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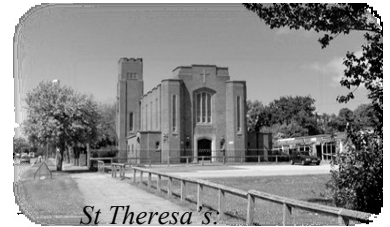
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- ❖ Parish Safeguarding Representative: Claire Graham. Tel 01244 341287 or 0788 055 3830.

3RD SUNDAY IN LENT - 3RD / 4TH MARCH 2018

Saturday 3rd March

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

Sunday 4th March

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

Monday 5th March

St Theresa's 9.00 am Margaret Ryder RIP
St Columba's 9.15 am Richard Crittenden

Tuesday 6th March

St Columba's 9.15 am Lally Family
St Theresa's 6.30 pm Private Intention

Wednesday 7th March - *Ss Perpetua & Felicity*

St Columba's 9.15 am Katherine Matthews
St Theresa's 7.00 pm Priest's Intentions followed
by Stations of the Cross

Thursday 8th March St John of God

St Theresa's 9.00 am Private Intention
St Columba's 9.15 am Maureen Parkinson

Friday 9th March St Francis of Rome

St Theresa's 8.30-9.25am Exp. of the Blessed Sacrament
9.30 am Mary & Philip Smith RIP
St Columba's 7.00 pm Joan Baxter followed by
Stations of the Cross

Saturday 10th March

St Theresa's 10.00 am Parishioners' Intentions
St Columba's 6.30pm Sean McCabe – **Vigil Mass**

Sunday 11th March

St Theresa's 9.30 am Iris Sutcliffe RIP
St Columba's 11.00 am The Parish

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.

CONFESSIONS

St. Columba's: Between 6.00 pm and 6.25pm 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.

A very warm welcome to the Lott family as Alfie is baptised at St. Columba's this Sunday. We wish them a very joyful day. Please keep them in your prayers.

LATELY DEAD:

Please pray for Eileen Davies, Margaret Ryder and Anne Molloy, who died recently. May the Lord grant them Eternal Life and console their families and friends. Eileen Davies Funeral Service will take place at Blacon Crematorium on Friday, 9th March at 1.20 p.m.; Margaret Ryder's Funeral Service is on Monday, 5th March at 11.20 at Blacon Crematorium and the Funeral Service for Anne Molloy is on 23rd March at 1.20 pm at Chester Crematorium.

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

Please remember in your prayers: Bridget Roberts, Noel Morrissey, Michael Becker, William Carroll, Elizabeth Bowers, Trevor Lightbown, Anthony Xuereb, Philip Anthony (Tony) Lamb, Terence (Terry) Cunningham, Veronica Eileen McPeake, Patrick Dougherty, Francis Nemes, Walter Kenneth James Cooper, Michael Hutfield, Fred Hutfield, Alan Frederick Barker, Lily Margaret Jones, Catherine Kodicek, Walter Kenneth James Cooper, Michael Hutfield, Fred Hutfield, Alan Frederick Barker, Lily Margaret Jones, Catherine Kodicek Thomas Anthony Evans, Gerald A Rigby, Winifred Turton, Dorothy Byrne, Winifred Basaraba, Ellen Kerr, Mary Dean, Teresa Cowdrey, Cornelius Lally, Jane Henderson, Marjorie Dodman, Mary Fennell, Patricia Sheridan, Dorothy Sybil Jefferies, Pauline O'Connor.

OFFERTORY:

St. Columba's: Loose Plate £388.01, Planned Giving £451.79; Average Weekly Standing Orders £735.00; Candles £46.43.

St. Theresa's: £259.52. Average weekly standing orders £80.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

LENT WITH ST. MARK:

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

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE – AMENDED DATE!

The Lenten Penitential Service to be held at Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Ellesmere Port **should read 16th March** at 7.00 pm **NOT 26th March 2018.**

“EXPLORE LENT” – THIS 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! 7-8.30 pm. At St Columba's Church. For further information e-mail youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICES:

St Columba's – Will be held on **Mon, 12th March** at 7 pm.

St Theresa's – Will be held on **Tues, 27th March** at 7 pm.

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY:

Please return the Fast Day envelopes via the normal offertory baskets at St Columba's this weekend or next. Thank you very much for your support.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE:

St. Columba's:

4 th March	SPUC
11 th March	Heather Lannin
18 th March	Marg & Jacque
25 th March	Scout Jamboree

Tea, coffee and juice are served in the Hall after the 11.00 am Mass. Please call Marge 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 9.30 am Mass. All are very welcome.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS AND PILGRIMAGE (Adoremus), LIVERPOOL 7-9TH SEPTEMBER 2018:

The Shrewsbury Diocese is entitled to 154 delegates to the Symposium on **Friday 7th Sept.** and 710 delegates on **Saturday 8th Sept.** All delegates may attend either of the 2 Masses held at Christ the King Cathedral, Liverpool either at 9.30 am or 11am on Sunday, 9th September.

We have only just received this information and must confirm details of delegates from St Columba's/St Theresa's Parishes who **wish to attend by 9am, Monday 12th March.** The cost to attend is £40 per delegate per day. If anyone would like to attend please contact Peter Devine on either pjpd1956@hotmail.com or 07825 172932 (this mobile does not have the facility to retrieve messages so please text or speak to Peter). If anyone has difficulty making a contribution to the cost of attending, please do not hesitate to discuss this with Fr Jonathan.

There are some copies of the programme for the Congress by the entrance to the Church and you can go online to check the programme on the Diocesan Website, which is www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/adoremus-registration

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.

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.

ST PIO PRAYER GROUP:

The next meeting will be on **Thursday, 8th March** at 7.30 pm in 10 Totland Grove, Newton, CH2 2EY.

UPTON & BLACON CHURCHES TOGETHER:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Ellesmere Ave, Pensby Ave, Kendal Cl, Brisbane Rd, Darwin Rd, Chevron Hey and Chevron Cl.;
- For Pax Christi, Saving to Share, Mission Groups, Christian Aid, CAFOD and Traidcraft., and for our mission in the wider Church.
- **A United Service** will be held on **Sunday, 4th March** at 3pm at Holy Trinity Church, Blacon.

200 CLUB:

The 200 Club has recently paid towards the cost of restoring the Statue of Our Lady in the garden at St Theresa's. Thanks to the parishioners who are carrying out the work on this.

GIFT AID:

As the end of the Tax Year approaches Gift Aid donors are reminded to check that you will have paid enough income tax in 2017-18 to cover the tax that will be reclaimed on your gift aided donations. If you are in any doubt, please contact David Savage tel 380626.

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.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 26TH FEB – 11TH MARCH:

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

Tuesday, 6th March at 10 am in Wesley Church Centre, St John St or 5 pm in The Chapel, Parkgate Road (University venue) to "Meet the Producer", Marcial Quinteros from Banana Co-operative in Coobana, Panama

Saturday, 10th March "Fairtrade Funday" 10.30am – 3 pm in Storyhouse. PLUS sale of Fairtrade goodies in both our Churches after Masses on **Sunday, 4th March.**

YOUTH GROUP (FOR 10-14 YEARS):

The next youth group meeting will be on **Monday 12th March** starting at 7.15 pm in the Iona Chapel, finishing promptly at 9 in St Columba's hall. All welcome – learn something about our faith but mostly play games, hang out and have fun. More details from Anthony Hunt on 07714 160268.

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 07714 160268. Thank you.

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 Rebecca Vaughan
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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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