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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 19th JUNE 2016.

Saturday (Sunday Vigil Mass)

St Theresa's 6.30pm Min & Joe Gannon RIP.
St Columba's 7.15pm Marie Therese Camelleri.

Sunday 19th June

St Columba's 9.15am Michael Barrett.
St Theresa's 10.00am Parishioners' Intentions.
St Columba's 11.00am John Copple.

Monday 20th June

St Theresa's 9.00am Graham George's Ints.
St Columba's 9.15am Charles Woods.

Tuesday 21st June

St Columba's 9.15am Mary Byrne.
St Theresa's 6.30pm Private Intention.

Wednesday 22nd June

St Columba's 9.15am Margaret Mosquera.
St Theresa's 7.00pm Bradshaw & Millington Ints

Thursday 23rd June

St Theresa's 9.00am Holy Souls
St Columba's 9.15am Enid Aspinall.

Friday 24th June

St Theresa's 8-8.55am Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament
9.00am Charles Woods RIP
St Columba's 7.00pm Victor Fry.

Saturday 25th June (Sunday Vigil Mass)

St Theresa's 6.30pm Sylvia Taylor RIP.
St Columba's 7.15pm The Parish.

Sunday 26th June

St Columba's 9.15am Fred Lennon.
St Theresa's 10.00am Parishioners' Intentions.
First Holy Communions
St Columba's 11.00am Bernard Wilkinson.

MORNING PRAYER (St Columba's):

Each morning at 9.00am in the Iona Chapel, Monday through to Friday, except Wednesdays, when Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour are said at 9.15 a.m. prior to Mass.

CONFESSIONS:

Please note there will be no Confessions at **St. Columba's** this weekend. Sacrament of Reconciliation at **St. Theresa's** from 5.55 p.m. to 6.25 p.m. on a Saturday evening and after every weekday Mass.

BAPTISMS:

By appointment. After speaking to Fr. Jonathan to arrange a date, please contact Claire O'Donnell 07743 704383 (text or 'phone).

OFFERTORY:

St Columba's: Loose Plate £443.21, Planned Giving £530.56, Average Weekly Standing Orders £720.00, Stipends £30.00, Candles £48.97.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Mary Roddy, Liam Alexander Blunt, Thomas O'Rourke, Joseph Griffiths, Denis Lockley, Pauline Patricia Mortimer, John Dennis Heard, Doris Hall Harris, Jean Bridget Hague, Anthony Gerald Whittaker, Michael Meaney, Frank McCaffery, Suzannah Hogan, Catherine Mary Martin, Vincent Ogg, Peter Grimes, Maresa Metcalfe, Margaret Sheard, Monica Carter, Mary Elizabeth Lindop, Ernest Erlam, Eric Wheatley, Mary Newman, Agnes Blagg, Lena Williams, Zelimir Vrlec, Irene Maria Jones, Christine Owens, Isabel Jones, Harold Jones, John Evans, Margaret Wall, Christopher Brian Joseph Hughes, Ambrose Bettridge, Kay O'Loughlin, Marie Mahoney, Josephine Cunningham, Amelia Lynn Horton, Kathleen Mary Freeman, Patrick Paul O'Sullivan, Arthur Kirby, Ian Dominic Whitcombe, Winifred Pennell, Anne May Stevenson.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Please remember all those who are sick, especially Christine Scanlan, James Fletcher, Gladwen Nicholson, Angela Sturgeon, Lester George, Betty Bayly, Mena Pelligrine, Fr Jim Farrell, Helen Dughey, Canon Harry Stratton, Diane Dutton, Ellen (Nell) Lally, Fr Martin Riley, Fr John Wright, John Hibbert, Rose Marshall, Kathleen Lawlor, Fr Michael Cupit, Eileen Morris, Lillian Gittins, Margaret Parry, John Francis Curran, Fred Eadon, Mary Lally, Graham George, Pat Cummins, Clara Reade, Tom Groom, Margaret Parry & Deacon John Lomas.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

- Monday: **St. Alban**, venerated as Britain's first saint. He became the first Christian Martyr in Britain. The Emperor Diocletian ordered that all Christians should be persecuted. Alban, a recent convert to Christianity, changed places with a local priest who was wanted by the Romans. When he was discovered he was executed at Verulamium (St Albans), 304 AD.
- Wednesday: **Sts. John Fisher & Thomas More**. They were key figures in the struggle between Henry VIII and the Church over the issue of Henry's divorce, the Act of Succession and the whole question of the supremacy in England of the Church and Pope. They were executed in 1535, and both canonised 400 years later, 1935.
- Thursday: **St. Etheldreda, Abess**. One of the most venerated women saints of Anglo-Saxon England, she founded a monastery on the site of what is now Ely Cathedral. She died at Ely in 679.
- Friday: **The Nativity of St. John the Baptist** – the prophet who foretold the coming of the Messiah in the person of Jesus, and whom he later baptised.

