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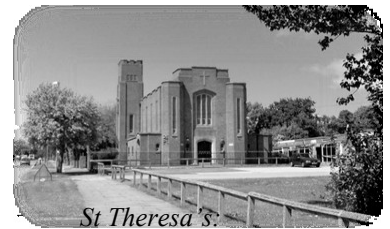
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- ❖ Parish Safeguarding Representative: Claire Graham. Tel 01244 341287 or 0788 055 3830.

THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME 27th JANUARY 2019

Saturday 26th January

St. Theresa's 10.00 a.m. NO MASS
St. Columba's 6.30 p.m. The Parish Vigil

Sunday 27th January

St. Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Margaret Parry RIP
St. Columba's 11.00 a.m. Bill Baker - Thanksgiving Mass

Monday 28th January - *St Thomas Aquinas, P D*

St. Theresa's 9.00 a.m. NO MASS
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Genevieve Jones RIP

Tuesday 29th January

St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. P.I. (STR)
St. Theresa's 6.30 pm NO MASS

Wednesday 30th January

St. Columba's 12.30 p.m. Requiem Mass Antonio Patino Pan
St. Theresa's 7.00 p.m. NO MASS

Thursday 31st January - *St John Bosco, P*

St. Theresa's 9.00 a.m. NO MASS
St. Columba's 9.30 a.m. Requiem Mass David Whitby

Friday 1st February

St. Theresa's 9.00a.m. Parishioners' Intentions
St. Columba's 7.00p.m. Polly Rowlands

Saturday 2nd February - *The Presentation of The Lord*

St. Theresa's 10.00a.m. Priest's Intention
St. Columba's 10.00 a.m. Parishioners' Intentions
6.30 pm Gladys Shanley

Sunday 3rd February

St. Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Mae Dunne's Intentions
St. Columba's 11.00 a.m. The Parish

MORNING PRAYER (St Columba's):

Until further notice, Morning Prayer will take place before the Blessed Sacrament in Church 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 in the Iona Chapel.

CONFESSIONS

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

St. Theresa's: To arrange a Baptism, please contact Fr. Isidore or Mike Maxwell on 07851 720217 or email mike.max28@gmail.com

LATELY DEAD:

Please pray for Genevieve Jones, David Whitby, Gavin Jones, Anthonio Patino Pan and Francina Wright who died recently. May the Lord grant them Eternal Life and console their family and friends.

Antonio's Requiem will take place at St Columba's on **Wednesday 30th January** at 12.30 p.m.

David's Requiem will take place at St Columba's on **Thursday 31st January** at 9.30 a.m.

Genevieve's Funeral Service will take place at St Columba's on **Friday 1st February** at 2.00 p.m.

Francina's Funeral Service will take place on **Monday 28th January** at 3.20 p.m.

OFFERTORY:

St Columba's: Loose Plate £461.08; Planned Giving £320.86 Av Weekly Standing Orders £677.00; Candles £52.34

St. Theresa's: £303.76 plus Av Weekly Standing Orders of £80. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

ST COLUMBA'S & ST THERESA'S ANNIVERSARIES:

Mary (Mollie) Callow, Robert Charles Gore, Julia Jones, Josephine Patricia Grehan, Phoebe Phillips, Molly Choppen, Patrick Foley, Jean Anderson, Margaret Barrow, Rosemary Larsen, Joseph Eric Gerrard, Anne Helen Fitzpatrick, George Fletcher, Roman Borysewski, Clifford Sale, Stephen Hunt, Kitty O'Donnell, Racheal Andrews, John Joseph Lynch, Nellie Tyldesley, Bigview Tadeusz Roszowski, Alice Edna Bellis, Margaret Price, Christopher John Bryan, Joseph Franciyer Jaworgyn, Neil Peter Kenyon, Miriam Brownbill, Lieselotte Dodds, Josephine Johnston, Louisa Maud Rogers, Bernard Maher, Alexander James Keegan

FIRST FORGIVENESS:

On Saturday this weekend 29 children from St. Columba's received the Sacrament of First Forgiveness in a special service of celebration. The children will receive their certificates next Sunday 3rd February at the 11.00 a.m. Mass.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE:

St. Columba's:

27th Jan	21st Scout Group	Themselves
3rd Feb	Chris & Liz	Tombola
10th Feb	CWL	Parish
17th Feb	Fair Trade	Sue Bownas

Tea, coffee and juice are available in the hall after Mass. All are welcome. The 2019 tea/coffee rota is on the notice board if you would like to make tea/coffee for a Charity please contact Marg Curtis 318424.

St. Theresa's:

Tea, coffee and juice are available in the Parish Club after 10.00 a.m. Mass. All are very welcome.

UPTON & BLACON CHURCHES TOGETHER:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Dunham Way, Chirk Close, Tintern Avenue, Rhuddlan Road, Carmel Closes, Rose Close, Stamford Road.
- For the prayer groups and ecumenical prayer groups.
- For those who have nobody to pray for them.

RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND – 2nd/3rd February:

You are reminded that there will be a retiring collection next weekend in relation to the Priests' Retirement Fund. Envelopes and leaflets can also be found in both porches. Your continued support is most appreciated. Thank you.

Many parishioners are content with donating loose in the basket but for those who Gift Aid their donations there are envelopes available at the back of church. By completing their envelope with number/name/church we are able to obtain the HMRC tax element which increases the donation by 25%.

