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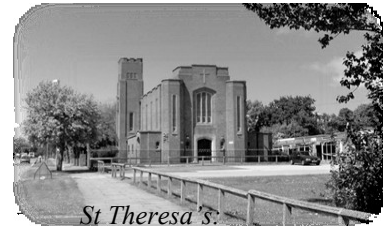
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- ❖ Parish Safeguarding Representative: Claire Graham. Tel 01244 341287 or 0788 055 3830.

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018

### Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February – St Werburgh

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

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February

St. Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Bridget Williams  
St. Columba's 11.00 a.m. Maureen Middleton RIP

### Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February – St Agatha, V.M.

St. Theresa's 9.00 a.m. Priest's Intention  
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Joan & Frederick Hodson

### Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Ss Paul Miki & Companions

St Columba's 9.15 a.m. Joan Baxter  
St. Theresa's 6.30 p.m. Private Intention

### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February

St Columba's 9.15 a.m. Margaret Rose Lannin  
St Theresa's 7.00 p.m. Priest's Intention

### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February

St Theresa's 9.00 a.m. Private Intention  
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Thanksgiving DP

### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

St Theresa's 8.30-9.25am Expos. of the Blessed  
Sacrament  
9.30 a.m. Peter Burton RIP  
St Columba's 7.00 p.m. Eileen Morgan RIP

### Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February

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

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February

St. Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Michael Dunne RIP  
St. Columba's 11.00 a.m. John & Margaret Coxhead

### **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 or Mike Maxwell 07851720217 (text or 'phone).

### **LATELY DEAD:**

Please pray for **Catherine (Kitty) Garry, Catherine Bond and Joan Bullough** who died recently. May the Lord grant them Eternal Life and console their family and friends. Catherine Bond's Funeral Service will be at St. Columba's on **Mon 12<sup>th</sup> February** at 10.00 a.m.

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

Please remember in your prayers: Vincent Murphy, Margery Angela Whatmough, Michael Jones, Kathleen Bernadette McGoldrick, Thady Byrne, Sr. Andrea O'Malley, Joan Davies, Janet Bailey, Brian Dunn, Fr. James Molloy, Lesbia Sullivan, Christopher Woods, Edward Joseph Brecon, Ernest Kendal, Ann Mary Hughes, Ray James, Marjorie Sweeney, Ida Trumdale, Ethel McGlown, Robert Shelton, Kathleen O'Farrell, Joseph Hanratty, David Harris, William Bailey, Kathleen Stone, Annie Sweeney, Stephanus Windsor, George Hollingsworth, Alfred Winn, Rachel Joyce, William Thompson, William Victor (Vic) Fry, George Ogg, Ellen Ferguson, Joseph Hilton, Sheila Davies, Trudy Potts, James Frances Blythin, Henrietta Helen Bond, John James (Sean) McCabe, Bernard Nicholas, Francis James Watts.

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

Please remember in your prayers: Margaret Dunne, Constance Merian Kenyon, Joan McLoughlin, Joan Davies, Charles George Clarke, Winifred Bird, John Gregory Doyle, Caroline Agnes Rodhan, Mary Beryl Riley, John Potter, Emily Micklethwaite, Marion Gresty, Daphne Maloney, Elizabeth Hodges.

### **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 £473.95; Planned Giving £366.95; Average weekly standing orders £735; Candles £68.00.

**St. Theresa's:** £314.07 plus £80 average standing orders.

*Thank you for your continued generosity and support.*

### **GUILD OF ST STEPHEN:**

Altar servers at St. Theresa's will be enrolled in the Guild of St Stephen at the 9.30am Mass today.

### **FIRST FORGIVENESS:**

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.

### **LENT WITH ST. MARK:**

The first talk in this series will be held on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

## LENTEN PRAYER GROUP STARTING WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY AT 7PM IN THE IONA CHAPEL:

On Wednesdays in Lent there will be the opportunity to join with others in praying the Scriptures and interceding for our needs and the parish. If you have never prayed with Scripture before or in a prayer group this is an excellent opportunity to learn how. Please note that this is not a discussion group and complements the talks on the Scriptures on Tuesday nights. For more information please speak to Fr Jonathan.

## UPTON & BLACON CHURCHES TOGETHER:

This week we pray for the residents of:

- Whitton Drive, Sutton Drive, Bidston Close, Greenfield Lane, Bowyer's Close, Ashfield Crescent, Glenside Close, Longdale Drive.
- For the Babies & Toddler Group, Sunshine Tots, Praise & Play and for all the leaders.
- For young families.

## SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE – ALL WELCOME:

### St. Columba's:

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| 4th Feb  | Chris & Elizabeth | Tombola    |
| 11th Feb | CWL               | CWL        |
| 18th Feb | Scout Jamboree    |            |
| 25th Feb | Catholic High PTA | Themselves |

Tea, coffee and juice are available in the hall after the 11am Mass. There are several vacancies on the tea/coffee rota, which is pinned on the notice board. We do need your support. Please ring 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.

