

# Catholic Churches of St Columba and St Theresa



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

## SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> MAY 2017 ASCENSION OF THE LORD

### Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May

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

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May The Ascension of The Lord

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

### Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May

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

### Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May

St Columba's 9.15 a.m. Mary Jones  
St. Theresa's 6.30 p.m. Priest's Intention

### Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May The Visitation of the BVM

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

### Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June St Justin

St Theresa's 9.00 a.m. Private Intention  
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. John Rice RIP

### Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

St Theresa's 8-8.55a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
9.00 a.m. Charles Woods RIP  
St Columba's 7.00p.m. Philomena Kenyon

### Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June Ss Charles Lwanga & Companions

St. Theresa's 10.00a.m. Parishioners' Intentions  
St Columba's 6.30 p.m. John & Barbara Wall  
Ruby Wedding Anniv.  
Vigil Mass

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June

St Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Mary Lally  
St Columba's 11.00a.m. The Parish

### 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.

*Many congratulations to the Roberts family as baby Finley Oliver is baptised this Sunday. We hope the family have a great celebration and will keep them in our prayers.*

#### St. Theresa's:

To arrange a Baptism, please contact Fr. Isidore.

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

This Sunday we congratulate and pray for Beth Borman, Megan Brennan, Callum Carr, Sophie Chukwu, Charlotte Cunniff, Isabelle Cunniff, William Cunniff, Sophia Fleming, Mirela Hasaj, Eve Hunter, Anna Jones, Jack Larsen, Eamonn Palmer, Isabel Smith and Daisy Smithies.

All the children who have received their First Holy Communion or a Blessing during May will come together for a Parish Thanksgiving Mass on **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June** at 11.00 a.m. Please continue to pray for them at this special time.

- There will be a Parish celebration Party for the Holy Communion children and families on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June, 1.30 – 3.30 p.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 25<sup>th</sup> June** at the 9.30am Mass.

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

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

### OFFERTORY:

**St. Columba's:** Loose Plate 444.76; Planned Giving £389.73; Average Weekly Standing Orders £735.00, Candles £58.72.

**St. Theresa's:** £170.64 plus average weekly STOs £130.

- A copy of the 2016/2017 accounts for St. Theresa's is available on the noticeboard at the back of church.

### THANK YOU:

Sheila Holland and family thank everyone for their lovely messages of sympathy and support following their recent bereavement. They have been a great comfort.

## RECENTLY DECEASED:

Please pray for Michael Francis Donovan who died recently. May the Lord grant him Eternal Life and console his family and friends. A Requiem Mass will be held for Michael at St. Columba's Church on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June** at 9.30 a.m.

## ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers:

### St. Columba's:

Llewellyn Trevor Pickmere, Ned O'Gorman, Thomas Boyle, Geoffrey Alan Wilding, Amelia Mary King, William Butler-Langford, Kathleen Amelia Swinton, Ann Cooper, Mary Teresa Hinde, William Ward McGlown, Arthur May, Angela Lennon, Linda Lumley, William Nash, Veronica Carr, James Edward Casman, Alba Martin, Bernard Joseph Wilkinson, Ernest Gordon George Kirk, Dorothy Davies, Catherine Ryan, Kathleen Nancy Wood, Patricia Gardner, William Arthur Evans, Gerald Joseph McEnery, Raymond O'Brien, Winifride McDonald, Margaret Lewis, Thomas James Croghan, Jennifer Pearl Byrne, Andrew McRoberts, Felix Wilkinson, Letitia Doran, Donal Murphy. Margaret Banks, Bill Sweeney, Nancy Joan Woods, Cornelius McNamara, Stan Benson, Edmund Rodgers, Hazel Marjorie Russell, Charles Traynor.

### St. Theresa's:

Alfred Joseph McHugh, Benjamin Bell, Roy Peter Smellie, Keith Moore, William Terence Edwards, Patrick Orrel-Boden, Ann Shanley, Eva Kate Salisbury, Jean Margaret Sweeney, Patrick Joseph Casey.