HOSPITAL MASS:

The regular 'First Thursday' Mass will be celebrated on **7 February 2019** at 12.15.p.m. in the Countess of Chester Hospital Chapel. This is for patients/outpatients, staff, families and friends, and the wellbeing of our hospitals, including the Bowmere. All are welcome.

SVP MUSIC NIGHT WITH CHS CITY JAZZ:

This year's SVP music night will take place in St Columba's Hall **Friday 8th Feb** at 7:30pm and is in aid of SVP holiday home. The holiday home provides accommodation for families who otherwise would not be able to have a holiday. If you would like a ticket for this event they are £10 each and are available from Mark Traynor 07752 317772.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIED LIFE & JUBILARIAN'S MASS – 9 FEBRUARY

Bishop Mark will celebrate the Annual Diocesan Mass to Celebrate Marriage at 12 noon in St Columba's Church, Plas Newton, Chester, CH2 1SA on **Saturday, 9th February 2019**. All married couples and their families are welcome. There will be refreshments afterwards in the Church Hall. If you are celebrating a significant anniversary (25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th) and wish to attend the Mass, please let your Parish Priest know (by the 27th January) and you will receive a special letter of invitation.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED:

6 altar servers are needed for this service on Saturday 9th February. Could any available and willing servers (from St Columba's and St Theresa's) contact Richard Curtis on 07787 782255

CATHEDRAL LECTURE:

by Father Andrew Pinsent at 7pm on **Monday 18th February** at Shrewsbury Cathedral, on the impact of Darwin's work on beliefs about divine action, and how this impact shapes our understanding of science and faith today. Free entry.

READINGS FOR THE SUNDAYS OF LENT:

A series of talks on the readings for the Sundays of Lent commences on **Tuesday 5th March** at 7.30 p.m. in the Iona Chapel. There are more details on the Notice Boards.

RED BOXES (St Theresa's):

There are still some boxes to be collected from the back of church, please take yours. Thank you.

200 CLUB (St Theresa's):

The new envelopes are available at the back of church as are forms for anyone wishing to join.

READERS' ROTA (St Theresa's)

The new rota is available in the sacristy.

HOLY COMMUNION:

If there is anyone at St Theresa's who would like Holy Communion brought to them at Mass please sit in the front bench (on the right hand side) if possible, then the priest will know to bring you Communion.

GIFT AID OF OFFERTORY DONATIONS:

If anyone is no longer able to claim Gift Aid because you no longer pay tax please contact:-

St Theresa's: John Steele 01244 552129

St Columba's: Jan Roberts 07952 463146

and your name will be removed from the Gift Aid list.

THE ORDER OF THE MASS (St Theresa's):

There are now large print Mass cards available if needed at the back of church.

HEATING (St Theresa's):

We hope you were a bit warmer last Sunday. The heating is set to come on an hour before Mass on a Sunday morning, it would be a great help if the church doors could be kept closed to keep the heat in. Many thanks for your co-operation.

CHRISTMAS TREE:

St Theresa's now have a new Christmas tree, if anyone would like to have the old one please ring the parish office (01244 371660) and leave your name and number and we will arrange for you to collect it.

JOHN MURRAY TO RETIRE: -

It has been announced that John Murray will be retiring as Headteacher of the CHS at the end of this academic year. He has been Head since September 2004, in this time working with great dedication to lead the school through some very significant stages - including conversion to Academy status, the development of the Emmaus Building and a number of OFSTED and Diocesan inspections. Jane Johnson, Chair of Governors, reassures parents that the governors and trustees will work with the Diocese to start the process of appointing a successor, advertising the post as soon as possible. There will be many opportunities for us to offer our thanks for John's tireless service, and to offer best wishes for a long, happy – and no doubt active – retirement.

SOLEMN PROFESSION INVITATION:

The Carmelite Monastery of The Annunciation at Birkenhead invites you to The Solemn Profession of Sister Maria Graziella of Jesus Crucified, icd on **Monday, March 25th** at 11.00am. Celebrant: The Right Reverend Mark Davies, Bishop of Shrewsbury. All are warmly welcome to join with the community in thanking Almighty God, for this grace-filled day Refreshments will be available after the Ceremony

JOB VACANCIES:

A vacancy for a **Mission Secretary** reporting to the Episcopal Vicar has arisen within the Curial Offices in Birkenhead. Salary £18,000 – £20,000 (term time only) dependent on experience and qualifications. 35 hours per week with occasional evening and weekend duties. For more information, please see www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies Interested parties should send their CV to Pauline McCulloch: Pauline.McCulloch@dioceseofshrewsbury.org by Friday 1st February 2019.

Caritas Shrewsbury currently has 2 vacancies for **Family Support Workers (Wythenshawe and Shropshire)**. Both positions are part-time, and a great opportunity for the right person. For further details and an Application Pack, please contact us: www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk ('Job Vacancies' can be found under the 'News' Section) / Tel: 0151 652 1281 / info@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk

CATHOLIC SINGLES:

Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. For further information visit www.catholicsingles.org.uk or tel. 0161 941 3498

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

Hall availability can be checked by looking at St. Columba's Church website – section for Church Hall gives a calendar of events in the Hall.

Then contact Sue Carr on 07553 114531 or email columbashallbookings@gmail.com to arrange booking.

NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Harry Sweeney.

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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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