

Catholic Churches of St Columba and St Theresa



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- ❖ Parish Safeguarding Representative: Claire Graham. Tel 01244 341287 or 0788 055 3830.

SIXTH WEEK OF EASTER SUNDAY 21st MAY 2017

Saturday 20th May

St. Theresa's 10.00 a.m. Private Intention
St. Columba's 6.30 p.m. Marie-Therese Camilleri Vigil

Sunday 21st May

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

Monday 22nd May

St. Theresa's 9.00 a.m. Private Intention
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Sean Brophy

Tuesday 23rd May

St Columba's 9.15 a.m. Dave Beatty
St. Theresa's 6.30 pm Priest's Intention

Wednesday 24th May - Our Lady Help of Christians

St Columba's 9.15 a.m. Graham Holland RIP
St Theresa's 7.00 p.m. Doreen Grainger RIP
The Rosary

Thursday 25th May - St. Bede the Venerable

St Theresa's 1.45 p.m. School Mass
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Gerard McCarthy

Friday 26th May - St. Philip Neri

St Theresa's 8-8.55a.m. Exp.of the Blessed Sacrament
9.00 a.m. Parishioners' Intentions
St Columba's 7.00p.m. Philomena Alston RIP

Saturday 27th May - St. Augustine of Canterbury

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

Sunday 28th May

St Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Phyllis Kenyon RIP
St Columba's 11.00a.m. Tony Hyland RIP

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 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:

We welcome into God's family Maja Stachowicz-Foulger who was baptised here recently. May God bless her and her family. To arrange a Baptism, please contact Fr. Isidore.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS, ST. COLUMBA'S:

Family celebrations of the Sacrament 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: Aaron Biju (Blessing), Patryk Brondke, Jack Harrocks, Sofia Hewitt, Luca Jones, Isobel Kelleher, Lukasz Paradysz.

There will be a Parish celebration Party for the Holy Communion children and families on Sunday 11th of June, 1.30 – 3.30p.m. Please bring some food to share and children should wear their special outfits.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS, ST THERESA'S

These will take place on Sunday 25th June at the 9.30am Mass.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers:

St. Columba's:

Terence McNicholas, Cecil Arthur Baker, Joseph Stringer, Janet Evans, Joan Burton, Janet McMahon, Lionel Dean, Francis Gallagher, Mary McKay, Harry John Teague, Michael Joseph Barnett, William Walker, Thomas Patrick Dowd, Lillian Rachel Beswick, Agnes Elizabeth Lambert, John Bennett, Mary Ellen Rodgers, James Hoyland, Gerard Barrow, Margaret Veronica McClellan, Gillian Anne Knowles, Michael Finan, Angela Bird, Sam O'Reilly, Margaret North, Brenda Cawley, David Beatty, Marie Therese Camilleri, Albert Edward Hutfield, William Lumley, Rachel Buckley, Rosaline Ives and Nora Elizabeth Reilly.

St. Theresa's:

Maureen Butler, Thomas "Paddy" Anderson, Richard Heselwood, Thomas Mullen, Patricia McCullagh, Robert Edwards, Alexander Bowers, William Russell, Charles Creagh-Barry, Richard Drummond, Albert Mosinski, David Joyce, George Blundell and Marian Byrne.

OFFERTORY:

St Columba's: Loose Plate 376.09; Planned Giving £474.30; Average Weekly Standing Orders £735.00, Candles £38.64.

St Theresa's: £323.97 plus average weekly standing orders £130.

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY COLLECTION:

To promote the work going on behalf of the Church by the communications office of the Bishops' Conference, there will be a second collection at all Masses on the week-end of 27th/28th May 2017. Any donations will be greatly received.

ST THERESA'S CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

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

CLEANERS' ROTA C (ST THERESA'S).

UPTON CHURCHES TOGETHER:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Newry Park, Grange Road and Eversley Park.
- Vocations to the ministry, Foundations for Ministry and those in current training. All lay people in their varied ministries in our Churches.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE:

St. Columba's:

21st May	Elizabeth & Chris Nichols	Tombola
28th May	Elizabeth & Chris Nichols	Tombola
4th June	Marg & Jacqui	Fellowship

Lunch

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.

