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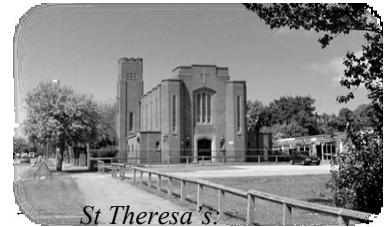
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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD 14th APRIL 2019

Saturday 13th April – Passion of The Lord - Vigil

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

Sunday 14th April – The Passion of The Lord

St Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Kitty Smith
St. Columba's 11.00 a.m. Olwen Burgess RIP

Monday 15th April – Monday of Holy Week

St Theresa's 9.00 a.m. Private Intention
St. Columba' 9.15 a.m. Eirllys Nolan RIP

Tuesday 16th April – Tuesday of Holy Week

St Theresa's 2.30 p.m. School Holy Week Assembly
6.30 p.m. Priest's Intention
Stations of the Cross
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Joe Flynn

Wednesday 17th April – Wednesday of Holy Week

St Theresa's NO MASS
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Leo Carroll RIP

Thursday 18th April – Evening Mass of The Lord's Supper

St Theresa's 7.00 p.m. Evening Mass of the Lord's
Supper - Parishioners' Intentions

Mass of The Lord's Supper at St Theresa's Only

Friday 19th April – Good Friday

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

Saturday 20th April – Holy Saturday

St. Columba's 9.00 p.m. George Jones
Easter Vigil at St. Columba's Only

Sunday 21st April – Easter Sunday

St Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Parishioners' Intentions
St Columba's 9.15 a.m. The Parish
St. Columba's 11.00 a.m. Mike & Eileen Thornber

MORNING PRAYER: (St Columba's):

Until further notice Morning Prayer will take place before the Blessed Sacrament, in Church at 9.00 am Monday through to Thursday, except Wednesdays, when Morning Prayer will commence at 8.50 am followed at 9.10 am 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 07743704383

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

ST COLUMBA'S AND ST THERESA'S ANNIVERSARIES:

Paul Maiden, Vincent Thomas Devane, John Palmer, Eric Gerald Barlow, John William Herbert, Terence Shirley, Patricia Westrom, Margaret Mary Welby, Elizabeth Poole Noel Francis Evans, Connie Duffy, Margaret Mary Weston, Rodney Peters-Jones, Mary Winefred Murphy, Anthony Allingham, Brendan Joseph Nolan, Susan Josephine McLaughlin, Bridgit Ann Garner, Maria O'Sullivan, Monica Hunter, Daniel Joseph Keegan, Samuel Peter Moseley, Teresa Edge, John O'Regan, Bernard Jackson.

OFFERTORY:

St. Columba's: Loose Plate £337.86, Planned Giving £348.20; Average Weekly Standing Orders £677, Candles £45.53

St. Theresa's: £333.95 Average weekly standing orders £80. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

HOLY PLACES – RETIRING COLLECTION:

Please note there will be a retiring collection for Holy Places on Good Friday, 19th April. Thank you for your generosity.

GOOD FRIDAY FAMILY STATIONS OF THE CROSS (St. Columba's):

This Service will be at 11.00 a.m. at St. Columba's. All welcome.

EASTER FLOWERS:

There will be a collection at St. Columba's, after both Masses this week 13th/14th April for flowers to decorate the Church over the Easter season. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

EASTER FLOWERS (St Theresa's):

If you would like to give a donation towards flowers to decorate the church over Easter, please put it in an envelope, marked Easter Flowers, in the Offertory basket. Many thanks.

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.

EASTER VIGIL READINGS – INFORMATION:

The Readings for the Easter Vigil Mass are as follows:-
Readings:- Nos. 1; 3; 5; 7, and The Epistle – No. 8.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS' ROTA (St Theresa's):

The new rotas are available from the sacristy.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE:

St. Columba's:

14th April Margaret Jarrett OAKS
21st April EASTER SUNDAY
28th April SVP SVP
5th May Kath Murphy Meningitis UK

Tea, coffee and juice are available in the hall after Mass. All are welcome. The 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 9.30 Mass. All are very welcome.

UPTON & BLACON CHURCHES TOGETHER:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Essex Road, Deva Lane, Walnut Close, Cleves Close, Roman Drive, Cavalier Drive and Hadrian Drive.
- For the Library, Pavilion, and recreational areas in our community. For all adults and children that they will be safe as they enjoy leisure time.

CYCLONE IDAI:

The cyclone and its aftermath have left the headlines but it is still an ongoing humanitarian disaster. The Third World boxes at St. Columba's will be available for any further donations until Easter Sunday. Thanks you very much for your support.

VOLUNTEERS - HOLY WEEK:

Please could we have volunteers at St. Columba's to hand out leaflets and newsletters over Holy Week. We are looking for volunteers for **Palm Sunday**, **Good Friday**, and the **Easter Vigil**. In each case we need 2 volunteers in the front porch and one in the back porch. Any help would be very much appreciated.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 28 APRIL, ST COLUMBA'S:

Programme:

2.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
2.45pm Blessing and veneration of the Divine Mercy picture
3.00pm Holy Hour including recitation of the Chaplet, meditation on the Divine Mercy and concluding with Benediction
4.00pm Mass.

