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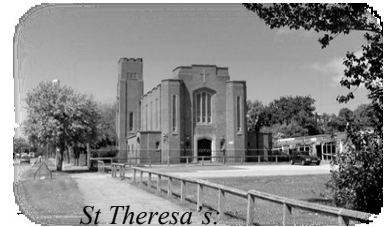
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- ❖ Parish Safeguarding Representative: Claire Graham. Tel 01244 341287 or 0788 055 3830.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 18th FEBRUARY 2018

Saturday 17th February

St. Theresa's 10.00 a.m. Priest's Intention
St. Columba's 6.30 p.m. Gladys's Shanley – Vigil

Sunday 18th February

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

Monday 19th February

St. Theresa's 9.00 a.m. Priest's Intention
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Patricia Duggan

Tuesday 20th February

St Columba's 9.15 a.m. Mary Jeffes
St. Theresa's 6.30 p.m. Patrick Roddy

Wednesday 21st February

St Columba's 9.15 a.m. Ron Williams
St Theresa's 7.00 p.m. Priest's Intention followed by
Stations of the Cross

Thursday 22nd February – The Chair of St Peter

St Theresa's 9.00 a.m. Private Intention
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Moira Mills

Friday 23rd February – St Polycarp, B.M.

St Theresa's 8.30-9.25 a.m. Expos. of the Blessed Sacrament
9.00 a.m. Priest's Intention
St Columba's 7.00 p.m. Janette Doherty followed by
Stations of the Cross

Saturday 24th February

St. Theresa's 10.00 a.m. Michael Dunne RIP
St Columba's 6.30 p.m. The Parish - Vigil

Sunday 25th February

St. Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Parishioners' Intentions
St. Columba's 11.00 a.m. Richard Murphy

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 **James Terry Keogh, Patrick Roddy, Margaret Ryder** and **Margaret Strong** who died recently. May the Lord grant them Eternal Life and console their family and friends.

The funeral service for Patrick Roddy is on **Monday 26th February** at 2pm at Chester crematorium. The funeral service for Margaret Ryder is on **Monday 5th March** at 11.20am at Chester crematorium.

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

Please remember in your prayers: Eileen Harrison, Emily Marian (Marie) Leonard, John McHugh, June Adrienne Angela Garnett, Adriano Semenzato, Llewellyn Eaton, Anna Spiten, Sheila Kilcoyne, Frances Connolly, Albert Ronald Williams, Mary Anastasia Jeffs, Joan Wilkin, Patricia Elizabeth "Trish" McClure, Gladys Murdoch, Margaret Parry, Karol Kunicki, Gladys Marron, Gerald (Gerry) David Galvin, Evelyn Jones, John Spencer Madden (Dr.), Mary Elizabeth McCafferty, Mary Smith, Maureen Anne Taylor, Kathleen Teresa Broster, Gerald Vincent Barlow, Joseph Keever, Molly Phillips, Maria Alba Ortelli, Louisa Garratt, Agnes Mary Bennett, Francis Joseph Beyer, Gordon White, Austin Francis Grainger, Garrett Joseph Nelson, Jean Margaret Field, Mary Nora Williams, Helen Evans, Mabel Heselwood, Richard David Jones, Ellen McGibbon, Margaret Ward, Christine Margaret Everard.

OFFERTORY:

St. Columba's: Loose plate £504.73; Planned Giving £315.32; Average weekly standing orders £735; Candles £69.32; White Flower appeal £338.03; Donation from Badminton Group £150.00.

St. Theresa's: £253.87 plus £80 average standing orders.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

SVP THANK YOU:

The SVP would like to thank Parishioners for the generous donations of socks and underwear during January. We have collected over 250 items to help people supported by Chester Aid to the Homeless.

CAFOD:

Envelopes are available at both our churches this weekend for the **CAFOD LENT FAST DAY on FRIDAY 23rd FEBRUARY**. Please return envelopes via the normal offertory baskets next weekend. The donations help CAFOD's work in support of families in the developing world. This Lent, your donations will make double the difference. Under the UK Government's Match Funding scheme, for every pound you donate to CAFOD, the Government will also donate a pound, up to a total of £5 million

In light of the recent news reports about abuses by aid workers you may wish to know CAFOD has issued a statement about safeguarding vulnerable communities. This can be found on www.cafod.org.uk or on the parish noticeboards and website.

