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# Catholic Churches of St Columba and St Theresa

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## SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> MAY 2018 PENTECOST

### Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May

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

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May - Pentecost

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

### Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Dedication of the Cathedral

St Theresa's	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
St Columba's	9.15 a.m.	Frances McGlynn Intention.

### Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

St Columba's	9.15 a.m.	Eamonn & Geraldine Kennedy
St Theresa's	6.30 p.m.	Priest's Intention

### Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

St Columba's	9.15 a.m.	Maria Peepal
St Theresa's	7.00 p.m.	Private Intention followed by The Rosary

### Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Our Lady Help of Christians

St Theresa's	9.00 a.m.	Priest's Intention
St Columba's	9.15 a.m.	Ellie Marsden

### Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May – St Bede the Venerable, P,D

St Theresa's	8.00-9.00am	Expos. of the Blessed Sacrament
	9.00 a.m.	Joan & Charles Woods
St Columba's	7.00 p.m.	Darren & Carmel O'Brien

### Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May – St Philip Neri, P

St Theresa's	10.00 a.m.	Jane Whelan
St Columba's	6.30 p.m.	Anne McGowan Scanlon – Vigil Mass

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

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

### **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 be 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.

**St. Theresa's:** To arrange a Baptism please contact Fr. Isidore or Mike Maxwell on 07851 720217.

### **LATELY DEAD:**

Please pray for **Maureen Christine John**, who died recently. May the Lord grant her Eternal Life and console her family and friends. Her funeral service will be at St Theresa's on **Wednesday 30th May** at 11.15am.

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

William Lumley, Rachel Buckley, Rosaline Ives, Nora Elizabeth Reilly, Henry Sweeney, Eileen Bridget Bryne, Evelyn Siddall, Glyn Roberts, Thomas Martin, Elizabeth Baker, Dolly Cooper, Ronald Alfred Wells, Eileen Hughes, Thomas Patrick Nicholls, Godfrey Z Mullins, Frederick McGhee, William A J Davies, Paul Joseph Herbert, Ann Lee, Martha Winifred Shea, Peter Burton (Snr), Christina Rita Newton, Agnes Harvey, Catherine Carney, Florence Beryl Fairhead, Bernard Patrick McGuinness, Llewellyn Trevor Pickmere, Ned O'Gorman, Thomas Boyle, Geoffrey Alan Wilding, Amelia Mary King, David Joyce, George Blundell, Marian Byrne, Jane Whelan, Pat Kavanagh, Theresa Piggot, Anita Roberts, Rose Mary Williams.

### **OFFERTORY:**

**St. Columba's:** Loose Plate: £440.61. Planned Giving: £318.52. Average Weekly Standing Orders: £677.00. Candles: £54.31.

**St. Theresa's:** £312.78 plus £80 average standing orders. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

### **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.

### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION, SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE:**

Arrangements to mark the Feast of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ:

**St Theresa's:** Adoration will take place straight after the 9.30am Mass. 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 (no names included yet!). Thank you.

**St Columba's:** A procession around the outside of the church will take place immediately after the 11.00am Mass, to be followed by Adoration until 5.00pm. All are welcome.

### **READERS' ROTAS:**

The new rota for readers at St. Theresa's is available in the sacristy.

## 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: Amelia Darke, Edie Earl, Olivia Griffith, Matthew Houston, Fleur Perry, and Daniel Torchiario-Masague..*

## UPTON & BLACON CHURCHES TOGETHER:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Ormonde Road, Newton Hall Drive, Beechway, Upton Dene, Upton Grange, Cotes Place, Bridgeman Road, Stubbs Place, and South Way.
- For 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.

## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY, MONDAY 21<sup>st</sup> to SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup> MAY:

This year in Upton, Holy Ascension are hosting the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Services will be held at Holy Ascension Church as follows:

<b>Mon 21<sup>st</sup></b>	7.30pm	Songs of Praise evening
<b>Tues 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	6.30pm	Days 1 and 2 - led by St Columba's
<b>Weds 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Outing to Norton Priory and the two Liverpool cathedrals.	
<b>Thurs 24<sup>th</sup></b>	6.30pm	Days 3 and 4 - led by St Columba's
<b>Fri 25<sup>th</sup></b>	6.30pm	Days 5 and 6 - led by URC
<b>Sat 26<sup>th</sup></b>	6.30pm	Days 7 and 8 - led by URC
<b>Sun 27<sup>th</sup></b>	4.30pm	Final service led by Holy Ascension.

If anyone would like to help lead the Tuesday and Thursday services (all material is provided in the Week of Prayer Booklet), please contact Stella Lunney 01244 313872

## SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE:

### St. Columba's:

20 <sup>th</sup> May	SPUC	SPUC
27 <sup>th</sup> May	Needles & Pins	Funds for Africa
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Marg & Jacque	Friendship Lunch
10 <sup>th</sup> June	SUMMER FAIR BARBECUE	

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.

## 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.

## BLESSING OF OUR LADY'S STATUE:

The statue of Our Lady in the garden area of St. Theresa's will be blessed next Sunday morning, 27th May. Please bring your rosary beads for the procession or candles will be available.

## SPRING FAYRE:

Many thanks to all those who helped at the Spring Fayre at St Theresa's, and to those who supported it. The amount raised was about £470, (to be confirmed) Your efforts are very much appreciated.

## CHRISTIAN AID:

- Envelopes for **Christian Aid Week** are available at the back of both churches if anyone wishes to donate. The envelopes can be returned to Ann McCarthy (St. Theresa's) or via the normal Offertory baskets (St. Columba's).
- St. Theresa's and St. Columba's have received thanks from Christian Aid for taking part in the "**Bible in a Day**" special event held in November 2017 in the Cathedral, organised by Canon Trevor Dennis. The final total raised was £6553.07. See posters at the back of our churches.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY:

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June Annual BBQ

Our annual BBQ to celebrate the feast of St. Columba will be after 11 o'clock Mass on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June. Please keep an eye on the newsletter and notice boards for more information.

### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July Annual Coach Trip

This year our coach trip is to Sheffield, leaving St. Columba's at 8:45 a.m. and St. Theresa's at 09 o'clock returning around 7 p.m. There is a list in the front porch of both Churches for names, plus details of some of the attractions you may wish to visit. The cost of the trip is £12 per head.

## SVP THEATRE NIGHT "DIAL M FOR MURDER"

### WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JUNE:

This year's SVP Theatre night will be performed by the Bebbington Dramatic Society at the Gladstone Theatre Port Sunlight and will raise money in aid of the SVP Holiday Home at Talacre Beach. The Holiday home provides a chance for those who are unable to get away, particularly families, to have a lovely seaside break free of charge. Tickets are £9:00 and if anyone would like a ticket please contact Mark Traynor 07752 317772 email: [marktraynor96@gmail.com](mailto:marktraynor96@gmail.com).

## 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 Amy O'Donnell  
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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.  
Website: [www.stcolumbachester.org.uk](http://www.stcolumbachester.org.uk)

**ST THERESA'S SCHOOL AND NURSERY:**

They 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

**DIOCESAN VACANCY:**

A vacancy has arisen for a Support Worker to assist the Diocesan Welfare Officer. The successful applicant will support the Welfare Officer assisting in visiting and participating in the care of sick and retired priests in their own home, or community setting. Further information at [www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies) or send CV to [Pauline.mcculloch@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:Pauline.mcculloch@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)  
Closing date **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June**.

**ITEMS SURPLUS TO REQUIREMENTS:**

My Panasonic Viera 36" screen TV with Humax box is now surplus to requirements. Full working order. Phone Pam on 370310.