ST. COLUMBA'S & ST. THERESA'S JOINT PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT:

- On Monday 20th June we have the second meeting of the **Joint Pastoral Development Group**, a forum for Fr. Jonathan to discuss joint parish matters with the Pastoral Council from St. Columba's and the equivalent group from St Theresa's. The 20th June meeting will be the opportunity to consider parishioner comments made on Fr. Jonathan's suggestions for future Mass times and related matters.
- With the parishes joining together it was earlier decided to trial a **joint weekly Newsletter**. The first is TODAY, 19th June, with the trial running through to the end of July - and we will see how this is received. Your comments over the next few weeks will be most welcome.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE:

St. Columba's:

19th June	Third World	Fr. John Kirwan
26th June	Fellowship Lunch	Margie & Jacque
3rd July	Sue Bownas	CAFOD
10th July	Badminton	Parish

Tea, coffee and juice are served in the Hall after both Sunday Masses. All are welcome.

St. Theresa's:

Tea & coffee & juice are available in the Parish club after the 10.00am Mass. All are very welcome.

DAY FOR LIFE:

Today, **Sunday 19th June**, has been designated a Day of Special Prayer for Life. It provides an opportunity for people to think about the connections and relationships between people and the earth which we inhabit. There are cards available in church.

REFUGEE WEEK:

The **20th – 24th June** is Refugee Week. Please remember migrants and refugees in your prayers.

URSULINE CONVENT REUNION:

The Ursuline Convent Chester closed 40 years ago this year. A reunion is being organised for any girls who were at the school in its final years in the 1970s. The reunion will be at the Blossoms Hotel in St. John Street, Chester, on **Saturday 25th June** between 2.30pm and 5pm. Afternoon tea will be served (cost £12.50). If you are a Chester Convent 'old girl' from the 1970s and would like to attend, please contact Catherine Jones by email: catherinejones650@gmail.com

NURSE REQUIRED FOR LOURDES JUMBULANCE:

Due to the retirement of two long standing nurses, we are looking for nurses willing to travel with the Chester group this year. The dates are **1-10 September**. The cost is £375 including insurance. Financial help is available. For further information please contact Group Leader Tony Murphy on 07881-656-974 or email tonymurphyefc2002@yahoo.co.uk

St. Theresa Items:

NEW PARISHIONERS:

If you are new to the parish would you please take a form from the back of church complete and return it to the sacristy. Thanks.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Exposition takes place this week from 8am – 8.55am on Friday morning. There are books available for you to use during Exposition. All welcome.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

Children have their own Liturgy during the Liturgy of the Word at the 10am Mass on a Sunday. Our thanks to those who lead this Liturgy. If there are others interested in helping please speak to Jane Walsh.

PRAYER BOARD:

Instead of the Prayer Board at the front of church it is proposed to have a Prayer Book. Over the next few weeks please take down your "post it" and write in the book instead. The post it notes will be removed at the end of this month. Thank you.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS:

It has come to our notice that some of the children preparing for First Holy Communion at St Theresa's on Sunday 26th June, are not attending weekend Mass. Could the parents/grandparents help us in that regard so that the children will be used to the Church activities. Thank you.

HOUSE COMMUNIONS:

We now have only one person taking Holy Communion to the housebound in our parish.. We urgently need more Eucharistic Ministers willing to take communion to those unable to get to Mass. Please let Eileen Irwin know or ring the presbytery on 01244 371660 and leave your name and number.

SVP:

Due to bereavement and illness the SVP meetings will be suspended until further notice.

VISITATION OF THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND:

Fr Isidore will visit the sick and housebound on the 1st Friday of every month.

BLACON JOINT SERVICES:

On the **1st Monday of the month** services are held at 2.15 at Lauren Court & 3pm at Florence Grogan.
On the **3rd Monday of the month** services are held at 2.30pm at the Willows & 3.15pm at Deva Point.

SONGS OF PRAISE, SATURDAY 16 JULY:

Blacon Churches are holding a "**Songs of Praise**" at Blacon Station starting at 12.30pm Bring your own picnic lunch.

ETHIOPIA FOOD CRISIS:

Many thanks for the amount of £170 which was collected last weekend.

