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# Catholic Churches of St Columba and St Theresa

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

11th DECEMBER 2016

### Saturday 10th December:

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

### Sunday 11th December:

St. Theresa's 9.30 am Parishioners' Intentions  
*Welcome to the children who are enrolling for the first sacraments*  
St. Columba's 11.00 am The Parish

### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Our Lady of Guadalupe:

St. Theresa's 9.00 am Priest's Intention  
St. Columba's 9.15 am Kathryn Sanson

### Tuesday 13th December - St Lucy:

St. Columba's 9.15 am Tony Mayers  
St. Theresa's 6.30 pm Terry Worrall &  
James Turnbull RIP

### Wednesday 14th December - St John of the Cross:

St. Theresa's N.B. 9.00am Private Intention  
St. Columba's 9.15 am Eric Gerrard

### Thursday 15th December:

St. Columba's 9.15 am Margaret Borrows  
St. Theresa's 2.15pm Requiem for Jeffrey Samuel Parry

### Friday 16th December:

St. Theresa's 8-8.55am Exposition of the  
Blessed Sacrament  
12 noon Requiem for Liliana Gittins  
St. Columba's 7.00 pm Carmel Cregan RIP

### Saturday 17th December:

St. Theresa's 10.00 am Parishioners' Intentions  
St. Columba's 6.30 pm The Parish - Vigil Mass

### Sunday 18th December:

St. Theresa's 9.30 am Frank Lally RIP  
St. Columba's 11.00 am Lily Jones

### 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 16<sup>th</sup> December** at St Theresa's at 12 noon and the Requiem Mass for Jeffrey Parry is at St Theresa's on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

**St. Theresa's:** To arrange a Baptism, please contact Fr. Isidore.

### ST. COLUMBA'S ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Matilda Hanratty, Michael Lee, George Walker, Sarah Jane Brennan, Vera Fox, James Canavan, Fred Fazey, Richard Mitchell, James Francis Galvin, Lily Collins, Michael Whitehouse, Margaret Howcroft, Henrietta Whitehead, Kathleen Elizabeth Delaney, Rebecca Teresa Humphreys, Delia Rooks, Mary Elizabeth Atkinson, Eileen Jones, Ellen Veronica Croft, Margaret Upton, Celine Cawley, Doris Elizabeth Garrett, Michael Anthony (Tony) Keating, Elizabeth Maud Rodgers, Philip Tobin, Joe Corrigan, Adles Bronislaw, Vera Mary Michalak, Winifrid Roberts, John Joyce, Catherine Barford, Mary Foley, Michael Francis Sharkey, Micheal Hayes, Robert Smith-White, Patricia Ann Rose Howe & Nora Kinder.

### ST. THERESA'S ANNIVERSARIES:

Eileen Scanlan, Maureen Jones, Winifred Smellie, Mary Connolly, Elfrieda Pagowski, Helena Tyrrell, Marjorie Bailiff, Catherine Lawrence, Winifred Williamson, Joseph Gregory, Patricia Rogers, Frederick Burgess, Ethel Pryce, Patricia Bird.

### CHRISTINGLE APPEAL - SUNDAY 18th December:

We would again like to help the children of Bo in Sierra Leone by our Christingle Appeal for the OAKS charity (Overseas Aid for the Kids of Sierra Leone). Any support we can give them for their ongoing educational needs is always greatly appreciated. For information, see [www.oaks-sl.org](http://www.oaks-sl.org) Please take an envelope from either porch this weekend and return it in the normal offertory baskets next week, or to Pauline Payne. Many thanks.

### ST. THERESA'S CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY:

There are Readings and Carols at 4.30pm and the Children's Mass at 5pm.

### ST COLUMBA'S CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY:

If your child would like to take part in the short Nativity during the 6pm Mass at St Columba's on Christmas Eve please contact Rachel Borman or Claire Graham on 01244 981228 or 07880553830. We will have a short practice after the 11am Mass on Sunday 18th December.

