

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.

4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY, 29th JANUARY 2017

Saturday 28th January

St. Theresa's 10.00 a.m. Liliane Gittins RIP
St. Columba's 6.30 p.m. The Parish - **Vigil Mass**

Sunday 29th January

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

Monday 30th January

St. Theresa's 9.00 a.m. Priest's Intentions
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Frank Jeffes

Tuesday 31st January *St John Bosco*

St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Stephen Jones RIP
St. Theresa's 6.30 p.m. Jeffrey Parry RIP

Wednesday 1st February

St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Joan Bullough
St Theresa's 7.00 p.m. Stan & Iris Taylor RIP

Thursday 2nd February *The Presentation of The Lord*

St. Theresa's 9.00 a.m. Private Intention
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Hugh Middleton

Friday 3rd February *St Werburgh*

St Theresa's 8.00-8.55 Exp. of the Blessed Sacrament
9.00 a.m. Bradshaw & Millington Int.
St Columba's 7.00 p.m. Jim & Audrey Bracken

Saturday 4th February

St. Theresa's 10.00a.m. Parishioners' Intentions
St Columba's 6.30 pm Gladys L Shanley - **Vigil Mass**

Sunday 5th February

St Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Pamela Dobson RIP
St Columba's 11.00a.m. The Parish

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.**

WELCOME:

This weekend we welcome Fr. Isidore, returned from visiting his home in Nigeria. We hope he had a good trip and is now enjoying the crisp weather back here in the UK!

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 £445.63; Planned Giving £387.99; Average Weekly STOs £720.00, Candles: £45.10

St. Theresa's: £345.27 plus average weekly STOs £130.

ST. COLUMBA'S ANNIVERSARIES:

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, Jim Grisdale, Bernard Smith, Joseph Eric Gerrard, Mary O'Gorman, Bridget Rhoden, Anne Heaney-Glynn, Anne Helen Fitzpatrick, George Fletcher, Roman Borysewski, Clifford Sale, Stephen Hunt, Kitty O'Donnell, Racheal Andrews, Joseph Blagg, Dr de Gamrose, John Joseph Lynch, Nellie Tyldesley, Minnie Brown, Elizabeth Tiffin, Madeline Vozniak, Dorothy Poole, Edward Kiernan, Tom Wilkinson, Isabella Boulton, William Byrne, Bigview Tadeusz Roszowski, Frank Burton, Alice Edna Bellis, Margaret Price, Bruno Walmsley, Patrick O'Gorman, Mabel Volk, Kerry Maria Duffy, Christopher John Bryan, Michael Allen, Vincent Murphy, Margery Angela Whatmough, Michael Jones, Kathleen Bernadette McGoldrick, Thady Byrne, Sr. Andrea O'Malley, Joan Davies, Janet Bailey, Brian Dunn

ST. THERESA'S ANNIVERSARIES:

Wilfred Garratt, Ernest Evans, Lieselotte Dodds, John Holman Mitchell, Mary Elizabeth Dowd, Josephine Johnston, Louisa Maud Rogers, Joe Johnson, Leslie Upton, Bernard Maher, Emily Dorothea Martin, Alexander James Keegan, Margaret Dunne, Constance Merian Kenyon, Joan McLoughlin, Joan Davies

FIRST FORGIVENESS :

On Saturday 28th January 29 children from St. Columba's parish received 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 Dunham Way, Chirk Close and Tintern Avenue;
- For the prayer groups and ecumenical prayer groups;
- For those who have no-one to pray for them.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS' ROTA: (St. Theresa's)

The new rota has now been prepared and can be collected from the sacristy at St. Theresa's.

WALSINGHAM RETREAT 24-27th APRIL 2017:

Please can we have the remaining deposits. There are still places free - please phone Janette, 01244 678265.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE:

29th Jan 21st Guides Themselves
5th Feb Heather Lannin Sierra Leone
12th Feb Chris & Liz Nichols Tombola

Tea, coffee and juices 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 the 9.30 am Mass. All are very welcome.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN UPTON:

SONGS OF PRAISE, SUNDAY 29th JANUARY

The Fifth Sunday service being held this Sunday will take the form of a "Songs of Praise", 6.30 pm at Upton United Reform Church, Heath Road. This is a great opportunity for parishioners from the different Upton churches to come together to sing a variety of hymns and there will be a chance to socialise afterwards, when refreshments will be served.

A YEAR FOR MISSION, 2017:

The final session of the series of four Reflections takes place on **Wednesday 1st February**, 7-9 p.m. at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Centre, Ellesmere Port CH65 8BY. See posters.

HOSPITAL MASS:

The regular "First Thursday" Mass will be celebrated on 2nd February at 12.15pm in the Countess of Chester hospital Chapel. This is for patients/outpatients, staff, families and friends, and the wellbeing of our hospitals, including the Bowmere. All are welcome.

LAUNCH OF CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY:

Parishioners are invited to the official launch of the new CARITAS, Diocese of Shrewsbury agency. This will be an opportunity to hear about our future direction in social action and social justice. The celebration will be held at Ellesmere Port Catholic High School, Capenhurst Lane, Whitby, CH65 7AQ. on **Saturday 4th February**. Programme: 10.00 am Registration and refreshments: 10.30am. Welcome by Bishop Mark and input from speakers concluded with Mass at 11.45 am. Please contact Pauline McCulloch if you are able to attend: 0151 652 9855, or email Pauline.McCulloch@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

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 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 February 2nd** 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.

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. Bar 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! All proceeds to the Hospice.

SPECIAL COLLECTION - RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND:

Today the annual Special Collection for the Retired Priests' Fund is being held. 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 do not have your Offertory Envelope with you, or you give to your Parish by means of a Standing Order, write in your name and home address. In this way, it will be possible to reclaim the tax on your donation if you have joined the Gift Aid scheme. 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**

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION:

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

ADVANCE NOTICE – TALKS ON LENTEN READINGS:

A series of five talks on the Lenten Sunday Readings will commence on **Tuesday 28th February**. All welcome. See poster on Notice Boards and on the parish website

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.

FACILITIES AT ST. THERESA'S:

- **Sound system:** The new mike on the pulpit proved faulty and had to be sent back. A replacement was eventually sent and has now been fitted. Thank you for your patience!
- **Building work:** A toilet is being put where the Piety shop used to be, and the back of church is being refitted, also a ramp access is being provided (the concrete needs time to set before its railings can be fitted). We apologise for the inconvenience but hope you agree that the work is long overdue and will be worth the temporary disruption.

CLEANERS' ROTA B (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:

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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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