

# Catholic Churches of St Columba and St Theresa



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- ❖ Chester Hospitals' Chaplaincy: Tel: 01244 364543, answer phone available.
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## EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2017

### Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February

St. Theresa's 10.00a.m. Priest's Intention.

St Columba's: 6.30p.m. Joan Lynch.

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February – Day of Special Prayer for the Unemployed

St Theresa's 9.30a.m. Parishioners' Intentions.

St Columba's: 11.00a.m. Richard Murphy. A.

### Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February

St Theresa's 9.00a.m. Priest's Intention.

St Columba's 9.15a.m. Mary Jeffes. A.

### Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February – St David, Patron of Wales

St Columba's 9.15a.m. Ellen Finnigan. RIP.

St Theresa's 6.30p.m. The Faithful Departed.

### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March – Ash Wednesday

St Columba's 9.15a.m. Jean Baker. RIP.

7.00p.m. Margaret Parry. RIP.

St Theresa's 9.30a.m. Private Intention.

7.00p.m. Charles Wood.

### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

St Theresa's 9.00a.m. Private Intention.

10.45a.m. Agnes Mary Barrett - **Funeral Service**

St Columba's 9.15a.m. Elaine & Ian Dunne.

### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Women's World Day of Prayer

St Theresa's 8-8.55a.m. Expos. Of the Blessed Sacrament.

9.00 a.m. Ann Warburton.

St Columba's 7.00pm O. L. Intention.

### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March

St Theresa's 10.00a.m. Trevor James Lightbown.

(it is also **First Forgiveness Mass for the Children**)

St Columba's 6.30p.m. Gavin Webster – **Vigil Mass**

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March

St Theresa's 9.30a.m. Parishioners' Intention.

St Columba's 11.00a.m. The Parish.

### **WELCOME!**

**St Columba's:** We welcome Fr. Jim Durkin from the Franciscan Friary to our 11.00 a.m. Mass this Sunday.

**St Theresa's:** Today we welcome Bishop Mark who is celebrating Mass with us.

### **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).

Congratulations to the Byrne family as we welcome Millie-Rose as our newest member of St. Columba's parish. We send our warmest best wishes for a wonderful day. Please remember Millie-Rose and her family in your prayers.

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

### **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.

### **ST COLUMBA'S ANNIVERSARIES:**

Agnes Ryan, Gertrude Kieran, William Dolan, Mary Boulton, Catherine Fletcher, Mary Elizabeth McCafferty, Catherine Vickers, Charles Challinor, Etta Holmes, Gavin Webster, Allen Fairhead, David Nichols, Richard John Murphy, Richard L Roberts, Frank Tobin (Snr), Ellen Cottam, Angela Wilding, Mary Ellen Stansfield, Florence Edwards, John Daniel Jones, James Brian Kilcoyne, Cissie Jones, Margaret Rose Wollschlager, Patricia Anastasia Barker, Hugh Campbell, Stephen John Blythe, Maud Yates, Cornelius Heffernan, Elizabeth Heffernan, Thomas Conlon, Ulrica Lester, Mary Dutton, Ian Allmark, Anne Holland, Ellen Catherine Kerr, Sheila McCabe, Alfred Bolton, Sheila Faye, Bridget Roberts, Joan Burrows, Cornlius Murphy, Noel Morrissey, John Burrell, Anthony Xuereb, Philip Anthony (Tony) Lambe, Terence (Terry) Cunninghamam.

### **ST THERESA'S ANNIVERSARIES:**

Ellen McGibbon, Margaret Ward, Christine Margaret Everard, Wademan Aird, Agnes Hodgkinson, Joseph Fransiyyer Jaworyyn, Ellen Bennett, William Patrick Geeleher, John Mitchell, Christina Gibson, Henry Charlton, Edward Thompson, Thomas Childs, Barbara Eadon, Margaret Fletcher, Michael Plevin, Sheila, Michael Becker, William Carroll, Elizabeth Bowers, Trevor Lightbown.

### **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:** After weekday Mass and by arrangement with Fr. Isidore.

### **OFFERTORY:**

**St Columba's:** Loose Plate £316.70; Planned Giving £422.00; Average Weekly Standing Orders £720.00; Priests' Retirement Fund: £504.59; Candles £40.70.

**St Theresa's:** £279.17 plus average weekly standing orders £130.

### **LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR, CARE FOR GOD'S PLANET:**

At the side chapel by the Baptismal font there is an opportunity for you to share in a children's liturgy activity. Write or draw something you love about God's earth on one side of one of the green hearts. On the other side, write down something you will do to care for the earth. Then hang your heart on the tree! (This is an idea from CAFOD's climate change campaign.)

### **FR COOKE'S BOOKS:**

The Wish list will close this weekend. Arrangements for books to be collected will be announced in a future Newsletter.

**FREE:** There are some books etc. at the back of St. Theresa's Church. Please take any that you can make use of.

## UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray:

- For the residents of Rosewood Avenue, Whitby Avenue and Egerton Drive.
- For those on the brass and flower rotas and those who distribute flowers.
- For those who clean our churches and halls.

