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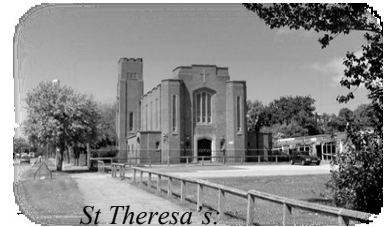
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- ❖ Parish Safeguarding Representative: Claire Graham. Tel 01244 341287 or 0788 055 3830.

## 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT – 11<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2018

### Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March

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

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March

St. Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Iris Sutcliffe RIP  
St. Columba's 11.00 a.m. The Parish

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

St. Theresa's 9.00 a.m. Priest's Intention  
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. P.I. (SR)

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

St Columba's 9.15 a.m. Margaret Walsh  
St. Theresa's **9.30 a.m.** Private Intention  
**Please note change of Mass time**

### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March

St Columba's 9.15 a.m. P.I. (L)  
St Theresa's 7.00 p.m. Priest's Intention followed by  
Stations of the Cross

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

St Theresa's 9.00 a.m. Priest's Intention  
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Joe Shields

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

St Theresa's 8.30-9.25a.m. Exp.of the Blessed Sacrament  
9.30 a.m. Aquiles Paras  
St Columba's 7.00 p.m. Gervais Pilkington  
**Followed by "Footsteps to the Cross" at 7.30**

### Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March – St Patrick, B, Patron of Ireland

St Theresa's 10.00 a.m. Parishioners' Intentions  
St Columba's 6.30 p.m. The Parish – **Vigil Mass**

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

St Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Trevor Lightbown RIP  
St Columba's 11.00 a.m. Bernard Harvey

### **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 p.m. and 6.25 p.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.

*We welcome Christopher and Emma Pendlebury, their family and friends to St. Columba's this Sunday as they baptise their little daughter Anna Rose. We celebrate with them and will pray for them as they begin their life of faith together*

### **LATELY DEAD:**

Please pray for Anne Molloy, who died recently. May the Lord grant her Eternal Life and console her family and friends. Anne's Funeral Service will take place on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** at 1.20 pm at Chester Crematorium.

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

Please remember in your prayers: Teresa Cowdrey, Cornelius Lally, Jane Henderson, Marjorie Dodman, Mary Fennell, Patricia Sheridan, Dorothy Sybil Jefferies, Pauline O'Connor, Annie Elizabeth Bowler, Margaret Sutcliffe, Frank Seago, John Kavanagh, Mary Swift, Norman Ible, Sr. Francis Reidy, Anna (Anne) Maria Reid, Francis (Frank) Leslie Garside, Ellen Kerr, Mary Dean, Mary Fennell, Patricia Sheridan, Michael Cooney, Helen Wickes, Matilda Joyce, Thomas Dwerryhouse, Leslie Shaw Fletcher, John Tully, Michael Healy, Geraldine Hopley, Geogina Schofield, Mary Rice, Mary Ward, Ronald Garside, Penelope Pendleton, Bernadette Manifold, Lesley Dwerryhouse, Liam Ryan.

### **OFFERTORY:**

**St. Columba's:** Loose Plate £415.40, Planned Giving £401.99; Average Weekly Standing Orders £735.00; Candles £49.70.  
**St. Theresa's:** £143.30. Average weekly standing orders £80.  
Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

### **LENT WITH ST. MARK:**

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

### **UPTON & BLACON CHURCHES TOGETHER:**

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Kingsway W, Rutland Pl, Kent Rd, Fowler Rd, Clifton Dr, Blacon Point Rd and Dalton Close;
- The Growth Groups, Bible Study Groups & nurturing groups;
- For a deepening of faith and awareness of Christ in us all.

### **FIND OUT ABOUT 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](mailto:stellalunney@btinternet.com).

### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS' ROTAS:**

The new rotas for St Theresa's Eucharistic Ministers are now available in the sacristy.

### CATECHESIS ON THE EUCHARIST:

The latest in the series of talks on the Eucharist by Pope Francis is available this week. Please take a copy on your way out of Mass. You are invited to take the leaflets home with you to reflect on this important teaching.

### SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE:

#### St. Columba's:

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|------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| 11 <sup>th</sup> March | Heather Lannin              | Sierra Leone     |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> March | Marg & Jacque               | Friendship Lunch |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> March | Scout Jamboree              | Themselves       |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> April  | Easter – volunteers please. |                  |

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.

### LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICES:

- **St Columba's:** Will be held on **Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> March** at 7.00 pm.
- **Our Lady, Star of the Sea,** Ellesmere Port: Will be held at 7.00 pm on **Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> March.**
- **St Theresa's:** Will be held on **Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> March** at 7.00 pm.

### FOOTSTEPS TO THE CROSS:

This Lent service led by the young people of our parish will be on **Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

### CAFOD LENT FAST DAY:

Thank you very much for your kind offerings. The amount raised at St Columba's was £625 and this has now been sent to CAFOD. The sum this year will be doubled, benefitting from the UK Government's Match Funding scheme

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE CIO:

The next meeting will be on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March** at 1.00 p.m. in St. Francis Church Hall. A talk on "Walking the Santiago de Compostela Way" will be given by Kevin Keegan. All welcome.

### NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS AND PILGRIMAGE (Adoremus), LIVERPOOL 7-9<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018:

The Shrewsbury Diocese is entitled to 154 delegates to the Symposium on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Sept.** and 710 delegates on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> 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, 9<sup>th</sup> September.

We need to confirm details of delegates from St Columba's/St Theresa's Parishes who **wish to attend by 9am, Monday 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

### 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 at St. Columba's 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.

### WORK AT ST THERESA'S CHURCH:

The decorating is continuing, thank you for your patience with this. The tabernacle is being put back next week, and the week after the new carpets will be put down. We are still waiting for the report on the heating.

- 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.

### YOUTH GROUP (FOR 10-14 YEARS):

The next youth group meeting will be on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> 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, FOOTBALL & GAMES ETC:

The youth group hopes to expand our equipment as our numbers are growing and the weather warms. If you have anything you no longer use please would you donate it to us. We would enjoy giant Jenga, Connect 4 or similar quick games, and when the light evenings arrive hope to play cricket, football and rounders. To donate please contact Anthony Hunt on 07714 160268 or speak to Richard Curtis, Denise Lusk or Amy O'Donnell at church. Thank you

### UPTON CHURCHES TOGETHER - DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - ANNUAL TRIP:

On **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### 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:

This will be compiled by Harry Sweeney  
Tel: 01244 327462 email: [harrysweeney45@gmail.com](mailto:harrysweeney45@gmail.com)  
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](http://www.stcolumbachester.org.uk)

**EASTER LILIES:**

There is a tradition in some parishes to buy Easter Lilies in remembrance of a deceased loved one. If you would like to buy an Easter Lily, please place £1 in an envelope **clearly marked "Easter Lily"** with the name of your loved one, and place it in the offertory basket. These lilies will decorate the Sanctuary during Easter, along with a list of names of those remembered.

**DIOCESAN VACANCY:**

The Diocese is looking to recruit a Finance Manager, to support and work closely with the Financial Secretary, with a significant degree of autonomy. Salary in the range £40-45,000. Closing date 2nd March. Further details at [www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies)