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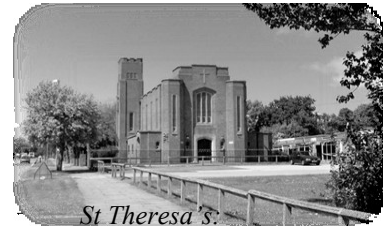
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## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 13<sup>TH</sup>/14<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2018

### Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January

St. Theresa's	10.00a.m.	NO MASS
St. Columba's	6.30p.m.	Parishioners Intentions - <b>Vigil Mass</b>

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January

St. Theresa's	9.30a.m.	Graham George
St. Columba's	11.00a.m.	Bernard Harvey RIP

### Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January

St. Theresa's	9.00a.m.	Special Intention
St. Columba's	9.15a.m.	Joan Baxter

### Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January

St. Theresa's	9.00a.m.	Private Intention
St Columba's	9.15a.m.	Special Intention (GB)

### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January – St Anthony, Ab

St Columba's	9.15a.m.	Janette Doherty RIP
St Theresa's	7.00p.m.	Michael Dunne RIP

### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January

St Theresa's	9.00 a.m.	Priest's Intention
	2.00p.m.	Joint Service for Week for for Christian Unity
St. Columba's	9.15 a.m.	<b>NO MASS</b>
	<b>12.00p.m.</b>	<b>Requiem Mass for Bernard Harvey</b>

### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January

St Theresa's	8-30a.m - 9.25a.m.	Expos. Of the Blessed Sacrament
	9.30a.m.	Parishioners Intentions - <b>Vigil</b>
St Columba's	7.00p.m.	Denis O'Donovan

### Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January

St. Theresa's	10.00a.m.	Eileen O'Sullivan RIP
St Columba's	6.30p.m.	Parishioners Intentions - <b>Vigil</b>

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January

St. Theresa's	9.30 a.m.	Margaret Parry RIP
St. Columba's	11.00 a.m.	May Merchant RIP

### **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.

### **CONFESSION:**

**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:** 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 07743704383.

*A very warm welcome to our first new parishioners of 2018. Jack and Emma Morris will be baptised at St. Columba's this Sunday. We wish them and their family a wonderful day; please keep Jack, Emma and their parents in your prayer.*

**St. Theresa's:** To arrange a Baptism, please contact Fr. Isidore or Mike Maxwell 07851 720217 (text or phone).

### **LATELY DEAD:**

Please pray for **Eileen Morgan** who died recently. May the Lord grant her Eternal Life and console her family and friends.

Please remember in your prayers, **Kathleen Astbury** whose Funeral Service is on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 2.40p.m. at Chester Crematorium and **Jean Barbara Mary Blake** whose Requiem Mass is at St Theresa's on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 12.45p.m. May they rest in peace.

### **ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF PARISH BAPTISMS:**

Today's 11.00a.m. Mass will include a celebration of baptisms performed in the Parish during 2017. Families concerned have been specially invited; the Penitential Act at Mass will include the blessing and sprinkling of water, and the renewal of Baptismal Promises will replace then Creed. There will be light refreshments in the Hall afterwards to which all will be welcome

### **WELCOME:**

This weekend we welcome Fr Jude to St Theresa's who is giving an appeal on behalf of the Spiritans.

