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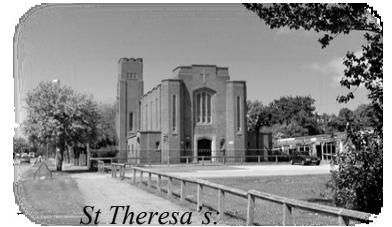
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- ❖ Parish Safeguarding Representative: Claire Graham. Tel 01244 341287 or 0788 055 3830.

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT 18<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2018

### Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March

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 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

St. Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Trevor Lightbown RIP

St. Columba's 11.00 a.m. Bernard Harvey

### Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March – St. Joseph Husband of the BVM

St. Theresa's 9.00 a.m. Priest's Intention

**Please note Mass is in the Church not the Sacristy**

St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Joanne Peppitt

### Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March

St Columba's 9.15 a.m. Joe Shields

**Funeral Service 1.00 p.m. Annie Faulkner**

St. Theresa's 6.30 p.m. No Mass

### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March

St Columba's 9.15 a.m. Lesbia Sullivan

St Theresa's 7.00 p.m. Special Intention.

Followed by Stations of the Cross

### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

St Theresa's 9.00 a.m. Priest's Intention

St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Frank Watts

### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – St Turibio of Mogrovejo, B

St Theresa's 8.30-9.25 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30 a.m. Charles Woods RIP

St Columba's 7.00 p.m. Vera Kennedy

Followed by Stations of the Cross

### Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March

St. Theresa's 10.00 a.m. Special Intention

St Columba's 6.30 p.m. Matthew Traynor – Vigil

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Palm Sunday

St. Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Parishioners' Intentions

St. Columba's 11.15 a.m. The Parish

**Please note change of Mass time on Palm Sunday at St. Columba's**

### **PALM SUNDAY – 11.15 a.m. MASS:**

Please can everyone congregate in the front porch before Mass begins so we can all process with our palms into Church. Many thanks!

### **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.

### OFFERTORY:

**St. Columba's:** Loose Plate £423.67, Planned Giving £319.69; Average Weekly Standing Orders £735.00; Candles £65.14.

**St. Theresa's:** £267.37. Average weekly standing orders £80.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

### 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: Francis (Frank) Leslie Garside, Alan Poole, Kevin Lewis, Vincent Francis Barlow, Edward Dean Donnelly, Margaret M McGeachin, Mary Elizabeth Rodriguez, Gloria Elizabeth Mary Williams, Stanley Richard Tilston, Rose Mary Mitchell, Kenneth (Ken) Roy Thompson, Ronald Garside, Penelope Pendleton, Bernadette Manifold, Lesley Derryhouse, Liam Ryan, Hayden Johnstone, Marie Lilian Maddock, Theresa Malcolmson.

### UPTON & BLACON CHURCHES TOGETHER:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Kelvin Grove, Western Approach, Thirlmere Road, Rawson Road, Nant Peris, Plas Dinas, Glyn Garth, and Sealand Road.
- For a greater compassion for those who feel marginalised in our society.
- For a deeper unity between the churches.

### LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE:

- **St Theresa's:** Will be held on **Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> March** at 7.00 pm.

### 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.

## ST. COLUMBA'S FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS' MEETING:

A reminder that the FHC parents' meeting is on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March** at 7.00pm in St. Werburgh's and St. Columba's School. We will discuss the Sacrament and the arrangements for the May Masses.

## GOOD FRIDAY FAMILY STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

We will be having this Service again this year, at 11.00am at St. Columba's. If any children would like to take part in the readings please get in touch with Pauline Payne: 01244 350323, [pauline.payne4@btinternet.com](mailto:pauline.payne4@btinternet.com)

## 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:

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.	
8 <sup>th</sup> April	Sue Carr	Third World

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.

## 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)

## WORK AT ST THERESA'S CHURCH:

The decorating of the church is now finished, we hope you like it. The sacristy is to be started this week, so on Monday 19th March Mass will be in church and there will be no Mass on Tuesday 20th March. The tabernacle should be re-sited and the new carpets are due to be fitted later this week.

## YOUTH GROUP EQUIPMENT:

The youth group hopes to expand our equipment as our numbers grow and the weather warms. If you have any unwanted games equipment please would you consider donating it to us. We hope to play cricket and rounders when the light evenings come and quick indoor games like connect 4 or similar. To donate please contact Anthony Hunt on 07714 160268, or speak to Richard Curtis, Jill Devine, Catherine Green, Steve Holland, Denise Lusk or Amy O'Donnell at church. THANK YOU to the generous donator of Giant Jenga. We played with it on Monday and it was great fun.

## EASTER FLOWERS:

There will be a collection after all Masses next weekend 24/25March towards the cost of flowers to decorate the Church over the Easter season and the coming year. Thank you in advance for your kindness and continued generosity.

## SVP COLLECTION:

There will be a collection at St. Columba's and St. Theresa's on behalf of the SVP **next weekend, 24/25th March**. If you are able to give then please put your donation in the special envelopes distributed around the benches and return at the offertory collection. Thank you.

## THANK YOU:

Thank you very much to each of our younger parishioners who read and to the musicians who played and sang at the Footsteps to the Cross last Friday. Your contributions are much appreciated. Thank you.

## 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](mailto:claire.griffiths@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk). Closing date for applications is the 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 2018:

### St. Columba's Church, Chester on 8 April at 3pm

St. Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun, recorded the revelations she received about God's mercy and Our Lord's promises of specific, extraordinary graces on the Feast of Mercy which is the Sunday after Easter: **"The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion (on this day) will obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment."** The service on Divine Mercy Sunday is an opportunity to receive these graces Our Lord promised and will include the opportunity to go to confession before 3pm, recite the Chaplet prayers and receive Holy Communion.

You may have noticed the new painting of the image of the Divine Mercy in the chapel on the right hand side of the altar at St. Columba's and there are leaflets there which include the Chaplet prayers and explain about this message from God. There is a Novena which is traditionally said in the 9 days before the Sunday after Easter.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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:**

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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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