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# Catholic Churches of St Columba and St Theresa

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - 7<sup>th</sup> MAY 2017

### Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May

St. Theresa's 10.00 a.m. John Fitzpatrick  
St. Columba's 6.30 p.m. Peter Connolly **Vigil Mass**

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May

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

### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May

St. Theresa's 9.00 a.m. Private Intention  
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Ken Hall

### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May

St Columba's 9.15 a.m. Doreen Grainger RIP  
St. Theresa's 6.30 pm Priest's Intention

### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May

St Columba's 9.15 a.m. Frank Stone  
St Theresa's 7.00 p.m. The Faithful Departed

### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May

St Theresa's 9.00 a.m. Priest's Intention  
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Claire Rigby RIP

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May *Ss Nereus & Achilleus, St Pancras, Martyrs*

St Theresa's 8-8.55a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
9.00 a.m. Private Intention  
St Columba's 7.00p.m. John Holland RIP

### Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May *Our Lady of Fatima*

St. Theresa's 10.00a.m. NO SERVICE  
St Columba's 6.30 p.m. The Parish - **Vigil Mass**

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May

St Theresa's 9.30 a.m. John O'Regan and Maura Dorning  
St Columba's 11.00a.m. Bernard Bownas

### **MORNING PRAYER (St Columba's):**

At 9.00 a.m. before the Blessed Sacrament in the Iona Chapel, 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.

### **CONFESSIONS**

**St. Columba's:** Between 6.00 pm. and 6.25pm. before the Vigil Mass. At other times by arrangement with Fr. Jonathan.  
**St. Theresa's:** Confessions are heard 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 (text or 'phone).

**St. Theresa's:** To arrange a Baptism, please contact Fr. Isidore.

### **OFFERTORY:**

**St Columba's:** Loose Plate £393.63; Planned Giving £323.81; Average Weekly Standing Orders £735.00; Candles £49.73.

**St Theresa's:** £349.52 plus average weekly standing orders £130.

### **LATELY DEAD:**

Please pray for John Herbert, John Graham Holland and Joyce Ahern from St Columba's and Elizabeth Barlow of Elm Muir and Mary Lally (St Theresa's) who died recently. May the Lord grant them Eternal Life and console their family and friends. John Herbert's Funeral will take place at 12 noon on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May at St Columba's, John Graham Holland's at 12 noon on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May at St Columba's, Joyce Ahern's at 12 noon on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May at St Columba's, and Elizabeth Barlow's at 11.20am on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May at Blacon Crematorium.

### **ST COLUMBA'S ANNIVERSARIES:**

Please remember in your prayers:

William Walker, Stella Loughlin, Michael Gerald Taylor, Bernard Bownas, Alan Taylor, Helen Veronica Mack, Peter Concannon, Terence George Maloney, Bill Heeney, Ann Jane Harrison, Carolyn Thornton, Ken Hall, George Lavender, Wilfred Turner, John Ray Green, Patricia Westrom, Colin James Reynard, Marie (Nancy) Dagger, George Gibbons, William Johnson, William Huxley, Mary Ellen McCorry, Mary Vivien Dagger, Dennis O'Gorman, Bertha Lofthouse, Anthony Wall, Mary Elizabeth James, Fiona Stuart, Hugh McCafferty, James Edward Jones, Caroline McMahan, Terence McNicholas, Cecil Arthur Baker, Joseph Stringer, Janet Evans, Joan Burton, Janet McMahan

### **ST THERESA'S ANNIVERSARIES:**

Please remember in your prayers:

Lilian Maloney, Valentine Dunne, Shaun Turton, Sheila Bird, Constance Rowlands, Marco Antonio Stanford, Catherine Harding, Frances Josephine Gent, Bernard Meehan, Peter Barnes, Elizabeth Littler, Kathleen Comyn, Ryan Johnson, John McCluskey, Moreen Russell, Brenda Onions, Maureen Butler, Thomas "Paddy" Anderson.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS, ST. COLUMBA'S:

Family celebrations of the Sacrament have now begun and will continue throughout May. At the 11.00 a.m. Mass each Sunday some or all of the central pews will be reserved for the children and their families.