### ST COLUMBA'S CHRISTMAS DAY NATIVITY:

Could the children who are taking part in the Nativity Scene at the 11.00 a.m. Mass on Christmas morning please collect their clothes from the Iona Chapel after the 11.00am Mass today, 11th December. If any other children would like to take part please get in touch with Pauline Payne: Tel 01244 350323 or email [pauline.payne4@btinternet.com](mailto:pauline.payne4@btinternet.com).

### OFFERTORY:

**St. Columba's:** Loose Plate £557.95, Planned Giving £388.60, average weekly STOs £720.00, Donation from Badminton Group £100.

**St. Theresa's:** £329.77 plus an average STO's £130

### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:

There will be a Christmas Flower Collection after all Masses this weekend 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> December at St. Columba's towards the cost of flowers for the Christmas Season and the coming year. Thank you in advance for your generous support.

### POINSETTIAS:

We would be grateful for the donations of any poinsettia plants to decorate St. Theresa's this Christmas.

### UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Glastonbury Avenue, Tewkesbury Close and Marlowe Avenue.
- The Second Step Bereavement Care Scheme.
- Those who are bereaved and those who provide support.

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

### READINGS FOR ADVENT:

The talks on the readings for the Sundays of Advent conclude on Wednesday at 6.30 p.m. in the Iona Chapel, when we will be looking at the readings for the fourth and final Sunday. A warm welcome is extended to all interested parishioners. See the Notice Boards for more details. Please note that it's Wednesday this week.

### SVP MEETING TUES 13th DECEMBER:

This will take place in St. Theresa's Presbytery from 7:15 pm. Anyone interested in joining the SVP can just come along, or ring David Farrell 0151-355-0867 email davidfarrellsvp@yahoo.co.uk for further information.

### ST THERESA'S SCHOOL CAROL CONCERT:

This takes place in church on Wednesday 14th December at 6pm.

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS' & READERS' ROTAS:

The new rotas (St. Theresa's) are now available in the sacristy.

### THE BIG SING:

A Christmas Music Night is being held on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> 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:

11th Dec **60 Cakes in 60 Minutes**

18th Dec Any volunteers Please?

25th Dec **CHRISTMAS DAY!!**

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

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

### 60 CAKES IN 60 MINUTES:

Two of our young parishioners have taken up the Duke of Edinburgh's Diamond challenge of raising £60 each for the Trust to mark the 60th anniversary of the DoE Awards. The girls will be attempting to bake and decorate 60 cakes in 60 minutes on the

morning of Sunday 18th December in the church hall. The cakes will be available to buy after 11am mass. Annabel and Nicky will be setting up from 9.30 in the morning so do drop in to wish them well on your way into mass.

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

The CWL Christmas Party will be held on Monday 12th December at 7 pm at St Francis Church Hall. Buffet and entertainment. Tickets or enquiries contact Elizabeth on 01244 346772.

### 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.

### WALLSINGHAM RETREAT TRIP:

Wallsingham retreat from 24th to 27th April 2017, cost £225 p.p. availability of 50 places. Please advise your interest sooner rather than later. Places will be offered to the parishioners from St Columba's, St Theresa's the Wirral & Ellesmere Port. If interested please telephone Janette Doherty 01244 678265

### FLOWER WORKSHOP MON 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

### CARITAS, DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY (CARITAS):

As from 9th December 2016 the Catholic Children's Society was officially replaced by Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury, to serve as the Diocesan Social and Community Work Agency. The change to Caritas will allow us to expand our portfolio of services to children and families to include intergenerational work, youth at risk of homelessness, and support for those seeking asylum and refuge. All staff and services have transferred to the new charity and contact numbers remain the same. Those of you who have a "little house" collection box, or contribute by standing order will be contacted in due course. CARITAS is an exciting new project; we need your support and prayers as we begin this new journey. Thank you, Mary Kilcoyne, Director of Catholic Children's Society.

### CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION:

A Carol Service will be held on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 A (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](mailto:columbashallbookings@gmail.com)

### NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Muriel Green, 01244-383836, email [muriel.green1@btinternet.com](mailto:muriel.green1@btinternet.com)

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.