The service on Divine Mercy Sunday is an opportunity to receive Our Lord's promises of specific, extraordinary graces on 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"** (St Faustina). There is a novena which is traditionally said in the 9 days before Divine Mercy Sunday. You are invited to attend this service and receive the extraordinary graces from Our Lord.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

May the Communion we share with the members of our parish family, who are unable to be with us today, remind us to live for one another and give them a sense of belonging to our family, and to this celebration.

SPUC ANNUAL PRO-LIFE CHAIN:

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children will hold its annual Pro-Life Chain on **Saturday 27th April, Hoole Road at 11.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. on Hoole Road near Canadian Avenue.**

This is a Still, Silent and Peaceful demonstration advocating the Defence of Unborn Children and their Mothers from Abortion.

PLEASE PRAY for the success of this demonstration and join us if you can, even for a short time. **THANKYOU.**

RED MISSION BOXES:

St Columba's donations to Missio were £844.47 during 2018, thank you very much for your continued support. See the poster in front & rear porches.

There will be a **Summer Mass** at 12 noon on Sat 29th June for Red Box volunteers & supporters at the Church of St Michael & All Angels, Birkenhead, CH49 5LE. If interested, see poster in front & rear porches.

GOOD NEWS FROM OAKS:

The building of the Secondary OAKS 2 School in Bo, Sierra Leone, is now underway. The Primary School is expanding, now with a two form entry in Class 1. Results in all the national examinations have been very good indeed. St. Columba's Third World Group continues to support this school which we have watched grow and succeed since it opened in October 2007. The latest newsletter is on the Third World, notice board in the front porch at St. Columba's, and Margaret Jarrett, the founder of the OAKS charity is serving coffee in the Hall after Mass this Sunday.

BEQUESTS:

If anyone wishes to consider making a bequest to the Parish, please speak to Fr. Jonathan to discuss the arrangements.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2019:

As part of the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes 2019 Fr. Jonathan is taking a small group of parishioners (by air) from Friday, 26th July – Thursday 1st August inc. If you are interested please contact Either Fr. Jonathan or the Parish Office for details.

MAUNDY THURSDAY - WASHING OF FEET:

We need twelve volunteers (male or female) to have their feet washed on Maundy Thursday. Please can you let Eileen Irwin at St Theresa's know if you are able to help out. The telephone number is Chester 371660.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION:

Swing Band Dance Night – Join us for an evening of fun and musical entertainment at the annual PA Dance Night with music from the school's acclaimed City Jazz Swing Band on Friday 26 April, 7.30 pm until late, in the School Hall. Free entrance. Donations welcome. The bar will be open. Many thanks for your support.

DIOCESAN CARITAS VACANCIES

Two Part-Time (21hrs & 28hrs term time only) Early Help Support Workers. Wirral based. To apply please visit our website: www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk, contact Head Office on 0151 652 1281 or email trish.spencer@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk Closing date 23rd April.

HEADTEACHER VACANCY, CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL CHESTER:

This vacancy is currently being advertised. Full details of the post, the application process and an application form are available on the school's website, www.christofidelis.org.uk, and through the diocese www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org Closing date Thursday, 2nd May, midday.

CATHEDRAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER:

A vacancy has arisen for a Cathedral Development and Events Officer for Shrewsbury Diocese. For more information and an application form please visit <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies>. Completed applications should be sent to recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org. Closing date **Friday 10 May 2019.**

21st CHESTER (St Columba's Guides):

The Guides have recently completed a Period Poverty Badge. This has led them to an awareness of the problem and they now wish to support local homeless woman and to reduce the stigma that comes with this topic. They are collecting deodorants, baby wipes and sanitary products. There will be a box in the back porch for anyone wishing to support them. Thank you.

MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES APRIL-OCT 2019:

7 nights B&B and Airport Shuttle service from Dubrovnik or Split for 279 euros per person sharing. Book any flight any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service. Call us for further information and book the dates that suit you. Tel.02032 398662 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com.

ANNUAL CTU COACH TRIP – THURSDAY 9th MAY:

Churches Together in Upton invite you to their annual coach trip, visiting the Museum of Primitive Methodism at Alsager, Bramall Hall, and finishing with evensong at Manchester Cathedral. Cost: £25 including admission and guided tour at the museum, Tea at Bramall Hall and donation to the Cathedral. Facilities for lunch available at Bramall Hall or bring a packed lunch. Coach leaves St Columba's at 10.00am. Further details and booking from John Butler Tel: 383703

SOUP & PUDDING LUNCHESES:

We've had our attention drawn to this regular sociable event: every 4th Wednesday at St. Thomas of Canterbury, Parkgate Road from 12.30pm. A good choice of homemade soups and desserts on offer at £3, tea/coffee 50p.

Further information Jan Shaylor on 07828 185867

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 Bernard Payne

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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

Wednesday 17th April. Please include a phone number in case of queries.