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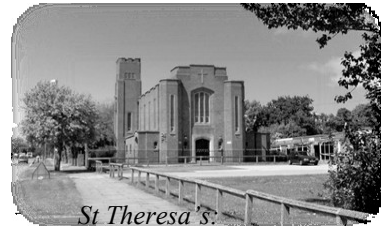
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❖ Parish Safeguarding Representative: Claire Graham. Tel 01244 341287 or 0788 055 3830.

SECOND SUNDAY of Easter SUNDAY 8th APRIL 2018

Saturday 7th April

St Theresa's No Mass
St. Columba's 6.30 p.m. Alfredo G Fonseca-Vigil

Sunday 8th April

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

Monday 9th April – The Annunciation of the Lord

St. Theresa's No Mass
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Richard Murphy

Tuesday 10th April

St Columba's 9.15 a.m. Margaret Allmark
St. Theresa's No Mass

Wednesday 11th April – St Stanislaus.B.M.

St Columba's 9.15 a.m. Greg & Catriona Leddy
St Theresa's No Mass

Thursday 12th April

St Theresa's No Mass
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. The Hodson Family

Friday 13th April

St Theresa's No Mass
St Columba's 7.00p.m. Prudence Foy

Saturday 14th April

St. Theresa's No Mass
St Columba's 6.30 pm The Parish - Vigil Mass

Sunday 15th April

St. Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Parishioners' Intentions
St. Columba's 11.00 a.m. Charlie McNelis

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: by appointment

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 or Mike Maxwell 07851720217 text or 'phone.

OFFERTORY:

St. Columba's: Loose Plate £825.49 Planned Giving £557.65; Average Weekly Standing Orders £735.00; Candles £68.28.

St. Theresa's: £352.75. Average weekly standing orders £80. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

LATELY DEAD:

Please remember in your prayers, Norman Roddy, who died recently and also his family. The Funeral Service is at St Theresa's on **Tuesday 24th April** at 2pm.

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

Florence Jane Worrall, James Loughlin, Joan and Vic Iddow, Mary Brain, Veronica Underwood, Siobhain White, Paul Maiden, Vincent Thomas Devane, John Palmer, Eric Gerald Barlow, John William Herbert, Edward Scanlan, Shirley Thomas, Patricia Trainer, Susan Faulkener, Maria Henerietta McStay, George James Beatty Kevin Patrick Doogan, Jane Olive Colligan, Monica Hunter, Daniel Joseph Keegan

UPTON & BLACON CHURCHES TOGETHER:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Kingsway, Dickson's Drive, Brookfield, Dinas Close, Tregle Close, Caernarfon Grove, Conway Grove, Beaumaris Grove.
- For Worship Groups and all who plan services;
- For our worship that is vibrant, spiritual and prayerful.

CCRS:

The next module, *The Person of Jesus*, led by Fr Tony McGrath for the Catholic Certificate of Religious Studies begins on **Saturday 21 April** at Our Lady's, Ellesmere Port, CH65 8BY (9.30am for) 10:00-3.30pm with the second on **Saturday 19 May**. You may start the course (comprising 8 modules) at the beginning of any module – registration forms and details are on the website at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/education/ccrs A non-certificate option is also available (no essays!) Particularly aimed at teachers, catechists and those who wish to learn more about our Catholic Faith.

THE DIVINE MERCY SERVICE AT ST COLUMBA'S, CHESTER:

This will start at 3pm **this Sunday, 8th April**, and confession will be available beforehand. It's a wonderful way to receive God's mercy. All are warmly welcome.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE:

St. Columba's:

8 th April	Sue Carr	Third World
15 th April	Scout Jamboree	Themselves
22 nd April	Sue Bownas	Retreat House
29 th April	SVP	SVP

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 23rd 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.

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

We will be asking for items for the Spring Fayre in the next few weeks, so if you are having a sort out please remember us.

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.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE CIO

The next meeting will be on **Monday 9 April** at 1.00pm in St Francis Church Hall. Our guest speaker will be talking about "Mary's Meals" All Welcome.

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 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.

SHREWSBURY VOICE:

The Easter issue of the Diocesan magazine is now available, price £1.

AN EVENING WITH FARNDON BRASS ENSEMBLE:

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 URC, Heath Road. Tickets £5 at the door, children free.

WORK AND LOVE – THE BIG THINGS IN OUR LIVES:

Is the theme for the next Day of Reflection for 'ACTS' ('Adult Catholics Together Spiritually') on **Saturday 21 April**. If you are aged between 18 - 35 please join us when we will be led by Canon Brendan Hoban. The day will start at 9.30am at Wistaston Hall, Crewe CW2 8JS and finish around 5pm. Payment by anonymous donation (suggested cost £15 & £10 for unemployed/students). Please contact Siobhan Cartwright for further details (siobhanbc@gmail.com / tel: 0161 477 2783 / 07761138947). Wistaston Hall is accessible by public transport but please contact Siobhan to discuss the possibility of getting a lift if required.

"TIME FOR TEA?"

Chester Fairtrading volunteers hope so, as they invite you to this event **between 2-4pm on Wednesday 11 April** at Chester Quaker Meeting House, Union Walk, Frodsham Street, Chester CH1. By making time to pop in for tea and delicious cakes you will enable Traidcraft Exchange to help more people (especially women) in some of the poorest countries who have all the talent and determination to be successful but lack the opportunity. You can help them to build a better future for their families and communities; to build businesses that feed families and educate children. This year Traidcraft Exchange have attracted UK Government Aid matchfunding so with your help they can reach twice as many people under their "Hidden Entrepreneur Appeal" (see <https://www.traidcraft.org/hidden/>)

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
stcolumbachurch2016@outlook.com

For all Hall bookings and enquiries please contact Sue Carr on
07553 114531 or email

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NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Alison Wigglesworth
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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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