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THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD SUNDAY, 25th DECEMBER 2016

Saturday 24th December

St. Theresa's 4.30 pm Readings & Carols

Vigil Mass 5.00 pm Priest's Intentions

St Columba's:

Christmas Vigil 6.00 pm Kevin & Francis Connolly

Night Mass 9.00 pm Sean Backhouse

Sunday 25th December

St Theresa's 9.30 am Parishioners' Intentions

St Columba's:

Dawn Mass 9.15 am Ann McGowan Scanlon

Children's Nat. 11.00am The Parish

Monday 26th December (St Stephen)

St Theresa's 9.30 am Private Intention

St Columba's 12 noon Paul Murphy RIP

Tuesday 27th December (St John, Apostle)

St Columba's 9.15am Frederick & John Hodson

St Theresa's No Service

Wednesday 28th December (Holy Innocents)

St Theresa's No Service

St Columba's 10.30 am Requiem Mass for
Gillian Elizabeth Rowley

Thursday 29th December (St Thomas Becket)

St Theresa's No Service

St Columba's 9.15 am Greg & Catriona Liddy

Friday 30th December (Holy Family)

St Theresa's No Service

St Columba's 7.00pm Ann Crisp

Saturday 31st December

St Theresa's No Service

St Columba's 6.30pm Catherine Sullivan -Vigil

Sunday 1st January 2017

St Theresa's 9.30 am Parishioners' Intentions

St Columba's 11.00 am Hughie Middleton

FR. JONATHAN AND FR. ISIDORE WISH EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR THEIR CARDS AND GIFTS.

LATELY DEAD:

Please pray for the family and friends of Gillian Rowley who died recently and whose Funeral will be at 10.30 am on Wednesday, 28th December.

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.

ST. COLUMBA'S ANNIVERSARIES:

Mike Ayland, Carol Finan, Michael Grisdale, James Edward Price, Sheila Hayden, Walter James Hale, George John, William John, Edward John, Doris McCleary, Ann Chesters, Thomas McGuinness, Frederick Nixon, Francis Wilkinson, Richard Bird, Paul Murphy, Marjorie Houlbrook, Elvet Roy Eaton, Joe Brickland, Mary Mitchell, Catherine Sheridan, Fred Beswick, Harry O'Koru, Kathleen Tallon, Eva McDonnell, Adam Barnhill, James Ball, Thomas Edward Johnston, Jacobus Philips, Joseph Herbert Lucas, Evelyn Taylor, Harry Ralph, John Leonard, Teresa Helena Adams, Elizabeth Mary Kirk, John Steven Colgan, Mary Winifred Smith-white, Arthur Hindley, Kathleen Tallon, Alasdair George Sinclair, Teresa Bettridge, Veronica Howard, Rachel Gibson, Thomas Wall, Chris Speed, Patrick Peter Wilson, Jane O'Hord, Anne O'Loughlin, Patrick Joseph Regan, Margaret Winterbottom.

ST. THERESA'S ANNIVERSARIES:

Rachel Holmes, Mary Whittaker, Jeremiah (Jerry) Ring, Monica Tulley, Francis Kenneth Hanlon, Margaret Mary Condon, Rose Hayden, George Joseph Whittaker, Florence Mary Carter, Kenneth Gaynor, Kathleen Collins, Margaret Teresa Davis, William Leslie Williams, Dorothy Boyes, Margaret Punter, Elizabeth Egan, Angela Lowe, Amelia Massey, Marion Wendy Noller, Eileen Packwood, Joan Mary Warrington, Mary Monica Evans.

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.

ST. COLUMBA'S CHRISTMAS TREE:

Thank you very much to our young parishioners, Lottie, Mary and Bridget who decorated the Church Christmas Tree.

UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Woodlea Ave., Cornwall Road and Aldford Road.
- For all Age Family Worship, Messy Church, Junior Church and Children's Liturgy.
- For all children who attend our Churches each Sunday and their leaders.

OFFERTORY:

St Columba's: Loose Plate £498.36; Planned Giving £328.11; Average Weekly Standing Orders £720.00; Candles £89.09.

St Theresa's: £288.94 plus average weekly standing orders £130.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE:

St. Columba's:

25th Dec CHRISTMAS DAY!

1st Jan Marg & Jacqui Parish

8th Jan Sue C OAKS

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.

CAFOD SUPPORT GROUP

Members of the Group would like to thank everyone for their generous support during the year and to wish you Joy and Peace this Christmas. Our World Gift Coffee morning at the end of November resulted in the purchase of almost £300 worth of World Gifts and approx. £500 for CAFOD's Crisis Appeal. The raffle for the knitted Crib Set was won by Mrs Joan Huxley from St. Werburgh's parish – thank you all so much.

The group are taking a mini break after Christmas but will meet again on Tuesday, 7th February after 7pm Mass at St. Clare's. We would love to see some new faces, so why not make a New Year Resolution to come and join us?

MARY'S MEALS CONFIRMATION GROUP SPONSORED WALK

All sponsor money is now collected in and the final amazing total raised is £803.66, with a further £112.35 claimable in gift aid, totalling £916.01. This is enough for Mary's Meals to provide meals at school for a year for over 70 children. Thank you very, very much to everyone who sponsored us and very well done to those who walked. For more information about Mary's Meals and the great work they do go to www.marysmeals.org.uk

THANK YOU:

To everyone who brought in poinsettia plants, donations for flowers and who helped in any way to prepare St Theresa's Church and services over the Christmas period.

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 winners of the 200 club are £150 A McCarthy (no.72), £100 G. Gilhooley (no.74) and £50 M. Lane (no.150).

THANK YOU!

The Food Bank would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and thanks everyone for their generous donations.

YEMEN CRISIS APPEAL:

CAFOD is part of the national appeal by the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) to respond to the humanitarian crisis in Yemen – where as many as 7 million civilians caught up in the horrific civil war are suffering from severe hunger. CAFOD's partner in Yemen is providing humanitarian assistance in the form of food, water, medical care and shelter. Parishioners can donate online via www.cafod.org.uk or by cheque to CAFOD at Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1 7JB or by phone 0303 303 3030.

SHREWSBURY CATHOLIC VOICE:

Copies of the Christmas 2016 issue of the Diocesan magazine 'Shrewsbury Voice' are available in either porch, price £1.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

- Monday: **St. Stephen, First Martyr.** He was one of the seven deacons appointed by the apostles to look after the distribution of alms and to help in the ministry of preaching. He was stoned to death outside Jerusalem, his execution approved by Saul of Tarsus – later to become Paul the Apostle.
- Tuesday: **St. John, Apostle and Evangelist.** The fourth gospel, three epistles and the Apocalypse are attributed to him. He witnessed the Transfiguration, and was present at the foot of the Cross where Jesus entrusted the care of his mother to him.
- Wednesday: **Holy Innocents,** all those children under the age of two, martyred in Bethlehem at the time Jesus was born, on the word of King Herod.
- Thursday: **St. Thomas Becket,** Archbishop of Canterbury murdered in his cathedral on this day in 1170 on the word of King Henry II.
- Friday: **Feast of the Holy Family.**

CLEANERS' ROTA C (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 Rebecca Vaughan, 01244 350323, e-mail: rebecca_vghn@yahoo.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.

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