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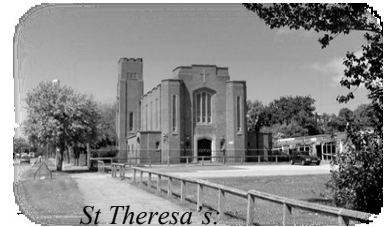
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❖ Parish Safeguarding Representative: Claire Graham. Tel 01244 341287 or 0788 055 3830.

1st Week of Easter SUNDAY 1st APRIL 2018

Saturday 31st March Easter Vigil

St. Columba's 8.00 p.m. Mass at St. Columba's only

Sunday 1st April

St. Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Mae Dunne's Intentions
St. Columba's 11.00 a.m. Annie Roberts

Monday 2nd April – Easter Monday

St. Theresa's 10.00 a.m. Priest's Intention
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Maria Elena Reilly RIP

Tuesday 3rd April

St Columba's 9.15 a.m. Clergy Secular Fund
St. Theresa's 6.30 pm Priest's Intention

Wednesday 4th April

St Columba's 9.15 a.m. Kenneth Kilcoyne
St Theresa's No Mass

Thursday 5th April

St Theresa's No Mass
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. John & Julie Briody

Friday 6th April

St Theresa's No Mass
St Columba's 7.00p.m. Josephine Thurston

Saturday 7th April

St. Theresa's No Mass
St Columba's 6.30 pm Alfredo G. Fonseca - **Vigil**

Sunday 8th April

St. Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Mary and Eric Walsh
St. Columba's 11.00 a.m. The Parish

MORNING PRAYER: (St Columba's):

At 9.00a.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 9.10a.m. by Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour prior to Mass.

CONFESSIONS

St. Columba's: Between 6.00p.m. and 6.25p.m. before the Vigil Mass. At other times by arrangement with Fr. Jonathan.

St. Theresa's: After every weekday Mass.

BAPTISMS:

St. Columba's: By appointment. After speaking to Fr. Jonathan to arrange a date, please contact Claire O'Donnell 07743 704383 (text or 'phone).

St. Theresa's: Please contact Fr. Isidore.

OFFERTORY:

St. Columba's: Loose Plate £426.44 Planned Giving £346.40; Average Weekly Standing Orders £735.00; Candles £46.80.

St. Theresa's: £218.70. Average weekly standing orders £80.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

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

Doreen McNamara, Maureen Margaret Tolefree, Pauline Josephine Redford, Anthony Burns, Holly, Theresa Malcolmson, David Roberts, Josepha McAssey, Theresa Ward, Alfred Reade, Janet Wallace, Ronald Paddock, Elsie Toole, Albert Morrish, John Mulligan, Dorothy Douglas, Charles Woods, John Charles Lawlor, Baby Lawlor, William Fitzpatrick, Agnes Dixon, Joan Ward, Kathleen Veronica Tranter, Joseph Herbert, David Joseph Kavanagh, Helen Veronica Chesters, John Copple, Joseph Logan, Norma Kirwan, Peter Connolly, Kathleen Frances Blohm, Anna Maria Borg, Joan Irene Wells, Dorothy Jean Roberts, Winifride Pauline Boot.

UPTON & BLACON CHURCHES TOGETHER:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Broadway West, Totland Grove, Derwent Road, Hafod Close, Nevin Road, Penmon Close and Treborth Road;
- For the Zoo and all who work there;
- For a deeper awareness of our environment.

HOSPITAL MASS:

The regular "First Thursday" Mass will be celebrated on 5th April 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.

CHURCH:

Many, many thanks to all those who have helped clean the churches, arrange the flowers, prepare the altar linen, prepare the music and helped with the services over the Easter period. It is very much appreciated. Thank you.

