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- ❖ Parish Safeguarding Representative: Claire Graham. Tel 01244 341287 or 0788 055 3830.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 4TH DECEMBER 2016

Saturday 3rd December

St. Theresa's	10.00 a.m.	Private Intention
St. Columba's	6.30 p.m.	George Richard Thompson - Vigil

Sunday 4th December

St. Theresa's	9.30 a.m.	Parishioners' Intentions
St. Columba's	11.00 a.m.	Janet Yeoman

Monday 5th December

St. Columba's	9.15 a.m.	The Secular Fund
St. Theresa's	9.00 a.m.	Priest's Intention

Tuesday 6th December

St Columba's	9.15 a.m.	St Nicholas James Chapman
St. Theresa's	6.30 pm	Private Intention

Wednesday 7th December

St Columba's	9.15 a.m	St Ambrose Charlie Graham
St Theresa's N.B.	9.00a.m	Keith Evans RIP

Thursday 8th December

St Theresa's	9.00 a.m	Immaculate Conception Priest's Intention
St. Columba's	9.15 a.m.	November Dead List
12.30 Requiem Mass for Marjorie Evans		
	7.00pm	Paul Futchter RIP

Friday 9th December

St Theresa's	8-8.55a.m	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	9.00 a.m	Charles Woods RIP
St Columba's	7.00p.m	November Dead List

Saturday 10th December

St. Theresa's	10.00a.m	Private Intention
St Columba's	6.30 pm	Dorothy Hodgkinson - Vigil

Sunday 11th December

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

LATELY DEAD:

Please pray for the family and friends of Liliana Gittins & Jeffrey Parry who have died recently. The Requiem Mass for Liliana Gittins is on **Friday 16th December** at St Theresa's at 12 noon and the Requiem Mass for Jeffrey Parry is at St Theresa's on **Thursday 15th December** at 2.15pm. May they rest in peace.

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: Confessions are heard after every weekday Mass.

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.

ST. COLUMBA'S ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Kily Dowd, Angela Chapman, John Wolfe, John Bellis, Charles Maloney, John Halligan, John Burton, Frederick James Wright, Gillian Gallagher, Harold Beadle, Kathleen McAleavy, Joseph Francis Tallon, Thomas Wilfred Wall, Agnes Jones, James Robert Chapman, William Bird, Henry Bird, Michael Burns, Joseph Dowd, Margaret Beech, John Barnett, Elaine White, Janet Haslam, Richard Newbrook, Jane Stubbs, Matilda Hanratty, Michael lee, George Walker, Sarah Jane Brennan, Vera Fox, James Canavan

ST. THERESA'S ANNIVERSARIES:

Christian Mapp, Elizabeth Gorman, Christopher Scanlan, Mary Taylor, Gillian Thompson, Edwin (Eddie) Mapp, James Hayden, Doreen Erskine, Mary Raftery, Herbert Williams, Cornelius (Con) O'Hanlon, John McGuire, Vincent Dean, Catherine Hale, Margaret Hocking, Anthony Smith, Eileen Scanlan, Maureen Jones, Winifred Smellie, Mary Connolly.

OFFERTORY:

St. Columba's: Loose Plate £433.25, Planned Giving £408.50, average weekly STOs £720.00, Candles £40.29.

St. Theresa's: £289.57 plus average weekly STOs £130.

PRIESTS' TRAINING FUND COLLECTION:

This collection will remain open for a couple of weeks. Envelopes are available in the porches.

CHRISTMAS DAY NATIVITY, 11.00 a.m. MASS:

Children are invited to take part in the Nativity Scene at the 11.00 a.m. Mass on Christmas morning. Could parents of any children interested please get in touch with Pauline Payne (01244 350323) or email pauline.payne4@btinternet.com this week. The clothes can be collected from the Iona Chapel after the 11.00 a.m. Mass **next Sunday, 11th December**, when there will be a short practice (no words to learn!).

The Children's Mass at St Theresa's is at 4.30pm on Christmas Eve.

CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION

A very warm welcome to our newly Confirmed young parishioners and their families at both Masses this week. Today we congratulate them on their recent Confirmation and as a parish celebrate their Confirmations. They will be presented with their certificates at the end of Mass.

THANK YOU:

Shirley & John Fletcher would like to thank everyone for their messages of sympathy, prayers, cards on the death of their dear son, James and for their continued support and prayers during James's illness over the past five years.