## WHITE FLOWER APPEAL:

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal **this weekend** of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of February at St. Columba's. 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.

## ST. PIO PRAYER GROUP:

The next meeting is on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February**, starting at 7.30 p.m. at 10 Totland Grove, Newton, Chester CH2 2EY.

## CAFOD DATES FOR DIARIES:

The next meeting of the Chester CAFOD Support Group will be on **Tuesday 6 February** after the 7pm Mass in the Parish Room at St. Clare's. We would love to see you if you can join us.

**Friday 9 February** at 7pm: You are invited to Our Lady's Parish Centre in Ellesmere Port (CH65 8BY) where CAFOD'S Programme Officer, Livison Chipatiso, from Harare will be visiting to talk to us about CAFOD's work in Zimbabwe. Later this month CAFOD's Lent Fast Day will focus on Zimbabwe so this is a good opportunity to learn more about the people and projects that your Fast Day donations will support. Refreshments will be available from 7pm, Talk and questions from 7.30pm. Do come along if you can. For more information call Sue on 679270.

## YOUTH GROUP:

The next youth group, for 10 - 14 year olds, will be on **Monday 12th February**, from 7.15pm to 9pm. New members welcome - please come and make friends, learn a little more about our faith and have fun playing games, activities, eating and hanging out.

## LOURDES HOSPITALITY GROUP:

The Diocesan Hospitality Group will be celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes with Mass at 3.00pm on **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February**, at St Peter's Church, Green Lane, Hazel Grove, Stockport SK7 4EA. Everybody welcome.

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY ST COLUMBA'S 11AM:

Would you be able to help out with the children's liturgy about once every six weeks? We have a small group of lovely children and need a couple more people on the rota to help them read the gospel in a way they can understand. You can always swap if the date is not convenient and all the materials are provided. You do not need to be a parent and listening to the children can be very enlightening. If you'd like more information, please contact Catherine on 383866, text 07462 780 302 or email [catherine.green@care4free.net](mailto:catherine.green@care4free.net)

## ST. COLUMBA'S THIRD WORLD PROJECTS:

Thank you very much for your continuing generosity via donations in the wall boxes, standing orders and support for the coffee mornings. This week £300 has been sent to each of our three parish projects: "Reaching the Unreached" in South India, Fr. Kirwan in DR Congo, and the OAKS school in Bo, Sierra Leone.

## FOODBANK – A BIG "THANK YOU":

We have had a note from the West Cheshire Foodbank to say that St. Columba's Church had donated a total of 1070.57kg of food over the past year, supporting 82 people. Thank you for your ongoing support of the work of the Foodbank.

## 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:07752317772 Email [marktraynor96@gmail.com](mailto:marktraynor96@gmail.com)

## PARISH SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

Back by popular demand – The Musical Evening - on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

## CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES:

The next CCRS module – a choice of either *Religious Education: Vision and Mission* or *Introduction to Catechetics*, begins on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February** at Our Lady's, Ellesmere Port, CH65 8BY (9:30am for) 10:00 – 3:30pm with the second on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March**. You may start the course (comprising 8 modules) at the beginning of any module – registration forms and details are on the website at [www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/education/ccrs](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/education/ccrs). A non-certificate option is also available (no essays!) Particularly aimed at Teachers, Catechists and those who wish to learn more about the Catholic Faith.

## "ACTS" DAY OF REFLECTION:

The next Day of Reflection for 'ACTS' ('Adult Catholics Together Spiritually') is on **Sat 17 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](mailto: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.

## SYMPOSIUM ON THE EUCHARIST:

A presentation to prepare for the forth-coming sixth diocesan symposium will be held on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** at St. Ambrose College, Hale Barns and **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/catholic-faith/the-new-evangelisation/symposium)

#### **BUILDING WORK AT ST. THERESA'S:**

As you can see, the electricians are progressing with the 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.

#### **200 CLUB:**

The 200 club has recently purchased a new vacuum cleaner for St Theresa's, this will be getting a good workout when the work to the church has been completed. Thank you to all who support the 200 club.

#### **TEACHING ASSISTANTS AT THE FIRS SCHOOL:**

The school is looking for teaching assistants to work with Early Years Children in their after-school club. Previous experience working with children is desirable. NVQ in childcare needed.

Mon-Fri 3.15pm-6pm during term time. If you are interested in either job please contact [admin@firsschool.org](mailto:admin@firsschool.org) or phone [01244 322443](tel:01244322443) for pay details, an application form and job description.

The school is also looking for part-time Teaching Assistants for EYFS during the day.

#### **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

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#### **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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