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- ❖ Parish Safeguarding Representative: Claire Graham. Tel 01244 341287 or 0788 055 3830.

31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. 30th OCTOBER 2016

Saturday 29th October

St Theresa's 10.00 am Parishioners' Intentions
St Columba's 6.30 pm Joan Bullough }
Holy Souls } **Vigil Mass**

Sunday 30th October

St Theresa's 9.30 am Nicholas Lancaster RIP
St Columba's 11.00am The Parish / Holy Souls

Monday 31st October

St Theresa's 9.00 am Keith Evans
St Columba's 9.15am Greg & Catrina Leddy

Tuesday 1st November (All Saints – Holy Day)

St Columba's 9.15am Holy Souls
7.00 pm Holy Souls
St Theresa's 6.30pm Bradshaw & Millington Ints.

Wednesday 2nd November (All Souls)

St Theresa's 9.00 am The Faithful Departed
12 noon Priest's Intention
7.00 pm Private Intention
St Columba's 9.15 am Holy Souls

Thursday 3rd November (St Winefride)

St Theresa's 9.00am Holy Souls
St Columba's 9.15 am Holy Souls

Friday 4th November (St Charles Borromeo, B.)

St Theresa's 8-8.55am Expo Of the Blessed Sacrament
9.00am Charles & Joan Woods
St Columba's 12 noon **REQUIEM** for William John
O'Gorman
St Columba's 7.00pm Holy Souls

Saturday 5th November

St Theresa's 10.00am Private Intention
St Columba's 6.30pm Holy Souls **Vigil Mass**

Sunday 6th November

St Theresa's 9.30 am Parishioners
St Columba's 11.00 am Holy Souls

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

ONE WORLD WEEK SERVICE – 30th OCTOBER:

This is being held at Holy Trinity Church at 3.00 pm.

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: Confessions are heard after every weekday Mass.

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.

LATELY DEAD:

Please pray for the family and friends of William John O'Gorman (Brother of Mary Rhoden) who died recently. May he rest in peace. Requiem 12 noon, Friday, 4th November at St. Columba's.

KEITH EVANS RIP:

Mary and Family wish to express sincere thanks to everybody in the Parish for their sympathy and support, cards, and prayers. The donations are being sent to the Chester and District Stroke Club and the Heart Foundation. A Mass will be offered for your intentions.

ST. COLUMBA'S ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Ruth Jones, Margot Pinnington, Nelson Nicholas Basaraba, Sheila Maureen Austin, Martin Millington, Terence Evans, Joan Randles, James Kane, Joseph Flynn, Nicolina Batty, Margaret Shilson, Philip Randles, David Griffiths, Jan Tarranzio, William Arthur (Bill) Roberts, Cecilia Marion Gannicott, George Dalziel, William Walker, Edward Peter Connolly, James Paschall McNicholas, Gerry Coogan, Gerard Ferguson, Herbert Bowyer, Catherine Walmsley, George Barford, Joseph Murphy, John Phillips, Kirsty Helen Morgan (Baby), Gerald Finan, John Gordon Sands, Arnold Whittaker, Margaret (Peggy) Mary Walker

OFFERTORY:

St Columba's: Loose Plate £426.88 Planned Giving £407.35, Average Weekly Standing Orders £720.00, Badminton Group: £100.

St Theresa's: £284.91 plus average weekly standing orders £130.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE:

St. Columba's:

30th Oct. Any Volunteers?

6th Nov. SPUC

SPUC

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

St Theresa's:

Tea, coffee and juice are available in the Parish Club after 9.30am Mass. All are very welcome.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS' ROTA (St Theresa's):

The new rotas are now available in the sacristy. If there are any ministers not already on the rota and wishing to do so, please ring 371660 and leave your name and number.

CLEANERS' ROTA C (St. Theresa's)

UPTON CHURCHES 5th SUNDAY SERVICE:

When there are 5 Sundays in a month, each church takes it in turns to host a short evening service. **This Sunday 30th October, St. Columba's will host and lead the service, at 6.30 p.m.** This is a great opportunity to meet and pray with members of the other churches. All are very welcome!

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Upton Drive, Pine Gardens and Bache Ave.
- The British Legion, Golf Club and Village Hall Committees, and all who use their facilities.
- For those who have served their country.

