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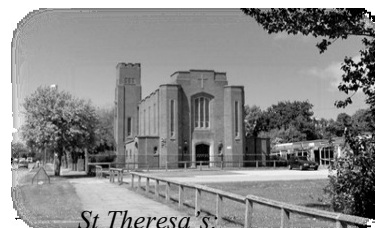
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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - 22<sup>ND</sup> APRIL 2018

### Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April

St. Theresa's 10.00 a.m. No Mass  
St. Columba's 6.30 p.m. The Parish – **Vigil Mass**

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

St. Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Parishioners' Intentions  
St. Columba's 11.00 a.m. Choir Members – Past and Present

### Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April - St. George, M

St. Theresa's 9.00 a.m. No Mass  
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. P J Gillingham

### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April

St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Olwen Burgess Suroby  
St. Theresa's 2.00 p.m. **Funeral Service for Norman Roddy**  
6.30 pm No Mass

### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April - St. Mark, Ev

St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Margaret Parry RIP  
St. Theresa's 7.00 p.m. No Mass

### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April

St. Theresa's 9.00 a.m. No Mass  
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Joseph Cunningham

### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April

St. Theresa's 9.30 a.m. No Mass  
St. Columba's 7.00 p.m. Priest's Intention

### Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April

St. Theresa's 10.00 a.m. No Mass  
St. Columba's 6.30 pm The Parish - **Vigil Mass**

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April

St. Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Mary & Frank Lally RIP  
St. Columba's 11.00 a.m. Moira Rooney

### **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.

### **CONFESSION:**

**St. Columba's:** Between 6.00 p.m. and 6.25 p.m. 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 07743704383 (text or 'phone').

**St. Theresa's:** Please contact Fr. Isidore or Mike Maxwell 07851720217 text or 'phone'.

*We welcome Freddy Fyfe to St Columba's parish family this Sunday. Please keep Freddy and his family in your prayers. We wish them all a very happy celebration*

### **OFFERTORY:**

**St. Columba's:** Loose Plate £468.98; Planned Giving £422.28; Average Weekly Standing Orders 677.00; Candles £45.81; Badminton Group £150.

**St. Theresa's:** not known. Average weekly standing orders £80. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

### **LATELY DEAD:**

Please pray for **David Michael John Cummins, Norman Roddy, Michael Anthony Finney, and Philomena (Mena) Pelligrini** who died recently. May the Lord grant them Eternal Life and console their family and friends.

Norman's Funeral Service will take place at St. Theresa's on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 2.00 p.m. Michael's Funeral Service will take place at Blacon Crematorium at 2.00 p.m. on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April. David's Funeral Service will be held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 2.00 p.m. at Blacon Crematorium. The Requiem Mass for Philomena Pellegrini is at St. Theresa's on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 2pm.

The funeral of Ann McGowan-Scanlon (Connolly) will take place on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April at St. Werburgh's Church at 12.noon followed by burial at Blacon Cemetery at 1.30pm.

### **ST. COLUMBA'S AND ST THERESA'S ANNIVERSARIES:**

Brendan Joseph Nolan, Susan Josephine McLaughlin, Bridget Ann Garner, Maria O'Sullivan, Alison Margaret Kelly, Mary Grubb, Derrick Wyndham Jones, Leslie Charles Ivor Hutfield, Arnie Williams, Joyce Ahern, Denis Albert Woods, Tommy Piercy, Harry McAndrew, Henry Joseph McAndrew, Kathleen Mary Ward, Joseph Owen Hunt, Margaret Mary Flynn, Moira Rooney-Moore, John (Graham) Holland, James Henry Banks, Richard Henry Littler, Cara Elizabeth Messer, Jeanne Redfern, Lelia Ann Thompson, Elizabeth Barlow, Paul Michael Marsh, Mary Ada Florence Roberts, Kathleen Curry, Dorothy Tildesley

### **SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE:**

#### **St. Columba's:**

22nd April Sue Bownas Retreat House  
29<sup>th</sup> April SVP SVP  
6th May Liz & Chris Tombola

Tea, coffee and juice are served in the Hall after the 11.00a.m. Mass. Please call Marg Curtis 318424 to choose a Sunday when you can raise money for a charity of your choice.

#### **St Theresa's:**

Tea, coffee and juice are available in the Parish Club after 9.30a.m. Mass. All are very welcome.

Sunday morning Coffee after Mass at St Columba's this week is being served by volunteers of the Retreat House Chester to raise funds for this new initiative. Retreat House Chester offers retreat in the city while working towards opening a non-residential city-based retreat house. Rooted gently and deeply in Christian spiritual tradition, we seek to be relevant to all people, offering thoughtful and open ways to retreat in the middle of Chester and in everyday living. See [www.retreathousechester.co.uk](http://www.retreathousechester.co.uk)

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MEETING (St. Columba's):**

Parents are reminded that the final session of the preparation programme will be on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April in St. Columba's Church**. It will be a Commentary Mass said by Fr. Jonathan and it is for all parents and all the children who will be making their First Holy Communion in May. Please do your best to attend.

