



Catholic Churches of St Columba and St Theresa



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

12th MAY 2019

Saturday 11th May

St Theresa's 10.00 a.m. Parishioners Intentions
St. Columba's 6.30 p.m. David McGlown - **Vigil**

Sunday 12th May

St Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Christine Scanlan
St. Columba's 11.00 a.m. The Parish

Monday 13th May

St Theresa's 9.00 a.m. Priest's Intention
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Mary Kiernan RIP

Tuesday 14th May – St Matthias, Ap

St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Una Gibbons
St Theresa's 6.30 p.m. Matt Ward RIP

Wednesday 15th May

St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Simon Harrison-Smith
St Theresa's 7.00 p.m. Frank Watts RIP

Thursday 16th May

St Theresa's 9.00 a.m. Special Intention (TC)
St Columba's 9.15 a.m. Winefride Park RIP

Friday 17th May

St Theresa's 8.55am-8.55am Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament

9.00 a.m. Bill Turnbull RIP

St Columba's 7.00 p.m. Eirlys Williams

Saturday 18th May

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

Sunday 19th May

St Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Parishioners Intentions
St. Columba's 11.00 a.m. John & Maura O'Regan

MORNING PRAYER: (St Columba's):

Until further notice Morning Prayer will take place before the Blessed Sacrament, in Church at 9.00 am Monday through to Thursday, except Wednesdays, when Morning Prayer will commence at 8.50 am followed at 9.10 am by Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour prior to Mass in the Iona Chapel.

CONFESSIONS:

St. Columba's: Between 6.00 pm and 6.25 pm before the Vigil Mass. At other times by arrangement with Fr. Jonathan.

St. Theresa's: 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 or email mike.max28@gmail.com

LATELY DEAD:

Please pray for Pricilla (Cilla) Winifred Edwards who died recently. May the Lord grant her Eternal Life and console their family and friends. The funeral service is on Wednesday 22 May at 2pm at Blacon Crematorium.

ST COLUMBA'S AND ST THERESA'S ANNIVERSARIES:

Dennis O'Gorman, Bertha Lofthouse, Anthony Wall, Mary Elizabeth James, Fiona Stuart, Hugh McCafferty, James Edward Jones, Caroline McMahon, Terence McNicholas, Cecil Arthur Baker, Joseph Stringer, Janet Evans, Joan Burton, Janet McMahon, Lionel Dean, Francis Gallagher, Mary McKay, Harry John Teague, Michael Joseph Barnett, William Walker, Thomas Patrick Dowd, Lillian Rachel Beswick, Agnes Elizabeth Lambert, Mary Sherman, Albert Edward Hutfield, Brenda Gertrude Onions, Thomas "Paddy" Anderson, Richard Heselwood, Thomas Joseph Mullen, Patricia Florence McCullagh, Alexander Leslie Bowers, Charles Creagh-Barry, Richard Drummond, David Joyce.

OFFERTORY:

St. Columba's: Loose Plate £521.98; Planned Giving £317.50; Average weekly standing orders £677.00; Candles £48.96.

St. Theresa's: £293.29 plus average weekly 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 both Masses this weekend 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: Kaizer Guanzon, Joseph Martinez, Peter McDonald, George Benson, Isabella Dudley, Sophia Hewitt, Lillian Martland, Elliot Quagliarini, Alex Urbas, and Jolie White.

MASS WITH SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

This will take place on Sunday 19th May at 3pm at St Columba's Church. If anyone knows somebody who they think would like to attend this service but needs a lift, or if you can offer a lift, please contact Mark Traynor on 07515491251 or email

TreasurerF180402@svp.org.uk

ESSAR CHESTER HALF MARATHON-SUNDAY 19th MAY:

Main roundabout into Blacon will be closed from 8.30 a.m.

PARISH ACCOUNTS (St Theresa's):

A copy of the 2018/2019 is on the noticeboard at the back of church.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE:

St. Columba's:

12th May SPUC Parish
19th May Volunteers required
26th May Natasha Lawrence NW England Guides
2nd June Natasha Lawrence World Scout Jamboree
Tea, coffee and juice are available in the Hall after Mass.
All are welcome. The rota is on the notice board. If you would like to make tea/coffee for a charity, please contact Marg Curtis 318424.

