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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 24th JULY 2016.

Saturday 23rd July 2016 (Sunday Vigil Mass)

St Theresa's 6.30pm T'ania Shankland's Ints.,
St. Bridget, Patron of Europe
St Columba's 7.15pm Audrey Bracken

Sunday 24th July 2016

St. Columba's 9.15 am The Parish
St. Theresa's 10.00 am Parishioners' Intentions;
St. Joachim & St. Anne
St. Columba' 11.00 am The Catenians

Monday 25th July 2016

St. Theresa's 9.00 am Priest's Intention
St. Columba's 9.15 am C.E.C. Thanksgiving

Tuesday 26th July 2016

St Columba's 9.15am Thomas McAuley
St. Theresa's 6.30pm Lourdes Pilgrimage

Wednesday 27th July 2016

St Columba's 9.15am Sidney Crowe
St Theresa's 7.00pm Private Intention

Thursday 28th July 2016

St Theresa's 9.00am Priest's Intention
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Joseph Fintan O'Brien

Friday 29th July 2016

St Theresa's 8-8.55am Expos. Of the Blessed
Sacrament
9.00am Charles Wood RIP' St. Martha
St Columba's 7.00pm Private Intention (Priest)

Saturday 30th July 2016 (Sunday Vigil Mass)

St Theresa's 6.30pm Arthur Blain
St Columba's 7.15pm Private Intention

Sunday 31st July 2016

St Columba's 9.15am Ralph Davenport
St Theresa's 10.00am Parishioners' Intentions
St Columba's 11.00am The Parish

WELCOME:

At St. Columba's, we welcome Fr. Mark Connolly who will be celebrating at the Saturday evening Mass and also Fr. Michael Murphy who will be celebrating both Sunday Masses.

On Sunday, St Theresa's welcomes Bill Baker and his singers from St Columba's to our Mass.

CENSUS SUNDAY:

This will take place again at all Masses this week-end, for Parishioners who have not already completed one.

CONFESSION:

St. Columba's: There will be No Confessions this week-end.

St. Theresa's: from 5.55 p.m. to 6.25 p.m. on a Saturday evening and after every weekday Mass.

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.

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 Fr. Isadore.

OFFERTORY:

St Columba's: : Loose Plate £443.21, Planned Giving £530.56, Average Weekly Standing Orders £720.00, Candles £48.97.

St Theresa's: £259.09, The grand total for Offertory collections for 2015/2016 was £25194.14 which includes £13821.75 from Gift Aid for those of you who pay tax and who generously gift aid their contributions. Thank you to all parishioners.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE:

St. Columba's:

24th July Sewing Group Parish: Plants for sale
31st July Any Volunteers
7th Aug Any Volunteers
14th Aug CWL Parish

Tea, coffee and juice are served in the Hall after both Sunday Masses. All are very welcome.

St Theresa's:

Tea, coffee and juice are available in the Parish Club after 10am Mass. All are very welcome.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:

This year around 720 pilgrims will travel to Lourdes for our Annual Pilgrimage under the leadership of Canon Michael Gannon VG. Our theme this year is 'Jesus Christ, the face of the Father's Mercy'. We would like to invite you all to join us in praying for the intentions of the Pilgrimage. You might also like to join in our celebration of Mass at the Grotto with the Archdiocese of Westminster on **Friday 29th July** at 8.45am BST and at the International Mass on **Sunday 31st July** at 8.30am BST via the live feed on the Lourdes Website: www.directfromlourdes.com

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL BROCHURE:

Chester Catholic High School has recently published a new brochure, serving as an introduction to the life of the school. Copies are available in both church porches.

APF - RED BOXES (St Theresa's):

Please leave your boxes in the sacristy to be emptied.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Keswick Close, Stanton Drive and Caldly Close.
- The Army Chaplain and all at the Dale Camp, the work of the Armed Forces, the soldiers and their families.

“SHREWSBURY VOICE”:

Copies of the Summer 2016 issue of the Diocesan magazine are now available at both churches, price £1. Articles include one on the topic *Our Mission Together* – the subject of Bishop Mark’s recent letter to parishioners. Copies of that letter are still available in the church porches. Look out for further information on the nature of the project and taking it forward.

NEW PARISHIONERS (St Theresa’s):

If you are new to St. Theresa’s would you please take a form from the back of church, complete and return it to the sacristy.