**UPTON & BLACON CHURCHES TOGETHER:**

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Ethelda Drive, Dorfold Way, Sussex Road, Cyman Close, Willan Road, Wemyss Road, Phillips Road.
- All who serve the Anglican Diocese of Chester, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Shrewsbury and the United Reformed Church Mersey Synod.
- Our churches, that they may be filled with the Holy Spirit.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN UPTON:**

A short 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Service at St. Columba's Church, will be held on **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 4.30pm**. This is a great opportunity to meet with members of other churches to reflect on the power of the Holy Spirit and to join together in prayer. There will be light refreshments in the Hall afterwards. Please come and join us. You will be most welcome.

**UPTON-BY-CHESTER ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY -**

To be held in "The Hub" at Upton High School on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** commencing at 7.00 pm. Upton residents are urged to attend this Assembly and to offer their views on local Upton issues. The evening will include a guest speaker from the Countess of Chester Country Park. An "Open Forum" will allow residents to have their say on any concerns affecting the local Upton community. Further details available from the Parish Clerk: [clerk@uptonbychester.org.uk](mailto:clerk@uptonbychester.org.uk)

**FAMILY BINGO – FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> APRIL:**

Starting at 7.00 p.m. we will be holding a fun Family Bingo evening, to win prizes, in St. Columba's Church Hall. All are welcome, including those who are attending Mass first. There will be teas, coffees and juice, please bring anything stronger yourself. Entry is only £1.00.

**CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION:**

**Swing Band Dance Night** – Join us for an evening of fun and musical entertainment at the annual Dance Night with music from the school's acclaimed City Jazz Swing Band on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April**, 7.30 until late, in the School Hall. Free entrance. Donations welcome. The bar will be open. Many thanks for your support.

**CHESTER HALF MARATHON:**

The Chester half marathon is being held on **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April**. Roads around the Countess Way and roundabout will be closed, so people from the Upton/Newton area will not be able to get through to St Theresa's for 09:30 Mass that day.

**SPRING FAYRE – SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> MAY:**

We need the following items for the Spring Fayre: - jewellery, toiletries, bric a brac, toys and games. We will ask for cakes to be brought in on the day. We have decided not to have books and CD's this year. Please leave your items in the sacristy. Thank You.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:**

This year marks the 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady to Bernadette in Lourdes. The Diocesan Pilgrimage will take place from **26<sup>th</sup> July – 3<sup>rd</sup> August** overland and **27<sup>th</sup> July – 2<sup>nd</sup> August** by air. Fr. Jonathan is taking a group of parishioners (by air). If you are interested, please contact either Fr. Jonathan or the Parish Office for further details.

**SVP MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK:**

This will be held at St Columba's Church **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May** 2:30pm. We held the service last year and it was a lovely and moving experience for all who attended. The Mass is not limited and everyone is invited, last year the age ranged from a tiny baby to those with rather more life experience! We are very keen to give as many people as possible the chance to attend, particularly those members of our Parish for whom regular Sunday Mass attendance is not possible, so if you can offer a lift or know someone who may need a lift to this Mass please contact Mark Traynor tel 07752 317772 email [marktraynor96@gmail.com](mailto:marktraynor96@gmail.com)

**LENT FAST DAY APPEAL, MATCH FUNDING:**

Thank you for your support of the Lent Fast Day appeal. Donations to CAFOD until 12<sup>th</sup> May will be doubled by the UK Government under the match funding scheme. CAFOD have planned a £5 million programme to combat malnutrition - and with it they hope to be able to reach 245,000 people. But they need the full amount of match funding to make it happen. You can help them reach the full amount needed for this crucial programme. They still have some way to go! To donate please go to [cafod.org.uk/lent](http://cafod.org.uk/lent)

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS' ROTA:**

The new rotas are now available for you to collect from St. Theresa's sacristy.

**RED MISSION BOXES (ST. THERESA'S):**

Please bring in your boxes so they can be emptied. There are still one or two boxes at the back of church which haven't been collected.

**RED MISSION BOXES (ST. COLUMBA'S):**

The annual St.Columba's Red Mission Box results for 2017 was £1,697.40. Thank you for your continued support.

**VACANCIES FOR FULL TIME YOUTH MINISTERS:**

The Parishes of St. Michael and All Angels (Woodchurch), and St. Maximilian Kolbe (Runcorn), are looking to employ full time Parish Youth Ministers to engage with young people in their Parishes and local areas. Closing date 27<sup>th</sup> April. Full details can be found on the diocesan website:

[www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies)

**FOUNDATION GOVERNORS:**

There are vacancies for Foundation Governors in Catholic schools within the Cheshire West and Chester Local Authority area. For further details, see the diocesan website:

[www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/Education/Governors/Governor-vacancies](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/Education/Governors/Governor-vacancies) or contact [education@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:education@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) or [sue.blackwell@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:sue.blackwell@dioceseofshrewsbury.org).

**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 Ann Siddall

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Items for inclusion can be left in the Sacristy at either church. Please ensure that all items are in place by **9am on Thursday**.

Please include a phone number in case of queries.

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