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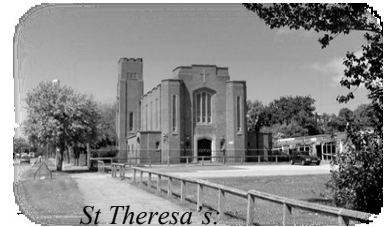
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- ❖ Parish Safeguarding Representative: Claire Graham. Tel 01244 341287 or 0788 055 3830.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 28th JANUARY 2018

Saturday 27th January

St. Theresa's 10.00 a.m. NO MASS
St. Columba's 6.30 p.m. Joan & Frederick Hodson Vigil

Sunday 28th January

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

Monday 29th January

St. Theresa's 9.00 a.m. Priest's Intention
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Margaret Rose Lannin

Tuesday 30th January

St Columba's 9.15 a.m. Deacon Stephen McKenna
St. Theresa's 6.30 p.m. Private Intention

Wednesday 31st January – St John Bosco, P

St Columba's 9.15 a.m. Loving Orphans in Distress
St Theresa's 7.00 p.m. Charles Woods RIP

Thursday 1st February

St Theresa's 9.00 a.m. Private Intention
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Roman Borysiawski

Friday 2nd February – Presentation of The Lord

St Theresa's 8.30-9.25a.m. Expos. of the Blessed Sacrament
9.30 a.m. Michael Dunne RIP
St Columba's 7.00 p.m. Kathryn Sanson RIP

Saturday 3rd February – St Werburgh, V

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

Sunday 4th February

St. Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Bridget Williams RIP
St. Columba's 11.00 a.m. Maureen Middleton 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 (text or 'phone').

St. Theresa's: To arrange a Baptism please contact Fr. Isidore.

LATELY DEAD:

Please pray for **Catherine Bond and Joan Bullough** who died recently. May the Lord grant them Eternal Life and console their family and friends.

Catherine's Funeral Service will take place at St. Columba's on Monday 12th February at 10.00 a.m.

ST. COLUMBA'S ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Julia Jones, Josephine Patricia Grehan, Phoebe Phillips, Molly Choppen, Patrick Foley, Jean Anderson, Margaret Barrow, Rosemary Larsen, Joseph Eric Gerrard, Anne Helen Fitzpatrick, George Fletcher, Roman Borysewski, Clifford Sale, Stephen Hunt, Kitty O'Donnell, Racheal Andrews, John Joseph Lynch, Nellie Tyldesley, Bigview Tadeusz Roszvwowski, Frank Burton, Alice Edna Bellis, Margaret Price, Christopher John Bryan, Michael Allen, Kathleen Bernadette McGoldrick.

ST. THERESA'S ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Joseph Franciyyer Jaworgyn, Miriam Rownbill, 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.

ANNIVERSARIES:

It was decided at the Pastoral Council meeting to limit the anniversaries in the newsletter to those who have died from 2000 onwards. If anyone wishes the anniversaries to date from before this, please inform Carol Galvin (Tel: 01244 624019 or Eileen Irwin (Tel: 01244 371660)

OFFERTORY:

St. Columba's: Loose plate £365.02; Planned Giving £441.49; Average weekly standing orders £735; Candles £49.53; Priests' Retirement Fund £453.00.

St. Theresa's: £265.01 plus £80 average standing orders

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND - SPECIAL COLLECTION:

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

FIRST FORGIVENESS:

On Saturday this weekend 25 children from St Columba's received the Sacrament of First Forgiveness in a special service of celebration.

The children from St Theresa's will receive this Sacrament on Saturday 3rd March. First Holy Communion will take place on Sunday 17th June. Please pray for the children and their families at this special time in their faith journeys.

GUILD OF ST STEPHEN:

Altar servers at St Theresa's will be enrolled in the Guild of St Stephen at the 9.30 a.m. Mass on Sunday 4th February.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE – ALL WELCOME:

St. Columba's:	28th Jan	Guides	Themselves
	4th Feb	Chris & Elizabeth	Tombola
	11th Feb	CWL	CWL
	18th Feb	Scout Jamboree	

Tea coffee and juice are available in the hall after the 11 a.m. Mass. 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.

