

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.

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 25th SEPTEMBER 2016

Saturday 24th September: *Our Lady of Walsingham*
St. Theresa's 10.00 am The Faithful Departed
St Columba's 6.30 pm Joan Jones – **Vigil Mass**

Sunday 25th September 2016
St. Theresa's 9.30 am Parishioners' Intentions
St. Columba's 11.00 am Fr. John Lennon A.

Monday 26th September 2016
St. Theresa's 9.00 am The Faithful Departed
St. Columba's 9.15 am Carmel Walsh
REQUIEM 2.20 p.m. Maureen Maiden

Tuesday 27th September 2016: *St Vincent de Paul*
St Columba's 9.15 am Nino Cesaria RIP
St. Theresa's 6.30 pm Parishioners' Intentions

Wednesday 28th September 2016
St Columba's 9.15 am Ordination Anniversary
N&MP
St Theresa's 7.00 pm St. Thomas of Hereford,
Priest's Intention

**Thursday 29th September 2016: *Ss Michael, Gabriel
& Raphael, Archangels***
St Theresa's 9.00 am Private Intention
St. Columba's 9.15 am Joan Sanson

Friday 30th September 2016: *St Jerome*
St Theresa's 8-8.55am Expos. of the Blessed
Sacrament
9.00 am Our Lady of the Rosary,
Charles Woods RIP
St Columba's 7.00pm Dec'd members of the
Brandon Family

**Saturday 1st October 2016: *St Theresa of the Child
Jesus***
St. Theresa's 10.00 am The Faithful Departed.
St Columba's 6.30 pm Austin Pinnington – **Vigil
Mass**

Sunday 2nd October 2016
St Theresa's 9.30 am Parishioners' Intentions
**2.00 pm Mass for Sick &
Housebound**
St Columba's 11.00 am The Parish

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. Isidore.

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: Confessions are heard between 6.00 p.m. and 6.25 p.m. before the Vigil Mass, at other times by arrangement with Fr. Jonathan.

St. Theresa's: Confessions are heard after every weekday Mass.

LATELY DEAD:

Please pray for the family and friends of Maureen Maiden who died recently. The Requiem Mass is at St Columba's on Monday 26th September at 2.20 p.m. May she rest in peace.

ST. COLUMBA'S ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Fr. John Lennon, Francis Joseph Dean, Peter Wood, Elizabeth Hughes, Veronica "Ronna" Boyle, Dorothy May Swinton, Kevin McNicholas, Joseph Bullen, Bertie O'Malley, Mathildis Perry, Katie Fitzpatrick, Elizabeth Maria McCarron, John McHugh, Brenda Liggett, Philip Addison, Maureen Green, William Baker, Michael Davies, Bernard Joseph Fitzpatrick, Margaret Carol Hughes, Joseph Crimes, Patrick Patten, Margaret Murray, Austin Pinnington, June Semenzato, Marie Tobin and Eric Melia.

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.

OFFERTORY:

St Columba's: Loose Plate £322.30, Planned Giving £486.90, Average Weekly Standing Orders £720.00. Candles: £46.00

St Theresa's: £237.43 plus an average of £130.00 from standing orders.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE:

St. Columba's:

25th Sept Harvest
2nd Oct Macmillan Coffee Morning
8th Oct Any Volunteers?

Tea, coffee and juice will be served in the Iona Chapel on 25th Sept after the 11o'clock Mass. All are very welcome.

St. Theresa's:

Tea, coffee and juice are available in the Parish Club after 9:30 a.m. Mass. All are very welcome.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING MASS 11.00 am

This Sunday we 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 have brought your own harvest gifts today, we have a table in the Hall after Mass for the sale of any produce, preserves or plants, proceeds to CAFOD. Any tins or packet food will go to the Foodbank collection. Thank you.

RESPONSES FOR THE HARVEST MASS:

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap, Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

Lord, the earth is filled with your gifts from heaven;

Man grows bread from the earth, and wine to cheer his heart.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Lawn Drive, Earls Oak and Windmill Rise.
- For Dorin Park School.
- For all who are physically or mentally disabled, their teachers and families.

“SONGS OF PRAISE” SUNDAY 25th SEPTEMBER:

We are invited to 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. For further information, please see poster at the back of church. All welcome.

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.

FEAST OF ST THERESA:

Mass at 7.30pm on **Monday, 3rd 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. If you would like to make a donation towards flowers to decorate the church for the Feast Day, please put in an envelope marked “flowers” and place in the Offertory basket. Any roses to be left at the presbytery before Friday 30th September please.

CLEANERS' ROTA C (St. Theresa's)

PRAYER WALK: (St Theresa's)

Thanks to those who went to this yesterday.

“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 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.

NEW SVP CONFERENCE FOR THE PARISH OF ST. COLUMBA & ST. THERESA:

"The SVP will be making an appeal at all the Sunday Masses, October 1st & 2nd at St Theresa's and St Columba's for new members, with a view of starting a new conference for the newly combined parishes."

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.

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.

QUIZ EVENING, FRIDAY 14th OCTOBER:

Over the last few years, a Quiz Evening, arranged on behalf of Churches Together in Upton, has proved very popular and sociable. It is hosted by St. Columba's and will be held in our Hall, starting at 7.30 p.m. Tables of six, admission on the door £1, bring your own wine. Further information on the posters

TALK BY STEPHEN TWIGG MP:

Stephen Twigg chairs the Commons Select Committee on International Development. He is giving a talk on the wide-ranging work of that committee, including its oversight of the government's Department for International Development (DfID). All are welcome to this talk: 7.00pm on **Friday 7th October**, Binks Building, University of Chester (off Parkgate Road).

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.

RED MISSION BOXES:

Could those who hold Red Mission Boxes please bring them to the Sacristy in order for Margaret Curtis (01244 318424) to collect. You can collect your emptied box from the table in the rear porch. Thank you all for your continuing support.

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, e-mail: 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.