- There will be a retiring collection next weekend for Peter's Pence.

"REACHING THE UNREACHED":

If anyone from St. Theresa's would like to continue donating to Brother Kimpton and Reaching the Unreached, which helps orphan children in South India, they can give their donations to Kay George or put in an envelope marked "Reaching the Unreached" and place in the Offertory Basket.

NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Eileen Irwin, 01244 371660, email: sttheresas@btinternet.com

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

St. Columba items:

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Coniston Road, The Nook and Brook Lane..
- All who come seeking to understand more about the Christian Faith.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN UPTON:

- Churches Together in Upton have started an initiative to extend the current practice of praying for the residents of particular roads by encouraging individual prayer requests. These can be made in writing to: Prayer Meeting, Upton United Reformed Church, Heath Road, Chester, or email: info@uptonurc.org.uk.
- Churches Together in Upton hold a Coffee Morning each Monday at The Pavilion, Wealstone Lane (next to the Library) from 10 a.m. to noon - an ideal opportunity to meet and make friends in a relaxed welcoming atmosphere. If anyone is interested in helping out, please come along on a Monday to find out more.

MoHC AND READERS' ROTA:

Your new Rota is now available for collection in the Front Porch. Many thanks.

FR. JOHN KIRWAN – FIRE:

We wish to send financial help to Fr. John, whose work in DR Congo this parish has supported over many years. In addition to your kind donations via the Third World wall boxes over the past weeks, we are having a Coffee Morning after Masses **this Sunday 19th June**. Please come along, and please remember Fr. John in your prayers.

MISSION BOXES:

Many members of our community have a Red Box in their homes. It's one way we support Missio, the Pope's official charity for overseas mission, and the Mill Hill Missionaries, Britain's own missionary society. Thank you to everyone who is a Red Box member. We're holding a special collection for those whose Red Box may not have been opened for a while. Maybe it's lurking on top of the fridge, or behind some books. If so, please bring it to Mass over the coming weekend and we will empty it. If you have any questions, contact Margaret Curtis 318424. Please visit www.missio.org.uk/RedBox on-line for more information.

MISSION TODAY:

Copies of the Summer issue of Mission Today are available in the front and rear porches of the Church.

COACH TRIP TO WORCESTER 22nd JULY:

The coach is now full, with several people on the reserve list. If your circumstances change and you are unable to go please update the list ASAP, or if you are still interested in going please contact Paul Wrigglesworth 07564 286710 or Margaret Curtis.

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

For all Hall bookings and enquiries please contact Sue Carr on 07553 114531 or email columbashallbookings@gmail.com

Diocesan Items:

THE RELIC OF ST ANTHONY OF PADUA:

The relic of St Anthony of Padua will be available for prayer & veneration in Shrewsbury cathedral on **Friday 24th June** from 11am – 7.30pm, with Holy Mass at 12.15 & 7.30pm. Please see posters for further information.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO ROME FOR THE YEAR OF MERCY 17-21 OCTOBER:

There are still a few places available (double or twin rooms only left). Full details are available on the Diocesan Website, or contact Fr. David Long at St. Alban's, 30 Mill Lane, Wallasey CH44 5UD telephone 0151 638 1520.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS 12 NOVEMBER:

This is being held in Ellesmere Port Catholic High School. The theme is "Resources" What do we have? What do we need? Mr Fergal Martin, head of the Catholic Truth Society, will present its aims, work & publications, followed by group discussion and general feedback. Registration please by 3 November with helen.jones@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

FLAME III:

Bishop Mark invites young people from across the diocese to join him at Flame 3.10000Reasons in Wembley on **Saturday 11th March 2017**. This is the biggest Catholic youth event and in 2017 will feature the musician Matt Redman. For info see <http://cymfed.org.uk/flame2017>

DIOCESAN VACANCIES:

The Diocese seeks to recruit two Campaign Directors for a new fund-raising initiative. 35+ hours Monday to Friday, with significant evening work, working across the diocese. Salary £25k-30k per annum. **Closing date 24 June**.

For further details of these vacancies and the job specifications go to the website: www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies

CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES:

The CCRS study course is designed for people who are involved in communicating their Catholic faith, directly or indirectly. It is open to catechists, people involved in liturgical work, and other interested adults. The course is run through a series of modules, 8 days in total between September and June, at Our Lady, Star of the Sea Parish Centre in Ellesmere Port. The first module starts on Saturday 10th September.

Further information on the posters (including the parish website) or from Rowena Nield, 0161 440 8619, Email rowena.nield@sky.com