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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 23rd APRIL 2017

Saturday 22nd April

St Theresa's 10.00a.m. Private Intention
St Columba's 6.30p.m. Edwin Edwards - **Vigil**

Sunday 23rd April

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

Monday 24th April – St George, Patron of England

St Theresa's 9.00a.m. **NO SERVICE**
St Columba's 9.15a.m. Irene Loftus

Tuesday 25th April – St Mark, Evangelist

St Columba's 9.15a.m. Celia Bastiampillai
St Theresa's 6.30p.m. **NO SERVICE**

Wednesday 26th April

St Columba's 9.15a.m. Ron & Joan Wells
St Theresa's 7.00p.m. **NO SERVICE**

Thursday 27th April

St Theresa's 9.00a.m. **NO SERVICE**
St Columba's 9.15a.m. Rigby Family

Friday 28th April

St Theresa's 9.00a.m. Priest's Intention
St Columba's 7.00p.m. Peter Connolly

Saturday 29th April – St Catherine of Siena

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

Sunday 30th April

St Theresa's 9.30a.m. Mae Dunn's Intentions
St Columba's 11.00a.m. Frank Stone Jnr

MORNING PRAYER (St Columba's):

There will be no Morning Prayers at St. Columba's Monday to Thursday (for this week ONLY!). Novena Prayers will still be held on Wednesday morning before Mass.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MEETING:

Parents are reminded that there has been a change of date for the Commentary Mass, which is the final session of the preparation programme. It will now take place on **Tuesday 2nd May** at 6.30 p.m. in St. Columba's Church. It is for all parents and all the children who are making their First Holy Communion in May.

WELCOME!

We welcome Fr. Terry Casey C.S.Sp. from the Spiritan Community who will be celebrating week-day Masses.

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 £1264.82; Planned Giving £684.81; Average Weekly Standing Orders £720.00; Candles £54.82.

St Theresa's: £603.91 plus average weekly standing orders £130.

LATELY DEAD:

Please pray for John William Herbert and Noel Francis Evans who died recently. May the Lord grant them Eternal Life and console their family and friends.

ST COLUMBA'S ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers:

Alison Margaret Kelly, Mary Grubb, Derrick Wyndham Jones, Leslie Charles Ivor Hutfield, John Lloyd Hughes, Sarah McNicholas, Arnie Williams, Nora Mahoney, Edward McAleavy, Philip Pace, Alan Edward Callow, John Ryan, Denis Albert Woods, Fr. Bernard McLeary, Tommy Piercy, Thomas Richard Price, Ellen Kavanagh, Albert Thompson, Bridget Halliwell, Harry McAndrew, Henry Joseph McAndrew, Kathleen Mary Ward, Joseph Owen Hunt, John Daniel Jones, Gladys Maud Helen Burrell, Horace Rigby, Dennis Joseph Shaw, Margaret Mary Flynn, Grace Ros, Lil Dutton, Moira Rooney-Moore, Ivy Munday, Frank Stone Jnr.

ST THERESA'S ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers:

James Henry Banks, Richard Henry Littler, Cara Elizabeth Messer, Horace Isaacson, Yee Lin Price, Jeanne Redfern, Lelia Ann Thompson, Paul Michael March, Mary Ada Florence Roberts, Kathleen Curry, Dorothy Tildesley, John Colligan.

ST THERESA'S CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

The next Children's Liturgy will be on Sunday, 30th April.

OFFICE CLOSURE:

Please note the office will be closed **Monday 24th to Thursday 27th April**, inclusive. If there are any emergencies over this time please contact Fr. Emeka at St. Clare's, 01244 671015. Many thanks, Fr. Jonathan.

UPTON CHURCHES TOGETHER:

This week we pray for:

- Residents of Ethelda Drive, Dorfold Way and Sussex.
- For all who serve through Anglican Diocese of Chester, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Shrewsbury and the United Reformed Church Mersey Synod.
- For our churches that they may be filled with the Holy Spirit.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE:

St. Columba's:

23rd April Marg & Jacquie Fellowship Lunch
30th April Sewing Group Funds for Africa
7th 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 am Mass. All are very welcome.

THANK YOU:

Thanks to all who supported last Sunday's Coffee Morning...it raised £150 which will go towards giving children from the Chernobyl area a holiday with families on the Wirral.

EAST AFRICAN APPEAL:

Thank you very much for your generous responses to the famine relief appeal. The Third World wall boxes at St. Columba's (both porches) will remain open for this specific appeal until next Sunday, 30th April.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Mass with the celebration of the Sacrament of the anointing of the sick at St. Columba's on **Saturday May 13th** at 2:00pm 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 Tel no: 07752317772.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOC:

Swing Band Dance Night – The Annual Dance Night with music from the school's acclaimed City Jazz Swing Band is on **Friday 28th April**, 7.30p.m until late, in the School Hall. Free entrance. The bar will be open. Many thanks for your support.

SPUC PRO-LIFE CHAIN – SATURDAY 29th APRIL:

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children will hold their Annual Pro-Life demonstration on Hoole Road on **Saturday 29th April** from 11 am to 12.30 pm. We will hold placards with Pro-Life messages, for passing motorists to see, while we stand in silence on the kerbside. Please pray for the success of this demonstration, and join us if you can, even if for a short time.

PRAYER WALK:

This takes place on **Saturday 29th April** at 10.30 am. starting and finishing at Holy Trinity Church, Blacon, Chester. All welcome.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:

The new envelopes have now been in use for a couple of weeks. Some remain uncollected and will be removed from the porch in the next few days. Please use the current envelopes and destroy any old ones which you may still have. This makes the recording exercise very much easier. Any problems, David Savage 380626.

SPRING FAYRE – SUNDAY 14th MAY (St Theresa's):

We would be grateful for items for the Spring Fayre to be held on the **Sunday 14th May** in the parish club, after the 9.30am Mass. Toys, games, CD's, DVD's, unwanted gifts, jewellery, toiletries etc. In fact, anything other than clothes we will have a stall for it. Items can be left in the sacristy. On the day, we would be very grateful for cakes. Nearer the time, we will be asking for volunteers for the stalls, so please try and keep this date free. Many thanks.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

The Catholic Women's League will be celebrating its 60th Anniversary on **Monday 24th April** at 7.30 pm at St Francis Church. Social and Buffet. All are welcome.

WALSINGHAM RETREAT 24-27th APRIL:

A REMINDER that the coach leaves St Theresa car park at 8.15a.m. and St Columba car park at 8.45a.m. If you wish to bring packed lunch do so, the coach will be having stops along the way. You may need a bus pass should you not want to join trip on Wednesday, also reminder to bring a torch. Janette Doherty can be contacted on 07986 862029.

THANK YOU TO ALTAR SERVERS:

A big thank you to the altar servers who were involved from Palm Sunday right through Holy Week to Easter Sunday. I have had lots of feedback and praise on how good you were. It was especially nice to have Ben, Dylan and Lucy serving with us during the Easter Vigil, truly making St. Columba's and St. Theresa's feel like one parish. - Richard Curtis.

“ACTS” DAY OF REFLECTION, SAT 13th 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 14th May Spring Fayre, St. Theresa's Parish Centre after 09:30 Mass.

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

CLEANERS' ROTA B (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

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 Harry Sweeney, 01244 327462, e-mail: harrye_sweeney@hotmail.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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