St. Theresa's:

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

MENINGITIS NOW COFFEE MORNING:

I want to thank everyone who helped in any way to make the coffee morning a great success. Some donations are still coming in and I am delighted to say that we raised over £500 for research projects. Thank you for your support.
Cathy Murphy

UPTON & BLACON CHURCHES TOGETHER:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Donne Place, Kipling Road, Wordsworth Crescent, Wordsworth Mews, Wordsworth Square, Churchward Close, The Wien and Mickle Trafford.
- For the hospitals in this area: 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:

There will be a 'Prayer Walk' starting and finishing at St. Theresa's on Saturday 18th May at 10.45 a.m. Followed by light refreshments in the Presbytery, all welcome.

UPTON CHURCHES TOGETHER FELLOWSHIP LUNCH:

This is on **Wednesday 15th May**, 12.00-1.30pm in the Kempe room at Holy Ascension church, Church Lane Upton. All welcome. Please try and support this lunch as it is a Christian Aid Week fund raiser.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES DATES:

Sunday 9th June-Pentecost & St Columba's Anniversary
International Service at St Columba's with a variety of foods afterwards, including the annual BBQ.

Sunday 7 July – St Theresa's Summer Fayre

Friday 26 July-Annual Coach Trip –this year we are going to Nottingham. Please look on notice boards and posters for more information and details.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PASTORAL COUNCIL – TUESDAY 21 MAY

This will be held on Tuesday 21 May in St Theresa's club after 7.00 p.m. Mass at St. Theresa's. The meeting is open to all and provides a good opportunity to meet fellow parishioners and find out more about what the Pastoral Council does, why it does it and how it operates. A report will be given on the activities of the council over the last year (the minutes of the Pastoral Council meetings are on

the notice boards at both churches) and finish with refreshments. There will be opportunities to ask questions at the AGM but it would be helpful if any particular questions could be sent in writing (email or letter) to the secretary, Eileen Irwin at least seven days before the meeting. E mail: st.theresas@btinternet.com

EUCCHARISTIC & READERS' ROTAS (St Theresa's):

The new rotas are now available in the sacristy.

CHESTER'S GOT TALENT!:

An "Alternative Eurovision 2019" is taking place in St. Columba's Hall on **Friday 17th May**. It's a Benefit Open Mic Night with proceeds going to charities supporting Palestine. 7.00pm – midnight. Free entry, but to reserve seats please email joseph.oneill777@gmail.com To perform contact Lisa Jennings, sales@intuneative.co.uk See posters for further information.

SVP THANK-YOU:

The parish SVP would like to thank the parish for their recent generous donations. The parish music night raised £191. Coffee morning £93.82 and the retiring collection from Mary Kiernan's requiem Mass £340. Thank you for your continued support these donations will be utilised to help the vulnerable and marginalised locally, nationally and internationally.

YOUTH GROUP (10 - 14 years)

The next meeting of the youth group will be on **Monday 20th May**, starting at 7.15pm in the rear porch of St. Columba's and finishing at 9pm in the church hall. We will have activities, games, play rounders/cricket, make pizza and have prayers, a chance to learn a little bit more about our faith, have fun, meet friends and make new friends. For more information speak to Father Jonathan, Amy O'Donnell or Denise Lusk. Because we are making pizzas please let Amy or Denise know if you are coming to the youth group this month (unless you already have).

CLIMATE CHANGE:

Following her journey to the UN Climate Conference with CAFOD, Catherine Green will give a talk on Climate Change; Caring for Our Common Home on Monday 20th May at 7.30 p.m. in the Iona Chapel, St Columba's. Following this will be a Celebration of Creation at St Columba's Vigil Mass on Saturday 1st June, followed by a shared table in the church hall with an opportunity to talk about how we can respond to the climate crisis. More information from Catherine 01244 383866 or catherine.green@care4free.net

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

Hall availability can be checked by looking at St. Columba's Church website – section for Church Hall gives a calendar of events in the Hall. Then contact Sue Carr on 07553 114531 or email columbashallbookings@gmail.com to arrange booking.

NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Muriel Green
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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 9.00am on Thursday. Please include a phone number in case of queries.

UPTON HALL SCHOOL OPEN EVENING:

This Catholic School in the Wirral is having an open evening on Thursday 20th June at 5.30 p.m. until 8.00 p.m.

MAJOR DIOCESAN EVENT:

Conference on Holiness and the Mission of the Laity.

Open to all, Sat 18 May, Hale Barns. 9.30 for 10am ends 3.30pm (Mass in School Hall). Please bring packed lunch.

More info on website:

www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/catholic-faith/the-new-evangelisation/registration

RECOMMENDED VIEWING:

There are still two episodes of the BBC TV programme Pilgrimage on BBC iPlayer. The series follows 8 celebrities of different faiths walking to Rome where they have a private and moving audience with Pope Francis. Episode 2 is available until Monday 13 May, and episode 3 until Monday 20 May.