St. Theresa's: Tea & coffee available in the Parish Centre after the 9.30am Mass on a Sunday.

BUILDING WORK AT ST. THERESA'S:

Electricians have been working on new lighting for the church.

The tabernacle will be relocated to the centre of the altar, at present the tabernacle is in the Our Lady side altar.

Engineers have inspected the church heating system; there are faults on some of the heaters and these will be rectified asap.

Re-decorating the church will start on **Monday 19th February** for about 5 weeks. During the week Mass will be in the sacristy, Mass on a Sunday will be as usual.

PARISH SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

Back by popular demand – The Musical Evening - on **Friday 16th February** from 7.30–10.30 p.m. in St Theresa's Centre. Tickets are **only £2.00** for an evening of entertainment including refreshments. You can pay on the door but for catering purposes please would you sign the list at the back of church if you intend to come.

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.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION:

There will be a Bingo Night on **Friday 2nd February** 7 p.m. at the Catholic High School. Raising funds for new sport kits and equipment. A bar and tuck shop will be open. Adults and children welcome.

“ACTS” DAY OF REFLECTION:

The next Day of Reflection for 'ACTS' ('Adult Catholics Together Spiritually') is on **Saturday 17th February** 9.30-5.00 p.m. at Wistaston Hall, Crewe CW2 8JS. The theme is A Recovery of Mercy: the radical experience of Grace through all our addictions. If you are aged between 18 - 35 please join us when we will be led by Damien Prescott, the Director of 'Olive Branch Recovery Communities'. Payment by anonymous donation (suggested cost £20 & £15 for unemployed/student). If you would like to join us or wish to know more please contact Siobhan Cartwright at siobhanbc@talktalk.net Tel: 0161 477 2783 / 07761138947. Wistaston Hall is accessible by public transport but please contact Siobhan to discuss the possibility of getting a lift if required.

LENT WITH ST. MARK:

The first talk in this series will be on **Tuesday 13th February** at 7.30 p.m. in the Iona Chapel, when we'll be looking at the readings for the first Sunday in Lent. For further details see the poster on the Notice Boards or contact David Savage, 01244 380626.

SVP COLLECTION FOR JANUARY:

The SVP will be collecting socks and underwear to help people supported by Chester Aid to the Homeless. There will be collection boxes in the porch. Many thanks for your generosity.

UPTON & BLACON CHURCHES TOGETHER:

This week we pray for the residents of:

- Dunham Way, Chirk and Foxcote Closes, Tintern Avenue, Woodside, Oakfield and, Highfield Roads.
- For the prayer groups.
- For those who have nobody to pray for them.

CHESTER CATHEDRAL PUBLIC WORKSHOP:

There is a huge humanitarian crisis affecting many countries across the world today, none more so than Syria. Come and learn about the work going on locally to support refugees both in Chester and internationally with speakers from Jacob's Ladder (the cathedral awareness-raising group), P3 (providing housing support), CHAWREC (providing language and social support), and SHARE (working both locally and internationally). Find out how you can get involved. The Workshop will be in the Cathedral South Transept on **Sunday 28th January** 6.30-8.00 p.m.

SVP HOLIDAY HOME MUSIC NIGHT:

There will be a Music night with bar, in aid of the SVP Holiday home in St Columba's Hall on **Friday 9th February**. The entertainment will be provided by the Catholic High School Band (City Jazz), Nuns and Rosaries, and Guests. Tickets are £10 and available from Mark Traynor Tel: 07752 317772
Email: marktraynor96@gmail.com

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL:

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal on the weekend of 3rd and 4th of February. The Society is currently campaigning to stop the decriminalisation of abortion, i.e. abortion outside the law. Please be as generous as you can to help with this campaign.

SYMPOSIUM ON THE EUCHARIST:

A presentation to prepare for the forth-coming sixth diocesan symposium will be held on **Saturday 3rd March** at St. Ambrose College, Hale Barns and Sunday 4th March at The Parish Room, Shrewsbury Cathedral. The subject for the day is; *The Eucharist, Maelstrom of Love: Source and Centre of the Sacramental Life*. Further information is available on the diocesan website: www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/catholic-faith/the-new-evangelisation/symposium

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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