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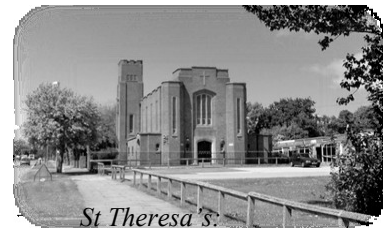
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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 10th FEBRUARY 2019

Saturday 9th February

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

Sunday 10th February

St Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Sean McCabe
St. Columba's 11.00 a.m. Hugh & Maureen Middleton

Monday 11th February – *Our Lady of Lourdes*

St Theresa's 9.00 a.m. Private Intention
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Antonio Patino-Pan

Tuesday 12th February

St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Clergy Secular Fund
St. Theresa's 6.30 p.m. Priest's Intention

Wednesday 13th February

St. Theresa's 7.00 p.m. The Turnball Family
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Kathleen Hinchcliffe

Thursday 14th February – *Ss Cyril, Mk & Methodius B*

St. Theresa's 9.00 a.m. Private Intention
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. David Whitby RIP

Friday 15th February

St. Theresa's 8.00-8.55am Expos. of the Blessed Sacrament
9.00 a.m. Priest's Intention
St. Columba's 7.00 p.m. Christine & Steven Colgan

Saturday 16th February

St. Theresa's 10.00 a.m. Parishioners' Intentions
St. Columba's 6.30 p.m. Elizabeth Balfour

Sunday 17th February

St. Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Marie Becker'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

OFFERTORY:

St Columba's: Loose Plate £420.37; Planned Giving £304.78 Av Weekly Standing Orders £677.00; Candles £50.22.

St. Theresa's: £244.86 plus Av Weekly Standing Orders of £80. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

LATELY DEAD:

Please pray for Colette Fitzgerald who sadly died recently. She was a teacher at St. Theresa's School in Blacon for many years and went to the Ursuline Convent in Chester as a girl. Her family have asked that we let friends, past pupils and parents know that her funeral service is at 9.30a.m. on **Friday 15th February** at St. Clare's R C Church, Downsfield Road, Chester, CH4 8HH and committal at Chester Crematorium Blacon Avenue, CH1 5BB. May the Lord grant her Eternal Life and console her family and friends.

ST COLUMBA'S & ST THERESA'S ANNIVERSARIES:

William Thompson, William Victor (Vic) Fry, James Frances Blythin, John James (Sean) McCabe, Joyce Wynne, Sydney Joseph Merchant (B.E.M.), Catherine (Cath) Bond, Frank Seago, Bridget Mary McManus, Bernard Leigh, William Constantine Browne, Jean Baker, Margaret Turner, Eileen Harrison, Emily Marian (Marie) Leonard, John McHugh, June Adrienne Angela Garnett, Adriano Semenzato, Llewellyn Eaton, Marion Gresty, Mary Jane Purcell, George Edward Mayers, Margaret Mary Jones, Patricia Ann Villanti, Maureen Anne Taylor, Kathleen Teresa Broster.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE:

10th Feb CWL Parish
17th Feb Sue Bownas Fair Trade
24th Feb SVP SVP

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 of your choice 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 The Glen, Jonathan's Way, Sumner Road, Fisher Road, Graham Road, Gayton Close, Denhall Close and Moorhouse Close.
- For the Scouts, Venture Scouts, Cub Scouts and Beavers.
- For the Ranger Guides, Guides, Brownies, Rainbows, Boys' Brigade and Girls' Brigade.

RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND:

There will be a retiring collection this week-end at 11.00a.m. Mass only, for the Priests' Retirement Fund. This was collected last week-end.

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY – 17th FEBRUARY:

In a world steeped in violence, conflict and discrimination, the Gospel demands that we acknowledge the dignity of the human person, the necessity of building peace, prosperity, justice for all. Next Sunday is a Day of Special Prayer for racial justice, and there will be a special collection in support of this work.

DARWIN & THE INVISIBLE GARDENER:

A lecture by physicist and theologian Fr. Andrew Pinsent on the impact of Darwin's work on beliefs about divine action, and how this impact shapes our understanding of science and faith today.

Monday 18th February, 7.00 p.m. in Shrewsbury Cathedral.

Refreshments available afterwards at 8.00 p.m. This event is part of the Darwin Shrewsbury Festival.

SHREWSBURY YOUTH MISSION TEAM - SYMT:

It is the vision of SYMT to **encourage, empower and equip** the young people, and youth leaders of the Diocese. The team produces an exciting calendar of events, from regional evenings of music and games, to larger national events like Lourdes, Flame and World Youth Day. This is in addition to providing support for Confirmation Retreat Days, Youth Leaders Training Courses, workshops and training within Schools. Forthcoming events include:

- **Flame: Saturday 2nd March** – gathering at Wembley Arena
- **Summer Camp: 11th – 15th August** – based at Alton Castle

For further details of these and other events and activities go to www.symt.org.uk

HOLY COMMUNION (St Theresa's):

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.

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

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS' ROTA (St Theresa's)

The new rota is available in the sacristy.

HEATING (St Theresa's):

We will set the heating to come on even earlier (1 ½ hours before the start of Mass) but it would really help if all the doors could be kept closed to keep the heat in. The heater at the back of church has not been repaired yet so when that is back it should make a difference.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 11th February** at 1p.m. in St Francis Church Hall, with a demonstration in the art of Quilting.

