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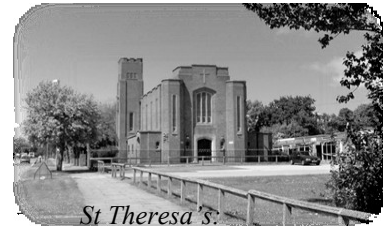
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## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2018

### 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. Bridget Williams  
St. Columba's 11.00 a.m. John & Margaret Coxhead

### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February

St. Theresa's 9.00 a.m. Priest's Intention  
St. Columba's 9.00 a.m. Traynor Family

**Funeral Service 10.00a.m. Catherine Bond**

### Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February

St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Eric Gerrard  
St. Theresa's 6.30 p.m. Private Intention

### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Ash Wednesday

St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. William Browne  
7.00 p.m. Sean McCabe  
St. Theresa's 9.30a.m. Special Intention  
7.00 p.m. Priest's Intention

### Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February

St. Theresa's 9.00 a.m. Private Intention  
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. John Taylor (P.I.)

### Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

St. Theresa's 8.30-9.25am Exposition of the Blessed  
Sacrament  
9.30 a.m. Peter Burton RIP  
St. Columba's 6.30 p.m. Stations of the Cross  
7.00 p.m. Margery Whatmore

### Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February

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

### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February

St. Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Michael Dunne RIP  
St. Columba's 11.00 a.m. The Parish

**Please note change of Mass Time at St Columba's on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb and Stations of the Cross at St Columba's will start on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb at 6.30pm followed immediately by Mass. Also note the change of Mass time on Wednesday at St Theresa's.**

### **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).

A very warm welcome to the Thumma and Cwiklak families today as we celebrate with them the baptism of Samuel Visruth Reddy Thumma and Alexis Luna Cwiklak. Please keep both families in your prayers as they bring our faith to their children.

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

Please remember in your prayers: 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, Hilda heveran, Joyce Wynne, Sydney Joseph Merchant (B.E.M.) Susan McGann, Frank Seago, Margaret Finnigan, Bridget Mary McManus, Lilian May Adams, Marlane Rose Tyrrell, Bernard Leigh, William Constantine Browne, Jean Baker, John Cummings, Owen Foulkes, James Marron, John Joseph O'Boyle, Margaret Turner, Harold Joseph Phelan, Major John Edward Jones, Eileen Harrison, Emily Marian Leonard, John McHugh, June Adrienne Angela Garnett, Adriano Semenzato, Llewellyn Eaton, Wilfred Lee, Anna Spiten, Sheila Kilcoyne, Frances Connolly, Emily Micklethwaite, Marion Gresty, Daphne Maloney, Elizabeth Hodges. Thomas Donald Comyn, George Edward Myers, Margaret Mary Jones, Elizabeth Sarah Eyton, Francis George Whitmee, Patricia Ann Villanti, Mary Smith, Maureen Anne Taylor, Kathleen Teresa Broster, Gerald Vincent Barlow, Joseph Keever,

### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

From March the anniversaries shown in the newsletter will be from 2000 onwards.

### **OFFERTORY:**

**St. Columba's:** Loose plate £444.84; Planned Giving £487.18; Average weekly standing orders £735; Candles £59.80.

**St. Theresa's:** £ 285.84 plus £80 average standing orders.

*Thank you for your continued generosity and support.*

### **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.

### **BLACON CHURCHES TOGETHER**

World Women's Day of Prayer **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** at 10.30am at the Wesley Centre.

United Service on **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March** at 3pm at Holy Trinity Church.

## SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE – ALL WELCOME:

### St. Columba's:

11th Feb CWL CWL  
18th Feb Scout Jamboree  
25th Feb Catholic High PTA Themselves  
4<sup>th</sup> March SPUC SPUC

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.

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

As you can see we now have 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. We are awaiting the engineers report on the heating. Re-decoration of 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.

### WHITE FLOWER APPEAL:

The Society for the protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal **this weekend, 11<sup>th</sup> Feb**, at St Theresa'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.

### 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.

### CONFIRMATION

The next celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation for our parish will be on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November**. More details about the preparation programme will be given out after Easter.

### LENT WITH ST. MARK:

These talks begin this **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.

### PARISH SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

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

### UPTON & BLACON CHURCHES TOGETHER:

This week we pray for the residents of:

- Wavertree Road, Western Ave, Lloyd Place, Adelaide Road..

### LEAK IN FRONT PORCH AT ST COLUMBA'S

The cause of this leak has been very thoroughly investigated by contractors from the diocese over the last few years. It has proved impossible to establish its source as the leak is affected not just by the amount of rain but by the direction from which it comes. Even if a new roof was put on the porch (a very expensive undertaking) there is no guarantee that the leak would be stopped as the origin of the water could be from the main church roof which partially overhangs the porch. Regrettably therefore we have no option but to put up with the leak - and the occasional bucket. *Pauline Rourke. Secretary Buildings Committee*

### CAFOD LENT FAST DAY – FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY

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

### ST THERESA'S GARDEN

In the next couple of weeks the statue of Our Lady, currently in the garden will be removed for some renovation work.

### MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES 2018:

7 nights B&B and Airport Shuttle service from €279 per person. Book any flight - any time, airport shuttle service guaranteed. Call for further info and book the dates that suit you: Tel. 020 3239 8662 or email [reservations@med-irishcentre.com](mailto:reservations@med-irishcentre.com) Website [www.med-irishcentre.com](http://www.med-irishcentre.com)

### 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.

### “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.

### 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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