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

Please remember in your prayers: Horace (James) Walpole, Edwardus Cartwright, Margaret Latham, Elizabeth Croghan, Alphonse Kaleta, Dr. Marcel Cretois, Joan Edmund Tyrrell, John McGuinness, Emily Elgie, Bernard Joseph Adams, Mary Regan, William Walker, Ann Roberts, Samuel Groucke, Victoria Nisperos Scott, Samantha Edwards, Eric Boardman, Gillian Pendleton, Dora Bowen, William John (Jack) Barlow, Dorothy Boulton, Rowena Thompson, Angela Finan, Mary Anne Corner, Eliza Dean, John Rooney, Joan Mary Connolly, Kenneth Liversage, Helen Wilson, Rosemary Larsen, Jack Cunniff, John Abbott, Veronica Martell, Edith Watkins, Ann Mahoney, John Joseph McLoughlin, Ian William Mylchreest, Bryan Burden, Maurice King, Reg Wells, Robert James Meadows, Annie O'Loughlin, Margaret Holding, Eileen Coombes, Jason Monet, Siobhan McKenna, Raymond James Storton, Elsie Rowlands, William Woods, Mgr. George Roger Leonard, Joan Connolly, Nora Margaret Connolly, David Noel Beckett, Bridget O'Malley, William Hope, Mary (Molly) Tallon, Monica Tweedle, Olivia Trotter, Tony Comerford, Richard Monet.

### ST. THERESA'S ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Thomas Lee, Rose Pickering, William David Noble, Marshall Howard Evans, Martin Patrick Honan, Mary Veronica Feeney, Shirley Ross, Elsie Elizabeth Edwards, Margaret Mary Heard, William Mernock, Robert William Hocking, James Halligan, Ivy Rose Fry, Frederick Arnold Basnett, Patricia Agnes Gaulton, Eryl McAlea, Stanley Edward Taylor, Maurice Maloney, Eric Samual Rogers, Eugene O'Toole, Denis Ivers

### SECOND COLLECTIONS/ RETIRING COLLECTIONS:

During the course of the year we are asked as a parish to take up various collections to support national Catholic Charities and agencies. These take the form of a retiring collection. It is important to emphasise that all collections taken in church are an invitation to contribute and while it is important that we are as generous as possible no one should feel obliged to contribute. There are various reasons why you may not wish to donate; perhaps money is tight at a particular moment or simply you do not want to give to a particular charity or agency. The important thing is that we think conscientiously about whether we want to and whether we can afford to contribute. This is a personal decision for each one to make. All contributions great and small are appreciated. Thank you for your generosity to the parish and to the second collections. Listed below are the collections which we are asked to take up during 2018: **Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury** (Christmas); **Priests' Retirement Fund** (14 January); **Lenten Alms** (Lent); **Cafod Fast I** (23 February); **Cafod II** (5<sup>th</sup> October); **Holy Places** (Good Friday); **World Communications Day** (13 May); **Day for Life** (17 June); **Peter's Pence** (1 July); **Apostleship of the Sea** (8<sup>th</sup> July); **Home Mission Sunday** (16 September); **World Mission Sunday APF** (21 October); **Clergy Education and Training Fund** (18 November) Some time during the year we are also visited by a different missionary congregation whom we are asked to support. This year it is our friends and neighbours the Spiritans.

### RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND - SPECIAL COLLECTION:

**St Columba's: 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> Jan, St. Theresa's: 28<sup>th</sup> Jan.**

The annual Special Collection for the Retired Priests' Fund is being held on these dates. With your help, we can build up the Fund to help meet the future needs of our sick and retired priests.

Special Envelopes are available for you to use. If you use weekly Offertory Envelopes, please can I ask that you write in your envelope number. 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. A Leaflet about the Fund is also available which explains how to make a regular donation to the Fund by Standing Order, or how you can make your donation by cheque. It also explains how to take advantage of Gift Aid for your donations to the Fund. 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**

### ST. THERESA'S AND ST COLUMBA'S SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

Back by popular demands – An evening of music and merriment in St Theresa's Centre on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February** from 7.30p.m. – 10.30p.m. More details to follow but please put the date in your diaries!

### UPTON & BLACON CHURCHES TOGETHER:

This week we pray for the residents of:

- Newhall Lane, Appleton Road, Hanforth Road, Onslow Road, Springwood Close, Overwood Lane, Melverley Drive.
- For Archive Group, Social Committees and fundraising groups.