THE DIVINE MERCY SERVICE:

This will be held at St Columba's on **Sunday 8th April**, starting at 3p.m. Confession will be available before the service.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE:

St. Columba's:

1st April Easter Sunday – volunteers please.
8th April Sue Carr Third World
15th April Scout Jamboree Themselves
Tea, coffee and juice are served in the Hall after the 11.00a.m. Mass. 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 and juice are available in the Parish Club after 9.30a.m. Mass. All are very welcome.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN UPTON:

The three Upton Churches come together on a regular basis to celebrate those elements of our religious lives that we have in common. There are information leaflets available in both porches explaining how CTU works. If anyone is interested in helping with St. Columba's participation in CTU, please contact Stella Lunney at stellalunney@btinternet.com

UPTON CHURCHES TOGETHER – DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – ANNUAL TRIP:

On **Wednesday 23th May**, there will be a coach trip organised by CTU. This will consist of a guided tour of Norton Priory followed by afternoon tea at Liverpool Anglican Cathedral and finishing with Choral Evening Prayer at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral. Cost: £20. If you would like to book a place on this trip, please contact John Butler 01244 383703.

DIOCESAN VACANCY:

The Diocese is looking to appoint a full time Deputy Director of Schools, salary range £65-70,000. Further details and application form at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies.

CARITAS VACANCY:

Caritas Shrewsbury is looking for an experienced and enthusiastic person to be their Volunteer Co-ordinator. The post is for 28 hrs per week and you will be expected to travel extensively across the Diocese. For more information and an application pack please contact Claire Griffiths Tel 0151 652 1281; email claire.griffiths@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk
Closing date for applications is the **Wednesday 4th April 2018**.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Friday 27th April – Family Bingo Night at St Columba's Hall
Sunday 13th May – Spring Fayre at St Theresa's
Sunday 10th June – BBQ to celebrate the Anniversary of St Columba
Friday 27th July – Annual Coach trip to Sheffield

CAFOD:

Many thanks for the £382 collected recently for CAFOD, at St Theresa's. Your generosity is much appreciated.

RED MISSION BOXES:

Could those with Red Mission boxes please leave them in the sacristy for Marg Curtis to bank and you can collect your empty box later from the table in the rear porch of the church.

PASTORAL COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS:

At its January meeting, the Pastoral Council established an informal Sub-Group which is looking at how we might improve and develop communication in the parish of St. Theresa and St. Columba. They are starting by asking for the views and experience of the various parish groups and functions and are asking the leaders to complete a survey of their needs and experience to report to the Pastoral Council in April. We subsequently expect to ask parishioners to contribute their thoughts and experience. Please contact Francis Coxhead (01244 342668) if you have any questions.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:

This year marks the 160th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady to Bernadette in Lourdes. The Diocesan Pilgrimage will take place from **26th July – 3rd August** overland and **27th July – 2nd August** by air. Brochures and booking forms can be downloaded from the Pilgrimage Website www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk or from the Pilgrimage Office: St Alban's, 30 Mill Lane, Wallasey, CH44 5UD. This year flight seats are limited so early booking is recommended. Fr. Jonathan is also taking a group of parishioners (going by air). If you are interested, please contact either Fr. Jonathan or the Parish Office for further details.

HOLIDAY:

Fr. Isidore will be away on holiday from 4th April, please pray for him.

AN EVENING WITH FARDON BRASS ENSEMBLE & FRIENDS:

Do you fancy an evening of popular music and light-hearted verse and repartee whilst enjoying your own picnic, nibbles and wine (or even a soft drink) set in a cabaret style? (Tea and coffee will be available during the interval). If so, then join us on **Saturday 21st April** at 6.00pm (doors open 5.30pm) at Upton United Reformed Church, Heath Road. Tickets £5 at the door, children free.

THANK YOU !

A very big Thank You to David Savage who is relinquishing his role of looking after the Gift Aid for the last ten years. From 6th April, Jan Roberts has very kindly agreed to take over this responsibility. Jan can be contacted on 07952 463146.

Also a big Thank You to John Tobin who after seventeen years service is relinquishing his role of Sacristan at Saturday evening Mass. Maura Connolly and Clare Babbs have kindly agreed to succeed John on this Rota.

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 Eileen Irwin
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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 **9am on Thursday**. Please include a phone number in case of queries.
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