

# Catholic Churches of St Columba and St Theresa



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- ❖ Chester Hospitals' Chaplaincy: Tel: 01244 364543, answer phone available.
- ❖ Parish Safeguarding Representative: Claire Graham. Tel 01244 341287 or 0788 055 3830.

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 27<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2016

### Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November

St. Theresa's	10.00 a.m.	Priest's Intention
St. Columba's	6.30 p.m.	The Parish - <b>Vigil Mass</b>

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November

St. Theresa's	9.30 a.m.	Parishioners' Intentions
St. Columba's	11.00 a.m.	Kathryn Sanson

### Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November

St. Columba's	9.15 a.m.	Joan Jones
St. Theresa's	9.00 a.m.	Holy Souls

### Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November

St Columba's	9.15 a.m.	John Hill
St. Theresa's	11.30 a.m.	<b>Funeral Service for</b>
		<b>Owen Christopher O'Hanlon</b>
	6.30 pm	Private Intention

### Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November *St Andrew, Apostle*

St Columba's	<b>12 Noon</b>	<b>Requiem Mass for</b>
		<b>Orlando Rebolledo Santos</b>
St Theresa's	7.00 p.m.	Holy Souls

### Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December

St Theresa's	9.00 a.m.	Priest's Intention
St. Columba's	9.15 a.m.	November Dead List

### Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

St Theresa's	8-8.55 a.m.	Expos. of the Blessed Sacrament
	9.00 a.m.	Charles Woods RIP
	11.00 a.m.	<b>Funeral Service for</b>
		<b>Elizabeth (Betty) Bailey</b>
St Columba's	7.00p.m.	November Dead List

### Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December *St Francis Xavier*

St. Theresa's	10.00a.m	Private Intention
St Columba's	6.30 pm	George Thompson - <b>Vigil Mass</b>

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 **Owen Christopher O'Hanlon, Orlando Rebolledo Santos, and Elizabeth Bailey**, who have died recently.

## 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).

*We welcome the latest addition to the Waite family to the parish family of St. Columba's. Baby Alexander will be baptised this Sunday. Our warmest congratulations to Alexander's family and friends.*

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

## ST. COLUMBA'S ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Rob Jones, John Gordon Sands, Mary Ethel McLoughlin, Frank Buddery, Nora Little, Angela Podmore, Peter Garry, Robert Trundle, Peter John Jones, Freda Carline, Rhona Mary Howlette, Kathleen Townsend, Gary Vickers, Kaye Clarke, Frank Allcroft, Louise Whitcombe, John Henry McCowne, Stan Connolly, Francesca Pace, Baby Ann Burton, Winifride Dorothy Jones, Edward Fox, Sarah Morgan, John Parke, Kily Dowd, Angela Chapman, John Wolfe, John Bellis, Charles Maloney, John Halligan.

## ST. THERESA'S ANNIVERSARIES:

Patricia Kelliher, Irene Chaloner, Mary Holborn, James Drage, Annie Griffiths, Gwerfyl Thomson, John Gorman, Helen Tovey, Bridget McDonnell, Edith Smith, Michael McNeela, Francesca Pace, Joseph Thompson, Mary Daley, Thomas McLaughlin, Michael O'Hanlon, Sheila McHugh, Peter Burton, Christian Mapp, Elizabeth Gorman, Christopher Scanlan, Mary Taylor, Gilliam Thompson, Edwin (Eddie) Mapp,

## WEEKEND MASSES:

Now that Fr. Isidore is back to celebrate Mass at weekends, Fr. Jonathan & Fr. Isidore will be alternating at both our churches until Christmas. After Christmas Fr. Isidore is away for a month so Fr. Jonathan will be celebrating Mass at both churches. We are hoping to keep Fr. Isidore here as long as we can.