CAFOD – LAMPEDUSA CROSS CARDS:

You may remember seeing a Lampedusa Cross in Church in September. The cross was made from the wreckage of a boat carrying the refugees that sank off the island of Lampedusa. Such crosses were offered to the survivors as a sign of hope. CAFOD have produced cards on which you can write a short message of hope to refugees. These will be presented to Bishop Mark at a dedication service in Shrewsbury Cathedral at 3pm on Saturday, **12th Nov.** where the messages will be blessed before being distributed to refugees in UK and around the world. The cards are available in a basket at the back of Church and can be left in the basket on completion. See St. Columba's website photo gallery for more information on the Lampedusa Cross.

St Theresa's CAFOD collection amounted to £230. – Thank you.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:

Many congratulations to each and every one of our 28 young parishioners who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday evening. Well done, you were amazing. Also thank you very much to everyone who helped to make the Mass so special – thank you.

MARY'S MEALS:

Members of the Confirmation group are walking from Connors Quay to Kingsway, on **5th November**, to raise money for Mary's Meals. Mary's meals works with many poor communities across the world to give children a meal at school. For many this will be their only meal of the day. Many children are able to stop working/begging and get an education, because of Mary's Meals. It only costs £12.20 to provide meals for a child for the school year. For more information go to marysmeals.org.uk Please sponsor us if you can, a form is in the porch of each church. Thank you.

POSTCARD EVENT TO MARK 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF 1967 ABORTION ACT:

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children is working to commemorate the lives of unborn children lost by abortion since the passing of the 1967 Abortion Act. At all Masses over the weekend 29th/30th October, you will be invited to complete a postcard asking your MP to act to protect unborn babies. Please support this initiative which gives us an opportunity to make our voices heard on behalf of unborn children.

DIOCESAN DAY FOR ALL CATECHISTS WITH BISHOP MARK:

For both new and experienced Catechists on the theme: 'Resources: What do we have? What do we need?' **Saturday 12 Nov.** (10 am refreshments) 10.30 – 3.30 pm. Ellesmere Port Catholic High School Capenhurst Lane CH65 7AQ Speakers include representatives from CTS and the Salesians. Please bring packed lunch. Registration with helen.jones@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Tel: 0151 6529855.

DIOCESAN DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR ALL;

To end the Year of Mercy we will consider 'The Works of Mercy in Contemplation and Action', **Sat. 19th Nov.** (9am refreshments) 9.30 – 4pm. Ellesmere Port Catholic High School CH65 7AQ. Speakers Fr Jim McCartney (THOMAS: Those on the Margins of a Society) and Damien Prescott (The Olive Branch Community) will help us explore areas of addiction in our lives. Please bring packed lunch.

Registration with helen.jones@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Tel 0151 6529855.

ST. WINEFRIDE:

Thursday is the feast of St. Winefride, Secondary Patron of Shrewsbury Diocese. Known rather more from legend than historical fact, she lived in the second half of the 7th century and became abbess of a convent near the town of Holywell - famously associated with the healing properties of the waters of St. Winefride's Well, one of the most popular pilgrim sites in Wales. Her relics were later enshrined in the Benedictine Abbey in Shrewsbury, that in turn becoming a very important pilgrimage site until the time of the dissolution of the monasteries.

AUTUMN FAYRE – SUNDAY 20th NOVEMBER:

The Autumn Fayre will be held at St Columba's Hall on Sunday 20th of November after 11:00 Mass. Hot Dogs, homemade soups, bottle tombola and stalls. The monies raised will fund the Christmas Party.

If you have any bottles you would like to donate for the tombola please leave them in the back of St Columba's and St. Theresa's Churches.

VOTIVE CANDLES:

At St Theresa's you will find these in both of the side altars at the front of the Church.

LOOP SYSTEM:

The new system is due to be installed on the 4th November at St. Theresa's. Apologies for inconvenience caused and thank you for your patience.

TOILETS:

At present the toilet at St Theresa's is through the door on the right of the front of the Church into the sacristy then through the outside door on the right, then turn left and it is situated at the end of the building.

FOODBANK:

Thank you for all your regular donations to the Foodbank. Items in short supply at the moment are porridge oats, tinned mixed vegetables, and biscuits - they have plenty of baked beans. Thank you.

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

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NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Rebecca Vaughan, 01244 350323, e-mail: rebecca_vghn@yahoo.co.uk

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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