

Catholic Churches of St Columba and St Theresa



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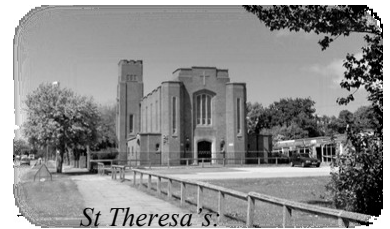
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- ❖ Parish Safeguarding Representative: Claire Graham. Tel 01244 341287 or 0788 055 3830.

2nd SUNDAY IN LENT - 25th FEBRUARY 2018

Saturday 24th February

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

Sunday 25th February

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

Monday 26th February

St. Theresa's 9.00 a.m. Priest's Intention
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Vera Kenned

Tuesday 27th February

St Columba's 9.15 a.m. Pedro Ballester
St. Theresa's 6.30 pm Brian Woodstream RIP

Wednesday 28th February

St Columba's 9.15 a.m. Anne McCarthy RIP
St Theresa's 7.00 p.m. Priest's Intention followed
by Stations of the Cross

Thursday 1st March – St David

St Theresa's 9.00 a.m. Private Intention
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Bernard Harvey RIP

Friday 2nd March

St Theresa's 8.30-9.25am Exp. of the Blessed Sacrament
9.30 a.m. Priest's Intention
St Columba's 7.00 p.m. Peter Kelly followed by
Stations of the Cross

Saturday 3rd March

St. Theresa's 10.00 a.m. Special Intention
10.30 a.m. First Forgiveness
St Columba's 6.30 p.m. The Parish - **Vigil Mass**

Sunday 4th March

St. Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Parishioners' Intentions
St. Columba's 11.00 a.m. Ronan McWey

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.

A very warm St. Columba's welcome to the Kissi family as the children, Fiifi John, Agnes Lily, Lewis Kweku and Nana Yaw are baptised here this Sunday. We wish them a very joyful day. Please keep them in your prayers.

LATELY DEAD:

Please pray for James Terence Keogh and Margaret Strong who died recently. May the Lord grant them Eternal Life and console their family and friends. Funeral Service for James is at Blacon Crematorium at 1.20 p.m. on **Wednesday 28th February**. Funeral for Margaret Strong will take place at Blacon Crematorium at 2.40 p.m. also on **Wednesday 28th February**.

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

Please remember in your prayers: Evelyn Jones, John Spencer Madden (Dr.), Mary Elizabeth McCafferty, Richard John Murphy, Richard L Roberts, Frank Tobin (Snr), Cissie Jones, Margaret Rose Wollschlarger, Patricia Anastasia Barker, Mary Nora Williams, Helen Evans, Mabel Heselwood, Richard David Jones, Ellen McGibbon, Margaret Ward, Christine Margaret Everard, Wademan Aird, Agnes Hodgkinson, Joseph Fransiyer Jaworyyn, Ellen Bennett, William Patrick Geeleher, John Mitchell, Christina Gibson, Henry Charlton, Anne Holland Ellen Catherine Kerr, Sheila McCabe, Thomas Childs, Barbara Eadon, Bridget Roberts, Noel Morrissey, Michael Becker, William Carroll.

OFFERTORY:

St. Columba's: Loose plate £423.89; Planned Giving £355.07; Average weekly standing orders £735; Candles £75.18.

St. Theresa's: £296.25 plus £80 average standing orders.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY:

The Fast Day envelopes, missing from St. Columba's last weekend, are now available. Please return envelopes via the normal offertory baskets this weekend or next. This Lent, 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. Ann McCarthy (St Theresa parishioner and CAFOD volunteer) will be at St. Columba's this weekend to say a few words about the Lent campaign.

FIRST FORGIVENESS:

The children from St. Theresa's will receive this Sacrament next 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.

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.

LENT WITH ST. MARK:

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

HOSPITAL MASS:

The regular "First Thursday" Mass will be celebrated on 1st March at 12.15pm in the Countess of Chester hospital Chapel. This is for patients/outpatients, staff, families and friends, and the wellbeing of our hospitals, including the Bowmere. All are welcome.

