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7TH WEEK OF EASTER 2018 13TH MAY 2018

Saturday 12th May

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

Sunday 13th May

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

Monday 14th May – St Matthias, Ap

St. Theresa's 9.00 a.m. Private Intention
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Connie Backhouse

Tuesday 15th May

St Columba's 9.15 a.m. May Merchant
St. Theresa's 6.30 p.m. Priest's Intention

Wednesday 16th May

St Columba's 9.15 a.m. Bernard & Sarah
McNicholas
Funeral Service 10.20 a.m. Connie Duffy
St Theresa's 7.00 p.m. Private Intention followed
by The Rosary

Thursday 17th May

St Theresa's 9.00 a.m. Priest's Intention
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Mike Wolfe & Sr Lil

Friday 18th May

St Theresa's 8.30a.m-9.25 am Expos. of the Sacrament
9.30 a.m. Philomena Pellegrini
St Columba's 7.00 p.m. Janette Doherty

Saturday 19th May

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

Sunday 20th May

St. Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Parishioners' Intentions
St. Columba's 11.00 a.m. Beryl Chapman

MORNING PRAYER (St Columba's) - CHANGE!!

Until further notice Morning Prayer will take place at 9.00 a.m. before the Blessed Sacrament in **Church** 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 which will take place as normal in the Iona Chapel

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 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).

Our parish welcomes the Hasivk family today as their little boy Tomasz Marcin is baptised at St. Columba's this Sunday. We wish them a joyful celebration. Please keep them in your prayers.

St. Theresa's: Please contact Fr. Isidore or Mike Maxwell on 07743 704383 (text or phone)

LATELY DEAD:

Please pray for **Connie Duffy** who died recently. May the Lord grant her Eternal Life and console her/ family and friends.

Connie's Funeral Service will take place at St. Columba's on **Wednesday 16th May** at 10.20 a.m.

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

Please remember in your prayers: Fiona Stuart, Hugh McCafferty, James Edward Jones, Caroline McMahan, Terence McNicholas, Cecil Arthur Baker, Joseph Stringer, Janet Evans, Joan Burton, Janet McMahan, Lionel Dean. Francis Gallagher, Mary McKay, Harry John Teague, Michael Joseph Barnett, William Walker, Thomas Patrick Dowd, Lillian Rachel Beswick, Agnes Elizabeth Lambert, Albert Edward Hutfield, Brenda Onions, Maureen Butler, Thomas "Paddy" Anderson, Richard Heselwood, Thomas Mullen, Patricia Florence McCullagh, Alexander Bowers, Charles Creagh-Barry, Richard Drummond, David Joyce, George Blundell, Marian Byrne.

OFFERTORY:

St. Columba's: Loose Plate £406.49; Planned Giving £384.65; Average Weekly Standing Orders £677.00; Candles £66.33.

St. Theresa's: £234.75 plus average standing orders £80
Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS, ST. COLUMBA'S:

Family celebrations of the Sacrament continue throughout May. At the 11.00a.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: Joanna Cicha, Mia Humphreys, Eva Lloyd, Weronika Matczak, William Jones, and Jack Morris.*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS, ST THERESA'S:

Please remember in your prayers those children making their First Holy Communion on **Sunday 17th June**, and also their families.

CONGRATULATIONS:

To **Alexandra Bulmer and Robert Parkin**, married at St Columba's Church last Friday. We send them our very best wishes for a happy married life together. May God bless them.

UPTON & BLACON CHURCHES TOGETHER:

This week we pray for:

- Pray for the residents of Churchward Close, The Wien, Mickle Trafford, The Glen, Jonathan's Way, Sumner Road, Fisher Road and Graham Road.
- For the hospitals in this area: the Countess and Wirral & West Cheshire Trust. For doctors and nurses and all who work in the NHS. For the patients and those who are addicted to drugs or alcohol, or who are mentally ill. Also for those we know at this time who are ill.

BLACON CHURCHES TOGETHER – UNITED

PRAYER WALK:

This takes place on **Wednesday 16th May** at 1.30p.m. Meet at Holy Trinity Church, Norris Road. A short easy walk finishing at Holy Trinity Church Hall for light refreshments. All welcome.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE:

St. Columba's:

13th May SCOUT JAMBOREE

20th May SPUC SPUC

27th May Needles & Pins Funds for Africa

Tea, coffee and juice are available in the hall after the 11am 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 9.30 am Mass. All are very welcome.