## CHESTER CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:

Congratulations to all at the school for the outcome of the recent inspection report concerning the Religious Education and Catholic Life of the school. It was rated "Outstanding". "Not only does the school provide success in academic terms, but ensures that this success is based upon an effective provision for the education, welfare and spiritual well-being of students of all ages and needs."

## CELEBRATE FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT:

27<sup>th</sup> Feb – 12<sup>th</sup> March. Theme – "It's time to put Fairtrade in your break". Around 70% of the world's population relies on food crops grown on local small farms. Fluctuations world food prices can spell disaster for small farmers and co-operatives, so Fairtrade guarantees a fair, stable price for their products - and also a "premium": a little bit extra which they can invest in their family's future, or in their business or local community.

- Fairtrade goods will be on sale in St. Theresa's and St. Columba's after the Masses on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March**.
- **Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup>** – "Fairtrade Funday" in Grosvenor Park from 11.00am – 4.00pm – fun for all the family.

## CAFOD LENT FAST DAY – FRIDAY 10<sup>th</sup> MARCH:

Envelopes will be available with the Newsletters next weekend. They may be returned via the normal offertory baskets the following weekends. The donations help CAFOD's work in support of families in the developing world.

## CHRISTIAN AID - ANNUAL COFFEE MORNING:

This will be on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March** from 10.30 – 12.30 in Hoole URC on Hoole Road. Tickets £1.00 available from Ann McCarthy or Pauline Payne.

Also **Lent Lunches**: these are held every Monday in Lent starting on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March**. 12 noon to 1.30pm in Quaker Meeting House, off Frodsham St. Suggested min donation £5.

## SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE:

### St. Columba's:

26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Third World	Parish overseas projects
5 <sup>th</sup> March	Catholic High	PTA
12 <sup>th</sup> March	Heather Lannin	Sierra Leone

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

The 2017 coffee rota is pinned up in the Hall. There are a few vacancies. If anyone wishes to serve teas and coffees after the 11.00am Mass to support a charity of their own choice please phone Marg Curtis on 01244 318424.

### St Theresa's:

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

## JOB ADVERT, WIRRAL FOODBANK:

Wirral Foodbank, based in Birkenhead, are looking to appoint a Warehouse Team Leader. 18 hours per week, £8.45 per hour. Closing date 20<sup>th</sup> March. For further detail, phone 07518 034579 or email [manager@wirralfoodbank.org.uk](mailto:manager@wirralfoodbank.org.uk)

## APF (RED) BOXES – ST THERESA'S:

Thanks to those who have brought their boxes in. If anyone would like a box please contact Sean Baker on 07891 606189.

## RED MISSION BOXES – ST COLUMBA'S:

Could those parishioners holding Red Mission Boxes please leave them in the Sacristy for Marg Curtis. Once the money is counted, the boxes can be collected from the table in the rear porch. Any enquiries please contact Marg Curtis 318424. Thank you for your continued support.

## OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:

The new envelopes for St Columba's for the new tax year are now available. Please collect yours from the table in the porch nearest to the Hall. Any problems contact David Savage 380626.

## TO CALVARY WITH MATTHEW:

These talks begin on Tuesday this week. Full details on the Notice Board and the website.

## PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FUND:

The recent collection at St Columba's for this fund realised £504.59. Thank you for your generosity towards our sick and retired priests.

## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

We are once again holding a Family Bingo Night on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March** at 7p.m. in St Columba's Church hall as it is Red Nose Day, please come wearing your red noses if you wish or any other appropriate attire for Red Nose Day.

### Other Dates for your Dairy;

- **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April** – Dinner for Syria (St Columba's Church Hall)
- **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May** – Spring Fayre (St Theresa's Parish Centre after 9.30a.m. Mass)
- **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June** – BBQ to celebrate the Anniversary of St Columba's

## FACILITIES AT ST THERESA'S:

There is now a toilet at the back of the Church where the piety shop used to be. The railings should be fitted to the new ramp in the next few weeks.

## CLEANERS' ROTA C (ST THERESA'S):

If anyone is willing to go on the cleaning rota to make up another team (it will then be once a month) please call the presbytery on 01244 471660 and leave a message with your phone number. Thank you.

## LIFT REQUIRED:

Is there anyone from Upton who comes to the 9.30 am Mass at St. Theresa's on a Sunday who would be able to give Fr Isidore a lift to St. Columba's for the 11.00 am Mass? This is only every other week, but may be less than that if more people volunteer. Please call the presbytery on 01244 371660 and leave your name and number. Many thanks.

### 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](mailto:Stcolumbaschurch2016@outlook.com)  
For all Hall bookings & enquiries please contact Sue Carr on 07553 114531 or email [columbashallbookings@gmail.com](mailto:columbashallbookings@gmail.com)

### NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Brian Webster, 01244 851026, e-mail: [brianrobert@joycewebster.freereserve.co.uk](mailto:brianrobert@joycewebster.freereserve.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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