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MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD SUNDAY, 1st JANUARY 2017

Saturday 31st December 2016

St. Theresa's		No Service
St. Columba's	6.30 p.m.	Catherine Sullivan
- Vigil Mass		

Sunday 1st January 2017

St. Theresa's	9.30 a.m.	Parishioners' Intentions
St. Columba's	11.00 a.m.	Hughie Middleton

Monday 2nd January (Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen)

St. Columba's	12 noon	Drinkall Family RIP
St. Theresa's	9.00 a.m.	No Service

Tuesday 3rd January

St. Columba's	9.15 a.m.	Paul Whitehead
St. Theresa's	6.30 p.m.	No Service

Wednesday 4th January

St. Columba's	9.15 a.m.	Francis Wilkinson A.
St. Theresa's	7.00 p.m.	No Service

Thursday 5th January

St. Theresa's	9.00 a.m.	Mary Hatton
St. Columba's	9.15 a.m.	No Service

Friday 6th January

St. Theresa's		No Service
St. Columba's	7.00p.m	Matty Kinsella

Saturday 7th January

St. Theresa's	10.00a.m	No Service
St. Columba's	6.30 p.m.	Bob Breen - Vigil Mass

Sunday 8th January

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.

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

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: No confessions at this time.

ST. COLUMBA'S ANNIVERSARIES:

Teresa Bettridge, Veronica Howard, Rachel Gibson, Thomas Wall, Chris Speed, Patrick Peter Wilson, Jane O'Hord, Anne O'Loughlin, Patrick Joseph Regan, Margaret Winterbottom, Eileen Josephine Donoughue, Ada Laura Savage, Sean Floyd, Harold Sweeney, Lawrence Stevens, John Hughes, Margaret Johnson, Frances Joseph Burk, Christopher Garner, Ester Rose Parker, Susan Sweeney, Agnes Morris, Martin McKenna (Jnr), Mary Upton, Robert Henry (Harry) Barton, Mary (Marie) Rose Shepherd, Les Christian, John Lloyd Hughes, Hilary Makinson, Alf Humphreys, Horace (James) Doyle, Mary McCowne, Colin Blyth, John Ibell, Gerard McGlown, Helen Cadden, Frank Sydney Jeffes.

ST. THERESA'S ANNIVERSARIES:

Joan Mary Warrington, Mary Monica Evans, Edward Walter McHugh, Albert Edward Parry, Reginald Francis Packwood, Beatrice Eileen Barnes, Helen Veronica Lyons, Anthony David Kiddell, Edith Mary Burton, Patrick John McNally, Thomas Francis Raftery, Thomas Leslie Wilcock, Cecily Hope Jones, David Mooney, John Jacqueline Mackin, William Christopher Knox, Patricia Ann Stokes, Catherine Fitzpatrick.

HOSPITAL MASS:

The regular "First Thursday" Mass will be celebrated on **Thursday 5th January** at 12.15 p.m. in the hospital Chapel. This is for patients/outpatients, staff, families and friends, and the wellbeing of our hospitals, including the Bowmere. All are welcome.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS' AND READERS' ROTA:

(St. Columba's) Please pick up a copy of your New Rota from the front porch. Happy New Year to you all.

We wish Fr. Isidore a safe journey as he returns to visit his home in Nigeria. Fr. Isidore will be back with us at the end of January.

WORLD DAY OF PEACE, 1 JANUARY 2017:

Each year since 1967 the Pope has issued a Message to advance the belief that peace is the only true direction of human progress. This year, for the 50th World Day of Peace, the Message from Pope Francis gives his reflections on *nonviolence as a style of politics for peace*. There is a link to the Pope's Message on the parish website, Resources section.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS:

If anyone who has received their First Holy Communion is interested in becoming an altar server, please contact Richard Curtis on rich.curtis89@yahoo.co.uk

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Dorset Road, Shipbrook Road, Mannings Lane South and Peckforton Way.
- For the work of Churches Together in Upton and Churches Together in Chester.
- For the Churches in Upton: Holy Ascension, United Reformed, St Columba's and the Baptist Church.

OFFERTORY:

St. Columba's: Loose Plate £2226.59; Planned Giving £776.00; Average Weekly STOs £720.00; Candles £184.93.

St. Theresa's: £607.11 plus average weekly STOs £130.

THANK YOU!

Thank you very much for your response to the Christingle Appeal and the recent Coffee Morning held in support of the OAKS charity – for the benefit of the children of Bo in Sierra Leone. A total of £303 has been raised.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE:

St. Columba's:

1 st Jan	Marg & Jacqui	Parish
8 th Jan	Sue C	OAKS
15 th Jan	Jane & Jackie	

Tea, coffee and juice are served in the Hall after both Sunday Masses. All are welcome.

St Theresa's:

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

SEWING GROUP QUILT:

The St. Columba's sewing group "Needles and Pins" have raffled the Grandmother's Flower Garden double quilt, which they made. The lucky winner is Enid and the £216 has been donated to The Hospice of the Good Shepherd. Thank you very much to those who worked on the quilt and to those who bought raffle tickets.

FLAME III: 10,000 REASONS:

Bishop Mark invites young people from across the diocese to join him at *Flame 3: 10,000 Reasons* in Wembley on **Saturday 11th March 2017**. This huge national youth event is organised by CYMFed, the Catholic Youth Ministry Federation. It builds on the success of Flame and Flame II. The Diocesan Commission for the New Evangelisation of Youth will be block booking tickets and organising transport. For more details see: <http://cymfed.org.uk/flame2017/> - please don't book tickets directly. See posters in the porches and on the parish website. To follow this up please contact Helen Jones at the Curial Offices, 0151 652 9855.

A YEAR FOR MISSION, 2017:

At the request of those who attended a series of talks last year and to help us discover our own part in the mission of the Church, four reflections will be offered in Jan/Feb 2017. All are welcome to attend, whatever your background or education. Speakers: Fr. Jonathan Brandon, Fr. Edmund Montgomery, & Miss Barbara Davies.

For our area of the diocese the four meetings are all at Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Ellesmere Port, CH65 8BY. 7-9pm on **Wednesdays 11, 18 and 25 January, and 1 February**.

Further details on the leaflet on the notice boards, or from helen.jones@dioceseofshrewsbury.org, 0151 652 9855.

CHURCH RAMP (St. Theresa's):

As you will have seen, work has started on the ramp; it is hoped to be completed by the end of January.

200 CLUB (ST THERESA'S)

The new envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Thank you for your continuing support.

FEAST OF THE WEEK:

Monday: **Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops**. Both were born c330 in what is now Turkey: Basil in Caesaria where he subsequently became bishop, and Gregory in Nazianzus (Cappadocia). They met and became life-long friends when completing their studies in Athens. Basil was a monastic founder and diocesan bishop of huge ability and energy: preaching against the prevailing Arian heresies, and building facilities for the sick and dispossessed. Gregory also became a bishop, eventually Patriarch of Constantinople. He had a great love and knowledge of Scripture, and was known as both preacher and writer. Like Basil, he was a strong defender of orthodox doctrine against Arianism - which proclaimed a different understanding of the Trinity and the divinity of Jesus.

CLEANERS' ROTA A (St. Theresa's)

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 Brian Webster, 01244 851026, E-mail: brianrobert@joycewebster.freeserve.co.uk 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