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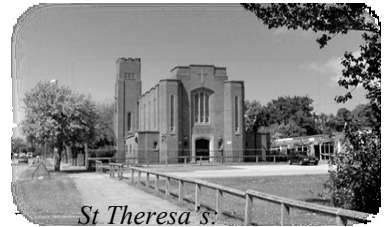
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## HOLY WEEK 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2018

### 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

### Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Monday of Holy Week

St. Theresa's 9.00 a.m. Priest's Intention  
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Edwin Edwards A.

### Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Tuesday of Holy Week

St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Pat Canavan RIP  
St. Theresa's 6.30 p.m. Private Intention  
7.00 p.m. Reconciliation Service

### Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Wednesday of Holy Week

St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Fr. Bernard Wilkinson  
St. Theresa's No Mass

### Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Evening Mass of The Lord's

Supper  
St. Theresa's 7.00 p.m. Charles Wood RIP  
Mass of The Lord's Supper at St. Theresa's only

### Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Good Friday

St. Theresa's 11.45 a.m. Stations of the Cross  
12.30 p.m. Act of Witness at the Parade  
St. Columba's 11.00 a.m. Family Stations of the Cross  
3.00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's  
Passion – Both Churches

### Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Easter Vigil

St. Columba's 8.00 p.m. The Parish  
Easter Vigil Mass at St. Columba's only

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Easter Sunday

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

### **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 9.10a.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).

*Many congratulations to the Clague family as Anna Clare is baptised into our parish this Sunday. We wish them and their family and friends every blessing and will keep the family in our prayers.*

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

### **OFFERTORY:**

**St. Columba's:** Loose Plate £367.96 Planned Giving £329.20; Average Weekly Standing Orders £735.00; Candles £54.57.

**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:**

Please remember in your prayers: Rose Mary Mitchell, Kenneth (Ken) Roy Thompson, Ronald Garside, Penelope Pendleton, Bernadette Manifold, Lesley Derryhouse, Liam Ryan, Hayden Johnstone, Marie Lilian Maddock, Theresa Malcolmson, Joseph (Joe) O'Reilly, Kathleen Sharp, Thomas Henry Lennon, Teresa O'Rourke, Angela Elizabeth (Betty) Beadles, Kathleen Veronica Lloyd, Walter David Bowley, Doreen McNamara, Maureen Margaret Tolefree, Pauline Josephine Redford, Anthony Burns, Holly, John Copple.

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

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Newton Park Road, Kennedy Close, Sandon Road, Muir Road, Elm Muir, Beech Muir, Silver Muir, Birch Muir and Ash Muir.
- For Upton Village Surgery.
- For Doctors, Nurses, Health Visitors and Social Workers in our community.

### **GOOD FRIDAY FAMILY STATIONS OF THE CROSS (ST. COLUMBA'S):**

We will be having this Service again this year, at 11.00 a.m. at St. Columba's. All welcome.

### **GOOD FRIDAY (ST. THERESA'S):**

There will be Stations of the Cross at St. Theresa's at 11.45 a.m. followed by carrying of the Cross from the church to the Parade for an Act of Witness at 12.30 p.m.

**LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE (ST. THERESA'S):**

This will be held on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March** at 7.00p.m.

**SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE:****St. Columba's:**

25<sup>th</sup> March Scout Jamboree Themselves  
 1<sup>st</sup> April Easter Sunday – volunteers please.  
 8<sup>th</sup> April Sue Carr Third World  
 15<sup>th</sup> April Scout Jamboree Themselves  
 Tea, coffee and juice are served in the Hall after the 11.00a.m. 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 9.30a.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](mailto:stellalunney@btinternet.com)

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

On **Wednesday 23<sup>th</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. THERESA'S:**

The decorating is now finished, the heaters are repaired the new carpets should be down and the statue of Our Lady in the garden has been restored to its former glory. A big thank you to the parishioners who have worked so hard on the statue.

**THE DIVINE MERCY SERVICE:**

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

**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](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies) Closing date **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April**.

**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 **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018**.

**SOCIAL ACTIVITIES DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:**

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

**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.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:**

This year marks the 160 anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady to Bernadette in Lourdes. The Diocesan Pilgrimage will take place from **26<sup>th</sup> July – 3<sup>rd</sup> August** overland and **27<sup>th</sup> July – 2<sup>nd</sup> August** by air. Brochures and booking forms can be downloaded from the Pilgrimage Website [www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk](http://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.

**HOLIDAY:**

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

**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 Amy O'Donnell  
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