- We pray for and congratulate those making their First Holy communion this weekend: Alexander Barratt, Luke Cawley, Gabriel Confessore Franco, Leah Evans, Benjamin Kane, Oliver Owens, Wyatt Thompson.

### ST THERESA'S CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

Children have their own Liturgy during the 9.30 a.m. Mass on Sunday.

### UPTON CHURCHES TOGETHER:

This week we pray for:

- Arley Close, Lincoln Drive and Grasmere Road.
- The elderly and housebound. For all who prepare the food and for those who come and enjoy the fellowship enjoyed at church meals.

### SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE:

#### St. Columba's:

7th May Any Volunteers?

14th May SPUC Parish

21st May Elizabeth & Chris Nichols Tombola

*Tea, coffee and juice are available in the hall after the 11am Mass. All are welcome.*

**St Theresa's:** Tea, coffee and juice are available in the Parish Club after 9.30 a.m. Mass. All are very welcome.

### PURE IN HEART MISSION TEAM PRESENTATION:

At St Christopher's Parish Centre, Romiley SK6 3BA, 7.30pm on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May**. This presentation is for all teachers, catechists, priests and concerned parents. Bishop Mark Davies would like to establish this prayer group and mission team in the Diocese. This group will be a powerful resource for all the Catholic schools of the Diocese to provide authentic Catholic sexual education for our young people.

### ST PIO PRAYER GROUP:

The next meeting is on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May**, starting at 7.30pm at 10 Totland Grove, Newton, Chester CH2 2EY.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Mass with the celebration of the Sacrament of the anointing of the sick at St. Columba's on **Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup>** at 2.00p.m. with light refreshments afterwards. Everyone is invited to this service particularly those parishioners who don't have the opportunity to attend Mass regularly. If anyone can offer a lift to/ or know of someone who would like attend but have no transport, please contact Mark Traynor email: [marktraynor96@gmail.com](mailto:marktraynor96@gmail.com) Tel no: 07752317772.

### SPUC ANNUAL WHITE FLOWER APPEAL:

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children will hold their annual collection at St Columba's on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>/Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May**. Please give generously as you leave the church. Thank you.

### SPRING FAYRE – SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> MAY (St Theresa's):

The Spring Fayre is being held in the Parish Centre NEXT Sunday, (14th May) after the 9.30am Mass. Please bring in any items for the stall during the week, they can be left at church or the presbytery. We will be grateful for cakes on the day. If you are available to run a stall, please put your name on the list at the back of church. We look forward to seeing you there. Thank you.

### “ACTS” DAY OF REFLECTION, SAT 13<sup>th</sup> MAY:

If you are aged between 18 - 35 then you are more than welcome to join us for the theme "Learning to live with Hope" marking the 100th anniversary of the Fatima apparitions. Arrival for 9.30pm and ending at approx 5pm at Schoenstatt Shrine, Bolton BL4 8QQ (Tel 01204 572077). Payment by anonymous donation (suggested cost £20 & £15 for unemployed/student). Further details 07761138947.

### SOCIAL ACTIVITIES - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May** Spring Fayre, St. Theresa's Parish Centre after 09:30 Mass.

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June** Annual BBQ to celebrate the Anniversary of St. Columba.