CATECHESIS ON THE EUCHARIST:

Pope Francis is currently giving a series of talks on The Eucharist. As we are currently keeping a Eucharistic Year in the Diocese, these Talks will be published as an insert in the parish newsletter. You are invited to take these home with you to reflect on this important teaching.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE – ALL WELCOME:

St. Columba's:

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.

UPTON & BLACON CHURCHES TOGETHER:

This week we pray for the residents of:

- Rosewood Avenue, Whitby Avenue, Egerton Drive, Cairns Crescent, Hobart Way, Auckland Road, and Wyndham Road;
- For those on the brass and flower rotas and those who distribute flowers.
- For those who clean our churches and halls.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 26th FEB TO 11th MARCH:

The theme this year is "Come on in". Events include:

Tuesday March 6th at 10.00am in Wesley Church Centre, St John Street, or 5.00pm in The Chapel, Parkgate Road (University venue) to "Meet the Producer", Marcial Quinteros from Banana Cooperative in Coobana, Panama;

Saturday March 10th "Fairtrade Funday" 10.30am – 3.00pm in Storyhouse; PLUS, sale of Fairtrade goodies in both our churches after Masses on **Sunday March 4th**.

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). Further information from Gerry Templeton 01244 374343.

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. This years' 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:

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.

YOUTH CONNECT 5:

This popular 5-week course for parents is running again starting **Wed 28th February** at 7 p.m. at St Werburgh's & 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 07743704383.

RETREAT DAY – JESUS I TRUST IN YOU:

At Sacred Heart, Hawarden 10am to 4.30pm on **Saturday 3rd March**. The speaker will be John Hesketh, an international Catholic speaker from Liverpool. No charge, but donations towards cost invited. Bring packed lunch, tea/coffee provided. Ample parking. For further details, contact Viola Trebska 07897 102828 or Stephen Halsall 01244 533087.

CHESTER 10K SUNDAY 4th MARCH 2018:

Please be aware if you attend the 9.30am Mass at St Theresa's that due to the 10k run the following roads will be closed from 9am until 11.30am.

- Parkgate Rd both directions Walpole St to Fiddlers Lane.
- Blacon Ave – Blacon Hall Rd to Countess Way Roundabout.
- Sealand Rd will remain open throughout the event.

“EXPLORE LENT” – THURSDAY 8th MARCH:

An event with young people in mind. An evening of contemporary worship music, a short reflection from the Youth Mission Team, guided prayer and FREE DOUGHNUTS! 7-8.30pm at St Columba's Church. For further information email youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

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 07815850969 or Dita on 07890829988.

FOOTSTEPS TO THE CROSS:

This Lent service led by the young people of our parish will be on **Friday 16th March** at 7.30 pm. 'Footsteps to the Cross' is a prayerful reflection based on the people Jesus met on his journey with his cross. Please come and support our young people. If you are at high school and would like to read, please contact Denise Lusk on 01244 379742

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Café René comes to St. Columba's Hall! **Friday 16th March** 7.30pm. Tickets £15 (includes light supper). Entertainment by Kingsley Players - Proceeds to Chester Childbirth Trust. See posters in Porch.

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 Ann Siddall

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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.

Website: www.stcolumbachester.org.uk

REQUEST FOR MASS LIFT:

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

MUSICAL EVENING ON 16 FEBRUARY:

Many thanks to everyone who made this event such a success – the musicians, the caterers and of course those who came! Although not a fundraising event, we managed to raise £156 which will go to The Hospice of the Good Shepherd.

GIANT JENGA AND CONNECT 4:

If you have an unwanted Giant Jenga, ordinary size Connect 4 or similar quick game, please would you consider donating it to our Youth Group. As our numbers grow and the weather warms we need more/different equipment. To donate please contact Anthony Hunt on 07714160268. Thank you.