NEW ALTAR WINE:

Some of you may have noticed that the wine used for the celebration of the Eucharist has changed. It is called Paterion Fair Trade Communion Wine. As the name suggest the Altar Wine is Fair Trade certified, from organic grown grapes and ethically produced. It is also suitable for Vegans and does not contain sulphites. This wine of course also confirms to the requirements of Canon Law that the wine used for the celebration of the Eucharist, must be "natural, made from the grapes of the vine, and not corrupt". Some of you may be surprised that the wine is white and not red, but the Church has never required that the Altar Wine should be red.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:

Women's World Day of Prayer prepared by Slovenia on **Friday 1st March 2019** at Holy Ascension Church Entitled "Come Everything is Ready". Coffee from 10a.m. with service at 10.30 a.m. All welcome.

THE WHITE FLOWER APPEAL 2019:

Thank you very much for your generous donations of £358.83 which will help to support SPUC's work in protecting human life in all its vulnerable stages.

ST PIO PRAYER GROUP:

The next meeting will be on **Thursday 14th February**, in 10, Totland Grove, Newton, Chester CH2 2EY starting at 7.30pm.

DAY OF REFLECTION:

A prayerful reflection on "**The Humanity of Christ**" is the theme for the next Day of Reflection for 'ACTS' ('Adult Catholics Together Spiritually') being held on **Saturday 16th February**. Fr Michael Coughlan will lead the day which starts at 9.30am and finishes around 4.30pm. The venue is Sacred Heart and St Peter church, Southmoor Rd, Baguley, South Manchester M23 1HP. Payment by anonymous donation (suggested cost £10). Please contact Siobhan Cartwright for further details (siobhanbc@gmail.com / tel: 0161 477 2783 / 07761 138947). The venue is near Wythenshawe Hospital and Manchester airport, both accessible by public transport.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE:

It is now time to pay our final deposits for the pilgrimage to Walsingham in April. The Tariffs are as follows: - Single Room: - £185.00 and Ensuite Rooms - £228.00.

Please will you hand in your cheque/s as soon as possible to the respective Parish Offices. Many thanks. Cheques should be made payable to St. Columba's Church.

YOUTH GROUP FOR 10 – 14 YEAR OLDS:

The next meeting of the youth group will be this Monday, 11th February, starting at 7.15pm in the Iona Chapel and finishing at 9pm promptly in the hall. We will have activities, games, refreshments and prayers, a chance to learn a bit more about our faith, have fun, meet friends and make new friends.

For more information speak to Father Jonathan, Amy O'Donnell or Denise Lusk.

CARMELITE MONASTERY, BIRKENHEAD: Mother Prioress and the Sisters of Carmel have sent us a quantity of booklets which they published last year to commemorate the Centenary of the founding of the Birkenhead Carmel on 23 July 1918. The booklets, which are very colourful, can be found on the table in the rear porch of St Columba's. They tell the story of the foundation, the history of the Carmelites and what their life of contemplation means. The present Mother Prioress was a parishioner of St Columba's in her youth, and our parish forms part of the sisters' prayer intentions. The booklets are a free gift from the Sisters. If they are all taken, further supplies can be obtained. Please telephone Bill Baker 01244 376701.

ST WERBURGH'S AND ST COLUMBA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL:

Please help and support our local Catholic school, we have been selected as one of Waitrose's local charities for their community matters scheme for February, please vote while shopping with your green token, this means we can win a share of £1000 for our school.

HEADTEACHER VACANCY – SAINT MARY'S, CONGLETON:

The Local Governing Body is looking to recruit a new Headteacher for their primary school. If you know of a practising and committed Catholic with the right skills who might be interested in leading the school, they would be very welcome to arrange an informal visit in the first instance. This can be arranged by calling the school on: 01260 274690. All information and documentation relating to the role is available on the school website: <http://www.saintmaryscongleton.co.uk/work-with-us/>

The closing date for applications is **Wednesday 27th February**.

CATHEDRAL PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER VACANCY:

Salary £25,000 to £27,000 dependant on experience.

Shrewsbury Cathedral is seeking to appoint a Pastoral Development Officer to develop and enhance the role and presence of the Cathedral in the life of the Diocese, the town of Shrewsbury and county of Shropshire. Working together with clergy and civic partners, the Pastoral Development Officer will engage with parishes across the Diocese to develop links between parishes and the mother church of the Diocese and the wider community. The Development Officer will be responsible for creatively responding to the vision of the Bishop for the life of the Cathedral and how its potential can be maximised in its sacred use and in its tourist, historic and civic appeal.

CATHEDRAL PARISH SECRETARY AND ADMIN SUPPORT VACANCY:

Salary £11,700 - £13,000 dependent on experience.

The Cathedral Parish of Our Lady Help of Christians & St Peter of Alcantara is seeking to appoint an experienced and suitably qualified Parish Secretary to provide administrative and secretarial support required to ensure the smooth running of the Cathedral Parish to enable the Priests in the Team Ministry to carry out their Parish and Diocesan responsibilities. The role will also include working with and providing support as required to other officers within Cathedral House along with Parish Committees and groups.

Job descriptions and an application form for each post can be found at <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies> Completed applications should be returned to pauline.mcculloch@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

The closing date for applications is **Friday 22 February**.

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 Ann Siddall

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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.

Website: www.stcolumbachester.org.uk