HYMN, CLOTH FOR THE CRADLE, 11.00am MASS:

*Cloth for the cradle, cradle for the child,
The child for our every joy and sorrow;
Find him a shawl that's woven by us all
To welcome the Lord of each tomorrow.*

1. Darkness and light and all that's known by sight,
Silence and echo fading,
Weave into one a welcome for the Son,
Set earth its own maker serenading.
2. Hungry and poor, the sick and the unsure,
Wealthy whose needs are stranger,
Weave into one a welcome for the Son,
Leave excess and want beneath the manger.
3. Wrinkled or fair, carefree or full of care,
Searchers of all the ages,
Weave into one a welcome for the Son,
The Saviour of shepherds and of sages.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Gatesheath Drive, Alpraham Crescent, and St. James Avenue;
- For those who prepare couples for marriage;
- For those couples married in our churches this year and those who are about to be married.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN UPTON CAROL SINGING:

We would be very glad of your support on the following occasions of carol singing out in the community. The only qualification is that you enjoy singing carols! Please arrive at the venue 10 minutes before the scheduled time:

- **Tuesday 13th**: 6.30 p.m. at Wealstone Lane Care Home, then 8.00 p.m. at Mallard Court, Long Lane.
- **Monday 19th**: 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon at The Pavilion, Wealstone Lane (part of the regular coffee morning).
- **Wednesday 21st**: 2.30 p.m. at Orchard Manor, Acres Lane.

READINGS FOR ADVENT:

The talks on the readings for the Sundays of Advent continue on Tuesday at 6.30 p.m. in the Iona Chapel, when we'll be looking at the readings for the third Sunday of Advent. A warm welcome is extended to all interested parishioners. You don't have to come every week, just drop in when you can. See the Notice Boards for more details.

ADVENT HOLY HOURS:

There will be a Holy Hour at St. Columba's, concluding with Evening Prayer and Benediction, on Sundays throughout Advent commencing at **4.00 p.m.(please note time change)**. All welcome. Please join us.

DEANERY HOLY HOUR:

This takes place at St Columba's on **Friday 7th Dec** at 7pm.

ST PIO PRAYER GROUP:

The next meeting is on **Thursday 8th December** starting at 7.30pm in 10 Totland Grove, Newton. Chester CH2 2EY.

PRAYER INTENTIONS:

St Theresa's now have a new book which is at the right hand side at the front of the church. Please write your intentions in this.

THE BIG SING:

A Christmas Music Night is being held on **Friday 16th Dec** at St Werburgh's Parish Centre, Brook St. Chester from 8.30pm 'til late. Free Admission. All welcome. For further details please contact John Kenyon on 01244 321218.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE:

St. Columba's:

4th Dec Badminton Group Hospice of the Good Shepherd
11th Dec 60 Cakes in 60 Minutes Duke of Edinburgh Trust
18th Dec Any volunteers please?

Tea, coffee and juice are available in the hall after 11o'clock Mass. All are welcome.

St Theresa's: *Tea, coffee and juice are available in the Parish Club after 9.30am Mass. All are very welcome.*

- Thank you to everyone who provided cakes or otherwise supported last week's Coffee Morning at St Columba's in support of the Third World projects. A total of £138 was raised.
- Next week, 11th Dec, please support two of our young parishioners embarked on the **Duke of Edinburgh Diamond Challenge**. They are producing 60 cakes in 60 minutes, available after 11a.m. Mass. The girls have each raised £60 to commemorate the 60yrs of the Trust for young people. Annabel & Nicky will be in the Hall from 9.30, so do pop in.

HANDMADE QUILT ON DISPLAY:

St. Columba's Sewing Group, "Needles and Pins" have completed a beautiful handmade double quilt which is on display near Our Lady's Altar in St. Columba's. All donations and raffle ticket money raised is for the Hospice of the Good Shepherd. Raffle tickets are £1 or donate as much as you can. Contact Margaret Curtis 318424.

YOUR UPTON – YEAR 2030

Upton-by-Chester Parish Council is preparing a Neighbourhood Development Plan, "*What should Upton look like in year 2030*". They wish to recruit 3/4 resident representatives to join a small group of parish councillors in carrying out research as to what should be included in the plan. Anyone living in Upton interested in participating please contact the Chairman, Cllr Adrian Walmsley as soon as possible: adrian22chester@hotmail.co.uk

CHRISTMAS PARTY SAT 10th DECEMBER AT 2 P.M.:

We invite senior parishioners of St. Columba's and St. Theresa's to a Christmas Party to be held on **Saturday 10th December** in St. Columba's Parish Hall. Free Food and Drink and this year the entertainment will be provided by Upton Community Choir also free, just turn up at 2 p.m. and enjoy yourselves. If anyone requires a lift please contact Margaret Curtis on 01244 318424.

FLOWER WORKSHOP MON 12th DECEMBER, AFTERNOON:

Come along to the Hall to make your own seasonal arrangements. A fun afternoon, all abilities welcome! See notice at back of church for further details or phone Marie Cunniff 340564.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION:

A Carol Service will be held on **Tuesday 20th December** at 6:30 p.m. at the Catholic High School, followed by refreshments, a Christmas raffle and musical entertainment by the School Jazz Band. Free entrance. Everybody is welcome.

CLEANERS' ROTA D (St. Theresa's)

ST. COLUMBA'S CHURCH & HALL BOOKINGS:

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 Alison Wrigglesworth 382547
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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.