CHRISTIAN AID LUNCH ON 16TH MAY:

Churches Together in Upton are holding a Christian Aid Lunch on **Wednesday 16th May** at Holy Ascension Church: 12noon to 1pm. These lunches are a great way to meet up and make new friends. No cost, but donations to Christian Aid will be gratefully accepted.

CONFIRMATION:

Our next Confirmation Mass will be on **Tuesday 27th November 2018**. If you are already at high school, or older and would like to prepare to be Confirmed please get a form from the sacristy. Completed forms should be left in the bright pink folder marked 'Confirmation', also in the sacristy. If you would like further information please phone Denise Lusk on 379742, or speak to a member of the Confirmation Team at church (Steve Holland, Sue Hutcheson, Denise Lusk & Amy O'Donnell). There will be an information meeting for Confirmation candidates and parents on Tuesday 12th June at 7pm in the Iona Chapel, please fill in a form before then so we can make enough information packs. Thank you.

ADULT CONFIRMATION GROUP:

We have a small group of adults who wish to be Confirmed. Please speak to Father Jonathan if you would like to join the group and prepare to be Confirmed in November. There is no upper age limit. If you are unsure about being Confirmed please speak to Father Jonathan anyway.

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

Reminder – we have had to postpone the aforementioned Mass scheduled to take place **Saturday 19th May**. We will arrange another date for the Mass which I will publish in the next few weeks.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION (ST THERESA'S):

This is taking place straight after Mass on the Feast of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ, **3rd June**. To ensure there is always someone in Church there is a list of watching at the back of the church, please put your name on it if you are available. Thank you.

SPRING FAYRE:

This takes place **TODAY** in St Theresa's club after the 9.30am Mass. Please do come along and support this event. Thank you to everyone who's brought in goods for the Fayre.

200 CLUB:

The 200 Club has recently paid for materials to refurbish the Perspex around the statue of Our Lady in the parish garden.

YOUTH GROUP (10-14 YEARS):

The next youth group meeting will be tomorrow, **Monday 14th May**, starting at 7.15pm in the Iona Chapel and finishing at 9 pm in the hall/outside if the weather is good.

CHURCH FLOWERS:

WANTED! Enthusiastic flower lovers to join our team and make our church even more beautiful. The current flower group would love some help with church flower arranging, no experience necessary. Please see Marie, Anne or Sue after Mass or call Marie on 01244 340564.

THANK YOU:

A big thank you from Ellie Marsden who celebrated her 100 years birthday this week, despite having to spend it in hospital. However now returned home and hopefully on the mend, and looking forward to the postponed celebrations. Thank you all for all your cards, mass offerings, gifts and prayers, I am getting around to looking at them all, I am truly blessed. Thank You.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE C10:

The Catholic Women's League will be holding an "Afternoon Tea Party" on **Monday 14th May** at 1 p.m. in St Francis Church Hall. All welcome. Tickets £3.00.

ST. THERESA'S SCHOOL AND NURSERY:

St. Theresa's School and Nursery currently have some availability to welcome new children to their school and Nursery Classes. 30 hour funded Nursery Places are available. Please contact school for further information and to arrange a viewing: 01244 981070

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

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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 9.00 a.m. on **Thursday**. Please include a phone number in case of queries.

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PRAISE AND WORSHIP MUSIC GROUP:

We are hoping to start a praise and worship music group in the local area in Chester and Ellesmere Port and are currently seeking a pianist and drummer. We will be performing on a fairly regular basis and wish to play similar music to Tim Hughes, Michael W Smith and Matt Redman. If you are/know of any competent pianists or drummers above the age of 18, please contact Ant Hunt on 07714 160 268.

UPTON COMMUNITY LINKS:

Upton welcomed visitors from Arradon in Brittany, France, from 27th to 30th April as part of the twinning between Upton and Arradon, which is now in its 26th year. Upton Community Links would like to thank St Columba's for their hospitality in allowing the French coach and members of the twinning to use St Columba's car park over the weekend. If any members of the parish would like to get involved with the twinning, please don't hesitate to get in touch, via Jane Nash, jecnash31@gmail.com