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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 30th APRIL 2017

Saturday 29th April

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

Sunday 30th April

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

Monday 1st May St. Joseph the Worker

St. Theresa's 9.00 a.m. **NO SERVICE**
St. Columba's **10.00 a.m.** Mike Wolfe, Sister Lil

Tuesday 2nd May St. Athanasius

St Columba's 9.15 a.m. Elizabeth & Stanley Lambert
St. Theresa's 6.30 p.m. **NO SERVICE**

Wednesday 3rd May Ss. Philip & James Apostles

St Columba's 9.15 a.m. Sidney Crowe
St Theresa's 7.00 p.m. **NO SERVICE**

Thursday 4th May The English Martyrs

St Theresa's 9.00 a.m. Priest's Intention
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Laurence Flemming

Friday 5th May

St Theresa's . **6.30 p.m.** Private Intention,
followed by Parish meeting/Social
St Columba's 7.00p.m. **NO SERVICE**

Saturday 6th May

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

Sunday 7th May

St Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Parishioners' Intentions
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 are heard after every weekday 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.

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. We welcome into God's family, Ella-May, Jessica and Mia Davies who were baptised here recently. May God bless them and their family.

OFFERTORY:

St Columba's: Loose Plate £382.08; Planned Giving £536.90; Average Weekly Standing Orders £720.00; Lenten Alms £69.50; Candles £37.63.

St Theresa's: £392.97 plus average weekly standing orders £130.

LATELY DEAD:

Please pray for Joyce Ahern who regularly attended the 11a.m Sunday Mass. She died peacefully on 23rd April at her daughter's home in Macclesfield with family around her. The family hope to be able to arrange her funeral at St. Columba's. May she rest in peace.

ST COLUMBA'S ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers:

Grace Ross, Lil Dutton, Moira Rooney-Moore, Ivy Munday, Frank Stone Jnr, Mary E Barlow, Margaret Power, Thomas Hanratty, James Connolly, Kevin Fearon, Ian Christopher Gaynor, Joan Crump, Ofelia Lanzetta, Rose Creedon, Vincenzo Perruzza, William Walker, Stella Loughlin, Michael Gerald Taylor, Bernard Bownas, Alan Taylor, Helen Veronica Mack, Peter Concannon, Terence George Maloney, Bill Heeney.

ST THERESA'S ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers:

John Colligan, Jeffrey Kendrick, Ann Cuddihy, Moreen Cairns, Georgina Hayden, Mary Moseley, Jean Vickers, Florence Barlow, Joseph Harry Gannon, James Daley, Peter McDermott, Lisa Marie Moss, Martin Coyle, Trevor Johnston, Patrick Prile, Margaret Joy Edwards, Lillian Maloney, Valentine Dunne, Shaun Turton, Sheila Bird.

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:

- The residents of Abbots Park, Millbourne Close and Neston Drive.
- For Sewing Groups.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE:

St. Columba's:

30th April Sewing Group Funds for Africa

7th May Any Volunteers?

14th May SPUC Parish

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.

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 2.00p.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 Tel no: 07752317772.

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 9.30a.m. 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.

“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

THANK YOU:

The Dinner for Syria held on 21st April (Aid to the Church in Need) was a great success and we raised the outstanding amount of £839.09. This will be used to help the folk in Aleppo and area, in the Soup Kitchens and Hospitals. Thank you so much to all who came to the Dinner and for all who helped, it was an amazing evening.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

On **Saturday 6th May** the Shrewsbury Branch will be holding its 60th AGM at St Columba's. The meeting which will include a buffet and social is to be held in the Church hall after midday Mass (12 o'clock), celebrated by the Rt Rev Mark

Davies, Bishop of Shrewsbury. All Section members welcomed.

PARISH MEETING AND SOCIAL FRIDAY 5TH MAY:

There will be a parish meeting and social on **Friday 5th May** for an update on combined parishes. It will start 6:30 p.m. with Mass as St Theresa's following on with the meeting and social at 7 p.m. in the Parish Centre there will be a shared table and the bar will be open. The first drink will be free.

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 16th May**, 7.00 p.m. at St. Werburgh's Church, Grosvenor Park Road. All welcome!

VINTAGE BLACON COMMUNITY GARDEN:

Vintage Blacon has secured Big Lottery funding to build a Community Garden as part of its programme to address loneliness & isolation issues. Blacon URC has allowed use of the overgrown garden area at the rear of the church on Saughall Road, and it will be developed by The Conservation Volunteers over the summer. The overall scheme will provide an educational, recreational and social resource for local groups and individuals. If anyone would like further details of this project, please contact Brendan Doyle on 01244 376344.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH GARDENS:

St Columba's Church surround and gardens are in need of some attention. Although a little late this year we are resurrecting the gardening club which meets on the first Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. Teas and Coffees provided. **Saturday 6th May** is the first Saturday in May so if anyone has a couple of hours to spare it would be appreciated. Hopefully see you on Saturday!

VERGE PARKING, PLAS NEWTON LANE:

Please note that along the full length of Plas Newton Lane it is an offence to park your car wholly or partly on the pavements or verges. Several Easter churchgoers were fined! (It is not actually an offence to park the car fully on the road, but this is not advisable.)

CLEANERS' ROTA C (ST THERESA'S).

FINAL NOTE! The old £5 will be withdrawn from Friday 5 May 2017. After that date, the old notes can only be exchanged at the Bank of England – not at our local Bank.

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 Muriel Green, 01244 383836, e-mail: 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