## OFFERTORY:

**St Columba's:** Loose Plate £487.65, Planned Giving £439.91, average weekly STOs £720.00, Candles £63.63.

**St Theresa's:** £375.72 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.

## HOSPITAL MASS:

The regular "First Thursday" Mass will be celebrated on **1<sup>st</sup> December** at 12.15 p.m. in the Countess of Chester Hospital Chapel. This is for patients/outpatients, staff, families and friends, and the wellbeing of our hospitals, including the Bowmere. All are welcome.

## THANK YOU!

Thanks to everyone especially the helpers who made this year's Autumn Fayre another success. We raised £300 which will go towards funding the Christmas Party for senior parishioners.

## UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Cotebrook Drive, Oulton Avenue and Rushton Drive..
- For our churches open on Saturdays and the fellowship enjoyed there.
- For all who use and maintain the websites.

## NOVEMBER DEAD LIST:

During November we are invited to pray especially for the Faithful Departed in our Parish. A November Dead List will be placed before the Altar during the month of November.

### YEAR A – THE YEAR OF MATTHEW

The First Sunday of Advent marks the start of the Church's new Liturgical Year. These run in a 3-year cycle featuring in turn the three Synoptic Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke.

This coming year is Year A, during which the majority of gospel readings at Sunday Masses are drawn from Matthew.

## 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 second 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 concluding with Evening Prayer and Benediction on Sundays throughout Advent commencing at 4.30 p.m. Please come and join us.

## What is a "Holy Hour"?

Jesus asked his disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane to watch one hour with him. In Eucharistic Adoration the Blessed Sacrament of The Body and Blood of Jesus consecrated at Mass is exposed in a special vessel called a Monstrance. Exposition is based on our faith that the bread and wine are transformed in Mass into the Body, Blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ. Praying before Jesus Christ uniquely present in the Blessed Sacrament has throughout the centuries been a privileged time for Christians to pray and meditate in the very presence of the Lord. Even if we are unable to find one whole hour, we can still devote "quality time" to Jesus present in The Blessed Sacrament even if we can only spare ten or twenty minutes.

## ADVENT REFLECTION "I was a Stranger..." :

**Sunday 4th December** 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Wistaston Hall, Crewe, CW2 8JS. Organised by the Commission for Justice, Peace and Social Responsibility and led by Mary Kilcoyne (Catholic Children's Society). You are invited to join us to reflect on our personal and community responsibility in light of the current migration situation. All are warmly welcome!

## 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](mailto:rich.curtis89@yahoo.co.uk).

## COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE:

The Churches of Blacon invite you to come and join them for a Community Carol Service on **Monday 5th December**, 6.00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church, Norris Road Blacon CH1 5DZ.

## SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE:

### St. Columba's:

27th Nov Third World Group Third World  
4th Dec Badminton Group Hospice of the Good Shepherd  
11th Dec We need volunteers today 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.*

## POSTCARD EVENT:

The event for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children takes place **this weekend, 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> November**. You are invited to fill in the postcards, which are available in the church porches, asking our MP to act to protect unborn babies. Please leave completed postcards in the porches. Thank you.

## 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. We hope donations and raffle tickets will raise as much money as possible for the Hospice. Raffle tickets are £1 or donate as much as you can. Contact Margaret Curtis 318424.

## SVP MEETINGS FOR DECEMBER 2016:

There will be only two SVP meetings in December: **Tuesday 6th and Tuesday 13th**. Both meetings will take place in St. Theresa's Presbytery from 7:15 pm. Anyone interested in joining the SVP can just come along to these meetings or ring David Farrell 0151-355-0867 email [davidfarrellsvp@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:davidfarrellsvp@yahoo.co.uk) for information.

## LOURDES HOSPITALITY MASS:

All members of the Diocesan Lourdes Hospitality (the teams of volunteer helpers) are invited to join us for the celebration of holy Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December** at 7.30pm at Our Lady Star of the Sea and St Joseph's, Wheatland Lane, Seacombe, Wallasey, CH44 7ED.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY SAT 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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 C (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](mailto: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 Eileen Irwin, 01244 371660,  
email: [st.theresas@btinternet.com](mailto:st.theresas@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.