parishioners to come together to sing a variety of hymns and there will be a chance to socialise afterwards, when refreshments will be served.

EVENING OF MUSIC & DANCE ON FRIDAY FEB 3rd:

Excitement for a cold February evening! A wonderful evening of music, dance and entertainment, with home grown talent and a chance for you to join in AND it will only cost you **£1.00** including refreshments. The event is in St Theresa's Parish Club and begins at 7.30. The bar will be available. For catering purposes – if you attend Mass in St Columba's please sign the list in the church porch and if you attend St Theresa's please contact Ann McCarthy on 375606. Please come and support this social event – you will not be disappointed!

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION:

Bingo Night – A Bingo Night will be held on Friday, 3rd of February between 7 and 9 pm at the Catholic High School. A bar and tuck shop will be open. All welcome.

BABY CAR SEAT:

Kind parishioners have donated a baby car seat they no longer need. It is a Group 0+ car seat, a Maxi-Cosi Cabriofix designed to suit a baby from newborn to 13kg (about 12-18 months). Anyone interested please contact Carol Galvin in the Parish Office, 01244 624019.

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 Bernard Payne Tel: 01244 350323
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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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