PRAYER BOARD (St. Theresa’s):

Please write any intentions you have in the book at the front of the church. Thank you.

CLEANERS’ ROTA B (St Theresa’s)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS & READERS (St Theresa’s):

As the Mass times are changing in September we need to know, if possible, which Mass you will attend. Please put your name on the list at the back of church so that the new rotas can be made out. Also there are still a few certificates for those who attended the Training Day at Ellesmere Port Catholic High School. If you attended this but haven’t received a certificate, please put your name on the list and we will contact the Diocesan office.

WORLD YOUTH DAY KRAKOW 2016:

Fr. Jonathan writes: This weekend I will be in Poland to participate in the 2016 International World Youth Day where events run through to 1st August. World Youth Day was started by St John Paul II because he wanted to gather the Catholic youth of the world to pray and to celebrate their faith and to encourage one another in their Christian witness and discipleship. Pope Benedict and Pope Francis have continued this tradition. This will be the fourth World Youth Day that I have participated in, although according to the Vatican, I am no longer classed as a youth (the cut off age is 35). I am, however, delighted that Jake Maguire from St Theresa’s Parish will be part of the Shrewsbury Diocese contingent taking part in this event. For me the most important aspect of World Youth Day for the young people of our Diocese is that they get to see that the rest of the world is not as secular as our own country and, while it might seem strange to be a Catholic in a western European culture, this is not the case in most of the world. It is wonderful for young people to experience the international and Catholic dimension of the faith, for them to realise that the family of the Church on earth is not such a little flock as it might seem here but numbers more than a billion people. This is a great encouragement. Please pray for me, for Jake and for the other young people that it will be a great experience that will bear fruit when we return home.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY:

Children have their own Liturgy during the Liturgy of the Word at the 10.00am Mass on a Sunday (St. Theresa’s). This Sunday is the last occasion before the summer break at St. Theresa’s. We thank the children and their helpers for everything they do. Children’s Liturgy will start again in early September – further details will be included in the Newsletter nearer the time.

UPTON CHURCHES TOGETHER:

We have an initiative to extend the current practice of praying for the residents of particular roads by encouraging individual prayer requests. Requests can be made on paper and posting it to Prayer Meeting, Upton United Reformed Church, Heath Road, Chester, or by e-mail to info@uptonurc.org.uk

Churches Together in Upton also holds a coffee morning each Monday at the Pavilion, Wealstone Lane, (next to the Library) from 10 am to 12 noon. This is an ideal opportunity to meet and make friends in a relaxed welcoming atmosphere. If anyone is interested in helping, please come on a Monday to find out more.

5th SUNDAY SERVICE:

When there are 5 Sundays in a month, Churches Together in Upton take turns to host a 5th Sunday Service. On Sunday, 31st July, a short service will be held at Holy Ascension church in Upton starting at 6.30p.m. These services are a great opportunity for the Upton churches to come together in a spirit of Christian fellowship and an open invitation is extended to all parishioners.

NEEDLES AND PINS:

The next meeting will be on Wed. 27th July--- more work on the quilt---- If anyone has items for Greenfields Africa please bring to the meeting. They can be put together with other donations and taken to our local contact in the near future.

FR. TOM ROCK RIP

Some parishioners will have known Father Tom Rock, a retired priest of the Birmingham Archdiocese, who lived in Much Wenlock for many years. More recently, he moved to Stone in Staffordshire. Bishop Mark has heard that Father Tom has died. He was in a car crash, was flown to hospital but died on 20th July. The Bishop requests your prayers for him.

JOINT NEWSLETTER:

We have now decided that the Joint Newsletter should continue as a permanent arrangement between St. Columba’s and St. Theresa’s. Further thought is being given to the issue of its length and the best presentation of items. One definite conclusion we have reached: we will be re-introducing the list of Anniversaries, covering both parishes.

WEST CHESHIRE FOODBANK:

Thank you for your continued donations to the Foodbank, which are collected from St. Columba’s every Monday. A report has just been published, *#still hungry*, which looks in detail at the West Cheshire operations over a 2 year period, also at the actions needed to deal with the underlying problems of food poverty.

See <https://westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk>

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, 01244 350323, email: bernard.payne691@btinternet.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.

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