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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. 26th JUNE 2016

Saturday (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 Communion

St Columba's 11.00am Edward Gibbons

Monday 27th June

St Theresa's 9.00am Holy Souls
St Columba's 9.15am Elizabeth Mary Baker

Tuesday 28th June

St Columba's 9.15am Damien Masquera
Requiem Mass 1.00pm Ernest Davenport
St Theresa's 12.45pm Funeral Service for
John Fond-Carol

VIGIL MASS

St Theresa's 7.00pm Private Intention.

Wednesday 29th June-Sts Peter & Paul, Apostles

St Columba's 9.15am Sharon Gallagher
Evening Mass 7.00pm Holy Day of Obligation P.I.
St Theresa's 9.15am Stan Taylor RIP

Thursday 30th June

St Theresa's 9.00am Doreen & Gordon Jones RIP
St Columba's 9.15am Luca Lemzi

Friday 1st July

St Theresa's 8-8.55am Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament
9.00am Charles Woods RIP
St Columba's 7.00pm Fr Michael Yowell

Saturday 2nd July (Sunday Vigil Mass)

St Theresa's 6.30pm Tania Shankland's Intentions
St Columba's 7.15pm The Brown Family

Sunday 3rd July

St Columba's 9.15am The Parish
St Theresa's 10.00am Parishioners' Intentions.
St Columba's 11.00am The Catenians

LATELY DEAD:

Please pray for the family and friends of **Ernest Davenport & John Fond-Carol** who died recently.

MORNING PRAYER (St Columba's):

At 9.00am before the Blessed Sacrament in the Iona Chapel, Monday through to Thursday, except Wednesdays, when Morning Prayer will commence at 8.50am followed by Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour at 9.10 a.m. prior to Mass.

CONFESSIONS:

St Columba's: Each Saturday morning between 10am-10.30am. and in the evening 6.45pm – 7.10pm (before Saturday Vigil Mass)

St Theresa's: from 5.55pm to 6.25pm 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).

Congratulations to the Gibbons family who celebrate to baptism of cousins Edward and Felix today. We wish them every blessing for this special occasion. Please remember both families in your prayers.

St Theresa's please contact Fr Isidore.

OFFERTORY:

St Columba's: Loose Plate £487.46, Planned Giving £404.34, Average Weekly Standing Orders £720.00, Candles £52.48

St Theresa's: £278.70 plus Average weekly standing orders £136

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Amelia Lynn Horton, Kathleen Mary Freeman, Patrick Paul O'Sullivan, Arthur Kirby, Ian Dominic Whitcombe, Winifred Pennell, Anne May Stevenson, Eileen Burton, Mary Bolland, Patrick John White, Philip Carr, Philip Lewis Gorr, Sydney Martell, Edna Harley, Dennis Lace, Mary Ellen Rogers, Edward Anthony Galvin, William Kirwan, Norman Lofthouse, Douglas Boulton, Mary Millington, Joanne, Nicholas, Vincent Eugene Riley, Thomas Daly, Cora Ryder, Jeremiah Heffernan, Mary Patricia Feakins, Mary Elizabeth Davies, James Newcombe, Mary Killen, Hilda Lynch.

CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT

A warm welcome to our young parishioners who will enrol for Confirmation at Mass this weekend. (St Theresa's 6.30pm Mass, St Columba's 11am Mass) Please pray for them as they prepare to be confirmed in October.

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 & Peter Lane.

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

- With the parishes joining together it was earlier decided to trial a joint weekly Newsletter. The first was last week, 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:

26th June Fellowship Lunch Margie & Jacquie
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.

PARISH LETTER

There are copies of a new letter from Fr Jonathan available at both churches.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

- Wednesday: **Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles, (Holy Day of Obligation)** our two most illustrious yet very different saints: St. Peter, the humble fisherman, who showed very human weaknesses to deny Christ at testing moments – yet to whom was entrusted “the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven” and hence his role as founder of the papacy; St Paul, who as Saul was the harshest of persecutors of Christianity – until his encounter with the vision of Christ on the road to Damascus which led to his conversion and on to his role as tireless missionary and powerful thinker on behalf of the infant Church.
- Friday: : **St. Oliver Plunkett, Bishop & Martyr.** He was born near Dublin in 1625. He studied at the Irish College and became a professor of theology before his appointment as Archbishop of Armagh in 1669. Despite operating in Penal times, he managed to achieve good relations with the local protestant clergy and civil leaders. He nevertheless became a victim of the wider political picture, and was arrested supposedly for plotting armed insurrection. He was imprisoned in London, eventually tried for treason and was executed at Tyburn in 1681.

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

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 next week. Thank you.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS:

At the Sunday Mass today we welcome all those who will be making their First Holy Communion, and their families. May God bless them.

READERS' ROTA

The new rotas are available in the sacristy for you to collect.

200 CLUB

The winners of the GRAND DRAW are:- £150 G. Gilghooley (no.74) £100 M. lane (no. 15) £50 M. Baker (no.3) and £50 G. Templeton (no.6) The new envelopes are available at the back of church.

FR ISIDORE

Please remember Fr Isidore in your prayers as he celebrates his birthday on Saturday 2nd July. We wish him a very happy day.

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.

PETER'S PENCE

There will be a retiring collection at St Theresa's this weekend for Peter's Pence.

CLEANERS' ROTA B

“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 Muriel Green 01244 383836,
email: Muriel.green1@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 Somerset Road, The Crescent, and Heathfield Close..
- For the Pastoral Groups and Caring and Sharing.
- For the pastoral care of the community.

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.

St. Columba items, continued:

MoHC AND READERS' ROTA:

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

FR. JOHN KIRWAN – FIRE:

Many thanks to everyone who generously supported the coffee morning or donated via the wall boxes. We have been able to send a cheque for £545 to Fr John to help him replace some of his equipment lost in the house fire.

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

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

columbashallbookings@gmail.com

Diocesan Items:

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 VACANCY: WELFARE OFFICER

This is a new post5, with the Diocese seeking to appoint a Registered Social Worker or Nurse. The successful candidate will support retired priests in living an independent, dignified and fulfilling life, and supporting those who require additional assistance through age or infirmity, as well as assistance to any priest still in ministry who requires similar support through periods of prolonged ill health. For further information go to the website: www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies **Closing date 8 July.**

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