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June** Family Bingo Night 7pm St Columba's Parish Hall

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July** Annual coach trip to York

### CHURCHES TOGETHER IN UPTON:

This year, St Columba's is hosting the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity **15-21<sup>st</sup> May 2017**. This will be held in the Iona Chapel at St Columba's, from 6.45pm to 7.15pm unless otherwise stated:

**Mon 15<sup>th</sup> May** (Day1+2) led by St Columba'

**Tues 16<sup>th</sup> May** (Day 3) led by URC

**Weds 17<sup>th</sup> May** (Day 4) led by Holy Ascension

**Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> May** (Day 5+ 6) led by St Columba's

**Fri 19<sup>th</sup> May** (Day 7) led by URC

**Sat 20<sup>th</sup> May** (Day 8) led by Holy Ascension

**NB: This service: 5.30 to 6.00pm**

**Sun 21<sup>st</sup> May** – Final Worship Service

**NB: This service will start at 6.30pm**

If any parishioner is interested in helping or leading any of the sessions (all materials are provided), please contact Stella Lunney email: [stellalunney@btinternet.com](mailto:stellalunney@btinternet.com) leaving contact details.

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS' ROTA (ST THERESA'S):

The new rotas are now available in the sacristy.

### CLEANERS' ROTA A (ST THERESA'S).

#### 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](mailto:stcolumbaschurch2016@outlook.com)

For all Hall bookings and enquiries please contact Sue Carr on 07553 114531 or email [columbashallbookings@gmail.com](mailto:columbashallbookings@gmail.com)

#### NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Eileen Irwin, 01244 371660, e-mail: [st.theresas@btinternet.com](mailto:st.theresas@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.

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**TALK ON "REACHING THE UNREACHED":**

The Chester parishes have been supporting the work of the charity "Reaching the Unreached" in southern India ever since its founding by Bro. James Kimpton in 1978. The present Director Fr. Antony Paulsamy is currently in the UK, and will be giving a talk about their wide-ranging work fighting poverty in rural villages. The talk is on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May**, 7.00 p.m. at St. Werburgh's Church, Grosvenor Park Road. All welcome!

**SOCIAL EVENING, FRIDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MAY:**

Come and enjoy an Evening of Fun, Music, Entertainment, Cheese and Wine, in aid of the Ellesmere Port and Chester Youth Group. This will be in St. Columba's Hall, 7.00 for 7.30 p.m. Tickets include cheese, nibbles, complimentary glass of wine, coffee, tea and juices, but please bring any additional alcohol and glasses with you.

Tickets are £7.50 (under 16s free) and will be on sale after Mass at St. Columba's this Sunday, or by contacting Peter Devine (07825 172932) of John Murray (07740 203522)..

**CHORAL CONCERT CHESTER CATHEDRAL:**

Chester Music Society Choir is giving a varied concert of French choral music, including Gounod's St. Cecilia Mass and Franck's Panis Angelicus. 7.30 p.m. on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May**. Tickets £14 and £7, phone 01244 500959 or online via [www.chestercathedral.com](http://www.chestercathedral.com)

**MUSIC WORKSHOP:**

'Singing the Mass' on **Saturday 24 June 2017** at St Winefride's, Neston from 10am-3pm. Led by Frances Novillo, this workshop is for anyone who sings or plays at church and will be an opportunity to meet musicians from other parishes. Cost is £10 per person which will include lunch. For full details and booking please visit [www.stwinefridesneston.org.uk/music](http://www.stwinefridesneston.org.uk/music) or contact Louise Wilkinson - 0151 336 1096.

**CAFOD AFRICAN FAMINE APPEAL:**

The total amount raised for this appeal from the recent collections at St. Columba's was £810.34. Thank you very much for your generous response.

**SIERRA LEONE ORPHANS:**

A small number of the orphan children I met in Sierra Leone from the St Mary's children's home are seeking help please for their ongoing education. They lived through the civil war and Ebola, and are keen to be good Leaders of Tomorrow for their country. Hassan John is just starting his training as a machine operator. Any contributions will be gratefully received and properly used. If you don't feel able to give, please pray for the young people. They will be most grateful to their prayer uncles and aunties! For contributions ring Heather 07840 621878.

**TOMATO PLANTS FOR SALE:**

Tomato plants are **on sale in the Hall after the 11.00am Mass on the next two Sundays**. They are "MoneyMaker" and "Gardener's Delight", 30p each. . Sales are in aid of our Third World projects. If you would like some but can't pick them up please ring Pauline Payne on 01244 350323