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.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE – ALL WELCOME:

St. Columba's:

18th Feb World Scout Jamboree
25th Feb Catholic High PTA Themselves
4th Mar SPUC SPUC
11th Mar Heather Lannin Sierra Leone
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:

The new lighting is finished. Awaiting heating engineer's report. 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. The Statue of Our Lady, currently in the garden is due to be removed for renovation work.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE 2018:

If you have booked to join the pilgrimage, would you please attend a short meeting in the Iona Chapel at St Columba's church on Monday 26th February at 7.00 pm. The meeting is to bring everyone up to date following the sad loss of Janette. We would like to collect the final balance of your payment for the pilgrimage at the meeting - £185.00 standard or £227.00 if you have booked an en-suite room (after your deposit of £30.00). Please contact Gerry Templeton 01244 374343 for further information.

LENT WITH ST. MARK:

These will continue on Tuesday at 7.30 p.m. in the Iona Chapel, when we will be looking at the readings for the second Sunday in Lent. For further details see the poster on the Notice Boards or contact David Savage, 01244 380626.

LENTEN PRAYER GROUP:

On Wednesdays in Lent at 7 p.m. in the Iona Chapel, there will be the opportunity to join with others in praying the Scriptures and interceding for the needs of the Parish. This is an excellent opportunity to learn how. Please note that this is not a discussion group and complements the talks on the Scriptures given on Tuesday night. Further information from Fr. Jonathan.

UPTON CHURCHES TOGETHER:

Women's World day of Prayer Service on **Friday 2nd March** at 10.30 a.m. at the United Reform Church, Heath Lane. We need **four readers** from St. Columba's. A rehearsal will be held at URC on Friday 23rd at 10.30 a.m. If you would like to take part, you will be very welcome. This year's Service is put together by Ladies from Suriname and is entitled All God's Creation is Very Good! Contact - Jacqueline Worrall (01244) 380776.

BLACON CHURCHES TOGETHER:

On **Friday 23rd February** at 7 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church, 'Me Too' a service for anyone affected by abuse or harassment. Women's World day of Prayer Service on **Friday 2nd March** at 10.30 a.m. at the Wesley Centre. United Service on **Sunday 4th March** at 3 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church.

UPTON & BLACON CHURCHES TOGETHER:

This week we pray for the residents of:

- Maitland Way, Canberra Way, Roebourne Rise, Melbourne Road, kelvin Grove, Western Approach and Thirlmere Road.
- For a greater compassion for those who feel marginalised in our society.

- For a deeper unity between the churches.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS ROTAS:

St. Columba's rotas have been distributed, there are a few paper copies in the front porch for those who require one. The Holy Week Rota will follow shortly.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE (MANCHESTER)

From 14th February to 25th March, our community will take part in 40 Days for Life. We pray that, with God's help, this will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in our city - and beyond. For further information see our website or call 07810 791032.

www.40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/manchester-2/

YOUTH CONNECT 5:

This popular 5-week course for parents is running again starting 28th February at 7 p.m. at St Werburgh's and St Columba's Primary School. It is aimed at those looking after children over 8yrs, the course helps parents understand the stresses that young people face and gives practical tools for helping build emotional resilience. There's more information on the website www.youthconnect5.org.uk or ring Claire on 07743 704383

REQUEST FOR MASS LIFT:

If you could give a lift to a resident in Upton Drive, to 6.30 pm Mass, please would you contact Finbar or Maggie on 01244 375829.

CHRISTIAN AID:

Lent Lunches begin on **Monday 19th February** in Friends Meeting House, Frodsham Street from 12.00 - 1.30 p.m. and run for 5 weeks.

Big Coffee Morning on **Saturday 24th February** in Hoole URC from 10.00 – 12.00. Tickets £1.00 from Bernard Payne or Ann McCarthy.

ST COLUMBA'S HALL TABLES:

The Hall Management Committee is proposing to purchase five circular tables to see how they work. May I assure you that they will be lightweight, durable and easy to use and move. Pauline Rourke, Secretary Buildings Committee

FAMILY DISCO:

A Family Disco, to raise funds for the World Scout Jamboree, will be held on **Saturday 10th March** 7.00-10.00 p.m. in St. Columba's Church Hall. Tickets are £5 per adult with up to three children free. There will be a bar, live DJ, food and raffle. For further information and tickets contact Bex on 07815 850969 or Dita on 07890 829988.

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:

This will be compiled by Muriel Green
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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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