GIFT AID 2016-17:

Our Gift Aid claim for last year has been submitted. This should result in a tax refund of more than **£13,000**. This is an important part of the parish income and thanks are due to those of you who contribute in this way. For more information about joining the scheme, which increases your donations by 25% at no cost to you, please contact David Savage, savage214@btinternet.com or 01244 380626.

ST MATTHEW'S GOSPEL:

You are invited to join a Study Day on Matthew's Gospel on **Tuesday 27th June** at Foxhill, the Chester Diocese Study Centre near Frodsham. Please see the notice boards for more details, or contact David Savage.

SPRING FAYRE:

A BIG thank you to all who helped with this event, brought goods in or came along to buy on the day. A special thank you to our primary School for their tombola stall. The total of £399 was raised. There are still two unclaimed raffle prizes, they are pink tickets nos. 308 & 331 please ring the office on 01244 371660 to claim your prize.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Sunday 11th June Annual BBQ to celebrate the Anniversary of St. Columba.

Friday 16th June Family Bingo Night 7pm St Columba's Parish Hall

Friday 28th July Annual coach trip to York

OUR MISSION TOGETHER

Many thanks to those who filled out a card last Sunday; there are still some cards available at the back of church if you have not already completed one. One of the reasons EVERYONE is being asked to do this is so that if you are not making a pledge you will not be contacted again.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN UPTON:

As the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity comes to an end, there will be a final prayer/discussion meeting on **Saturday, 20th May in the Iona Chapel, 5.30 to 6.00pm.**

On **Sunday (21st May)** St Columba's, as the host church, will be leading the final Worship Service at **6.30pm** in the main church, led by Father Jonathan. There will be refreshments afterwards. All parishioners are very welcome to attend.

BLACON CHURCHES TOGETHER

On **Saturday 17th June** starting at 12.30pm there is a "Songs of Praise" at Blacon Old Station. Saughall Rd. Bring a picnic lunch!

DIOCESAN VACANCIES:

The Diocese is seeking to establish a Youth Mission Team and there are vacancies for a Director of the Team and a Team member. Details are displayed on the Church noticeboards and on the Parish and Diocese websites. The establishment of this team has been made possible through the Our Mission Together initiative and the generosity of those parishes that have already taken part.

HOBSON'S CHOICE – 7th JUNE:

Bebington Dramatic Society presents "Hobson's Choice" on **Wed 7th June** at 7.30pm at the Gladstone Theatre Port Sunlight on behalf of St Vincent de Paul Society. Tickets cost £8 and are available from Mark Traynor Tel: 07752 317772 email: marktraynor96@gmail.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 includes lunch. For full details please visit www.stwinefridesneston.org.uk/music or contact Louise Wilkinson - 0151 336 1096.

COACH TRIP TO YNYS HIR SAT JUNE 3rd £15:

RSPB Chester group invite you on our coach trip to Ynys Hir a fabulous RSPB reserve in Powys. Meet at Sainsbury's car park, Caldly Valley 8.15am for 8.30am coach leaving. For further details please contact Marg Curtis 01244 318424.

NUNS AND ROSARIES CONCERT:

Nuns and Rosaries, a talented group of musicians, are hosting an evening of music & fun in aid of Ellesmere Port & Chester Lourdes Youth Group on **Friday 9th June** at St Werburgh's Parish Centre. Doors open at 7:30pm. Tickets £5.00, available from: Anthony Hunt – 07714 160 268, John Murray – 07740 203 522, St Mary's Hooton – 0151 327 3158 and Tony Hunt – 0151 339 9684.

ELECTION FORUMS:

Two opportunities to quiz the Chester Parliamentary Candidates this week:

* **Wednesday 24th May, 7.00pm in the Binks Building on the University's main Chester Campus**, a pre-Election meeting on International Development Issues, arranged by, the Department of Geography & International Development and the Chester World Development Forum.

* **Thursday 25th May, 7.30pm at Chester Catholic High School**, an Election Forum arranged by Churches Together in Chester.

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

NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Bernard Payne 012144 350323 e-mail: bernardpayne691@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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