### OFFERTORY:

**St. Columba's:** Loose plate £360.23; Planned Giving £377.81; Average weekly standing orders £735; Sunday Morning Tea/Coffee: £34.22; Candles (2 weeks) £217.70.  
**St. Theresa's:** £313.38 plus £100 average standing orders  
*Thank you for your continued generosity and support.*

### SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE:

14<sup>th</sup> Jan Eileen & Friends Annual Celebration of Parish Baptisms  
21<sup>st</sup> Jan Volunteers required please  
28<sup>th</sup> Jan Guides Themselves  
Tea coffee and juice are available in the hall after the 11am Mass. All welcome.

There are several vacancies on the tea/coffee rota. We do need your support. Please call Marg Curtis 318424 to choose a Sunday when you can raise money for a charity of your choice.

### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY:

- There will be a joint service at St Theresa's at 2p.m on **Thursday 18th January**. All welcome.
- The Churches Together in Cheshire service for the Week of Prayer will be held at 3.30p.m on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January** at Chester Cathedral, when the preacher will be the Archbishop of York, the Rt. Revd. Dr. John Sentamu. The liturgy has been prepared by The Churches of the Caribbean. All those interested will be made very welcome.

### FIRST FORGIVENESS MEETING:

A reminder that the Parents' Meeting to discuss this sacrament will take place tomorrow, **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January** at 7.00p.m in St. Werburgh's and St. Columba's School. The First Forgiveness Celebration for the children will be on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January** at 10.00a.m here at St Columba's church.

### PAX CHRISTI:

This Sunday is designated as **Peace Sunday** – the theme from Pope Francis' World Peace Message 2018 being "Migrants and Refugees – seekers of Peace". We pray for those forced to leave their homes because of conflict or need – for migrant workers and for refugees. May they be kept safe in their travels and find friendship and welcome in their places of exile.

### YOUTH GROUP:

Next youth group, for 10 to 14 year olds, will be on **Monday 15th January**, 7.15pm start in the Iona Chapel, prompt finish at 9pm in the hall. New members welcome - please come, learn a little more about living our faith and have fun playing games, activities, eating etc.

### GIFT AID RECOVERY – ST COLUMBA'S:

The total amount recovered from HMRC through the Gift Aid scheme at St Columba's in the tax year ended in April 2017 was £13,039.23. This has been credited to the parish central fund held by the diocese. This is the fund which provides for major expenditure in the parish. Many thanks to those of you

who make your offertory donations through the Gift Aid scheme. For more information about the scheme please contact David Savage 01244 380626.

**SVP COLLECTION:**

The SVP will be collecting socks and underwear (male and female) to help people supported by Chester Aid to the Homeless. Please feel free to "re-gift" any unwanted presents or donate any new items. There will be collection boxes in the porch. Many thanks for your generosity.

**DAY CENTRE FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE:**

Do you know anyone who'd like some respite for an elderly friend or relative suffering from dementia or other age related illnesses (or just lonely.) A new day centre is starting in the new year offering lots of different activities with two course lunch. On 8th and 9th January there will be free taster sessions from 1-3pm, to book or to register interest please contact Louise Gornall. Tel. 07929771844 or [louise@alwaysactive.org.uk](mailto:louise@alwaysactive.org.uk)

**LET'S MOVE TOGETHER:**

Seated, Supported or Standing Exercises for the over 55s with a Qualified Move It or Lose It Instructor. Class takes place in St Columba's Hall, every Wednesday at 2p.m – 3p.m. £3.50 per session. For more information, please contact Hilary on 07933306745 or email [HLFitnessUK@gmail.com](mailto:HLFitnessUK@gmail.com)

**QUIZ NIGHT:**

There will be a quiz night on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January** 7.30p.m. at Royal British Legion Upton CH2 1HX. There will cash prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams. £5 per person, ticket includes quiz, sandwiches and ticket for 'Irish Bingo'. Maximum of 6 people in a team. Raising funds for a new Breastcare Scanner at Countess of Chester Hospital. For tickets, please call or text Clare on 07932974494 or Sarah on 07990981460

**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 and enquiries please contact Sue Carr on 07553 114531 or email [columbashallbookings@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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