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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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 26th MARCH 2017

Saturday 25th March The Annunciation of the Lord

St. Theresa's 10.00 a.m. Priest's Intention
St. Columba's 6.30 p.m. John & Caroline Tobin
Vigil Mass

Sunday 26th March

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

Monday 27th March

St. Theresa's 9.00 a.m. Private Intention
St. Columba's 9.15am Jean Baker

Tuesday 28th March

St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. John & Julie Briody
St. Theresa's 6.30pm. Margaret & Jeff Parry

Wednesday 29th March

St Columba's 9.15 a.m. Sean Baker RIP
St. Theresa's 7.00 p.m. Mark Parry RIP followed
by Stations of the Cross

Thursday 30th March

St. Theresa's 9.00 a.m. Charles Woods RIP
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Kathleen Wilkinson

Friday 31st March

St Theresa's 8-8.55a.m. Exposition of
The Blessed Sacrament
9.00 a.m. Mae Dunne's Ints.
St.Columba's 7.00 p.m. Monica & Bill Gardiner
followed by Stations of the Cross

Saturday 1st April

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

Sunday 2nd April

St. Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Mae Dunne's Intentions
St. Columba's 11.00a.m. Joanne Peppitt

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 p.m. and 6.25 p.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 07743 704383 (text or 'phone).

St. Theresa's: Please contact Fr Isidore to arrange.

ST. COLUMBA'S ANNIVERSARIES:

Donald Goodacre, Eddie Edwards, Joseph (Joe) O'Reilly, Kathleen Sharp, Annie Sweeney, Thomas Walter Bowker, Philip Parry, Kevin Coriam, Sarah Healey, Thomas Henry Lennon, Teresa O'Rourke, Angela Elizabeth (Betty) Beadles, Eva Fitzpatrick, Kathleen Veronica Lloyd, Bridget Kathleen Wilkinson, Walter David Bowley, Anthony Adams, Ellen Tonks, Bridget Kerry, Doreen McNamara, Maureen Margaret Tolefree, Margarita Lee, Pauline Josephine Redford, Anthony Burns, Holly, Mary Kiernan, Thomas Edward Hill, Ena O'Flynn, Carlo Lanzetta, John Coppie, Annie Rowlands, Stephen Andrew O'Brien, Doreen Carrington, Joseph Logan.

ST. THERESA'S ANNIVERSARIES:

David Roberts, Josepha McAssey, Stanley McHugh, Patrick Carroll, Theresa Ward, Alfred Reade, Janet Wallace, Ronald Paddock, Elsie Toole, Albert Morrish, John Mulligan, Dorothy Douglas, Charles Woods, John Lawlor, Baby Lawlor, Adam Sykes, William Fitzpatrick, Agnes Dixon, Joan Ward, Kathleen Veronica Tranter, Joseph Herbert,

LATELY DEAD:

Please pray for Doreen Granger. May the Lord grant her Eternal Life and console her family and friends. The Funeral Service is at St Theresa's on Tuesday 11th April at 1.30pm. May she rest in peace.

OFFERTORY:

St Columba's: Loose Plate: £395.05; Planned Giving £446.67
Average Weekly Standing Orders £720.00; Candles: £53.15
St Theresa's: £332.77 plus average weekly standing orders of £130. *Thank you for your continued generosity.*

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: The new envelopes for St Theresa's are available at the back of church. Please do not use the blue envelopes after the 2nd April and only use the new ones from the 9th April. Any problems contact John Steele 012544 552129.

St Columba's – Please collect your 2017/2018 envelopes from the porch if you haven't already done so. But please don't start using them until 9th April.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray:

- For the residents of Newton Park Road, Kennedy Close and Sandon Road.
- For Upton Village Surgery,
- For Doctors, Nurses, Health Visitors and Social Workers in our community.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

26th March Sewing Group Parish
2nd April Marie Cunniff Ronald McDonald House
9th April Any volunteers?
Tea, coffee and juice are available in the hall. All welcome.
The 2017 coffee rota is 'pinned up' 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 very welcome.

LENT FAST DAY:

Thank you very much for your generous donations in the Fast Day envelopes. A total of £944.27 was raised in our two churches.

"TO CALVARY WITH MATTHEW"

These talks will conclude on **Monday** this week when we'll be looking at the readings for the fifth Sunday of Lent. Newcomers welcome. Full details on the Notice Board and the website. Please note that the meeting this week is on **Monday**.

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.

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).

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 tel: 01244 383703.

UPTON CHURCHES TOGETHER YORK COURSE:

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

2016 APF RESULTS:

Overall the grand total for all dioceses in England & Wales was £3,039,531
St. Columba's Red Box Collections were £888.00, Direct Donations £846.00. Grand total raised in 2016: £1734.00
The Association for the Propagation of the Faith would like to thank the parishioners for their continued support. You have made a huge difference. More information in the front porch of St. Columba's church.

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.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

We are holding a "Dinner For Syria" on **Friday 21st April** at 7:30 pm 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 to buy this weekend after evening mass and 11am Mass at St Columba's in the front porch from Mary Briony, and from Paul Wrigglesworth after 9.30am Mass at St Theresa's in the Parish Centre.

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.

Friday 16th June Family Bingo Night 7pm St Columba's Parish Hall

Friday 28th July Annual coach trip to York

EAST AFRICA CRISIS APPEAL:

Thank you for your generous response to the appeal made last weekend. A total of £730.68 was donated by our parishioners in the two churches. At St. Columba's the Third World wall boxes will remain open for further donation to this famine appeal through to the end of April. Donations made also be made online by going to www.cafod.org.uk or www.dec.org.uk

TOOLS FOR AFRICA:

I will shortly be delivering a collection of unwanted garden tools to a Charity Workaid which sends them to Africa for refurbishment and providing work and education. They also take workshop tools, haberdashery, knitting needles etc. For a full list of what they can put to good use see <http://workaid.org/howtohelp/donatetools/default.html> If you have anything you would like to send, please contact me by the end of March. Thanks Catherine 01244 383866

VACANCY: There is a vacancy for a Wirral-based Parish Centre Manager. For further information please see the poster at the back of church or on the parish website. Closing date 14th April.

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 & enquiries please contact Sue Carr on 07553 114531 or email columbashallbookings@gmail.com

NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Alison Wrigglesworth 01244 382457
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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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