## UPTON CHURCHES TOGETHER:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Ormonde Road, Newton Hall Drive, Beechway, Upton Dene and Upton Grange;
- The staff and patients of the Hospice of the Good Shepherd and the local support groups;
- For those who are terminally ill and those who care for them.

## HOSPITAL MASS:

The regular "First Thursday" Mass will be celebrated on 1<sup>st</sup> June at 12.15 p.m. in the Countess of Chester Hospital Chapel. This is for patients/outpatients, staff, families and friends, and the wellbeing of our hospitals, including the Bowmere. All are welcome.

### LETTER FROM THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE:

There are copies of a "Letter to Catholics in England and Wales from their Bishops" in connection with the forthcoming General Election, in both porches. Please pick up a copy. The letter may also be seen on the parish website, Resources section.

## 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 this weekend, 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> May. Any donations will be gratefully received.

## SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE:

### St. Columba's:

28th May Elisabeth & Chris Nichols Tombola  
4th June Margy & Jacqui Fellowship Lunch  
11th June **ANNUAL SUMMER BARBECUE**  
*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 (ST. COLUMBA'S):

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](mailto:savage214@btinternet.com) or 01244 380626.

## ST. MATTHEW'S GOSPEL:

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

## 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. Closing date for applications is 12<sup>th</sup> June.

## GARDENING AT ST. COLUMBA'S:

Next Saturday is the first Saturday of the month and we are trying to resurrect the gardening club. So if you have a couple of hours to spare please come along and join us at 10.00 for some fun weeding and clearing up, teas and coffees will be provided.

## 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 Rebecca Vaughan 012144 350323  
e-mail: [rebecca\\_vghn@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rebecca_vghn@yahoo.co.uk)  
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](http://www.stcolumbachester.org.uk)

## **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

**Annual BBQ Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June:** In celebration of the anniversary of St. Columba. The BBQ will be held on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June after 11.00 Mass. Teas and coffees will be available from 11 o'clock. Burgers and Hot Dogs all for £1.00, teas and coffees 50p.

### **Friday 16th June Family Bingo Night 7 p.m.**

We will be holding a family bingo night in St. Columba's Parish Hall at 7 p.m. If you go to Mass on Friday evening please come and join us after Mass as you will still be able to join in the fun. Coffee and tea provided. If you would like anything stronger please bring your own wine, beer etc. Entrance £1

### **Friday 28th July Annual coach trip to York**

This year's coach trip is to York and will cost £12:50 per person. Picking up at St. Theresa's at 09:00. The list for names is up in the front porch at St. Columba's and the rear of the church at St. Theresa's - or contact Ann McCarthy. All monies to be paid to Margaret Curtis, Paul Wrigglesworth or Ann McCarthy by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July.

### **COACH TRIP TO YNYS HIR SAT JUNE 3<sup>rd</sup> £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, Caldwy Valley 8.15am for 8.30am coach leaving. For further details please contact Marg Curtis 01244 318424.

### **HOBSON'S CHOICE – 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE:**

Bebington Dramatic Society presents "Hobson's Choice" on Wed 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:marktraynor96@gmail.com)

### **NUNS AND ROSARIES CONCERT:**

Nuns and Rosaries are hosting an evening of music & fun in aid of Ellesmere Port & Chester Lourdes Youth Group. Nuns and Rosaries are a very talented group of musicians who play sing along and dance along songs. Please do come along for a night of fun, dancing and singing on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June** at St. Werburgh's Parish Centre. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. 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.

### **BLACON CHURCHES TOGETHER:**

On **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June** starting at 12.30 p.m. there is a "Songs of Praise" at Blacon Old Station. Saughall Rd. Bring a picnic lunch!

### **MUSIC WORKSHOP:**

'Singing the Mass' on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June** at St. Winefride's, Neston from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. 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](http://www.stwinefridesneston.org.uk/music) or contact Louise Wilkinson - 0151 336 1096.