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# Catholic Churches of St Columba and St Theresa

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## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD SUNDAY, 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2017

### Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2017

|               |            |                               |
|---------------|------------|-------------------------------|
| St. Theresa's | 10.00 a.m. | <b>No Service</b>             |
| St. Columba's | 6.30 p.m.  | Bob Breen - <b>Vigil Mass</b> |

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2017

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

### Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017 (The Baptism of the Lord)

|               |           |                         |
|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|
| St. Theresa's | 9.00 a.m. | <b>No Service</b>       |
| St. Columba's | 9.15 a.m. | Margaret Allmark (Sick) |

### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017

|                                  |           |                           |
|----------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|
| St Columba's                     | 9.15 a.m. | The Secular Fund          |
| <b>Funeral Service 1.15 p.m.</b> |           | <b>Kenneth Rhoden RIP</b> |
| St. Theresa's                    | 6.30 pm   | <b>No Service</b>         |

### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017

|              |           |                       |
|--------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| St Columba's | 9.15 a.m. | John and Julie Briody |
| St Theresa's | 7.00 p.m. | <b>No Service</b>     |

### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017

|               |           |                     |
|---------------|-----------|---------------------|
| St Theresa's  | 9.00 a.m. | <b>No Service</b>   |
| St. Columba's | 9.15 a.m. | Veronica Miller RIP |

### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017

|              |         |                   |
|--------------|---------|-------------------|
| St Theresa's |         | <b>No Service</b> |
| St Columba's | 7.00p.m | Stephen Jones RIP |

### Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2017

|               |          |                                       |
|---------------|----------|---------------------------------------|
| St. Theresa's | 10.00a.m | <b>No Service</b>                     |
| St Columba's  | 6.30 pm  | John & Kath Edwards <b>Vigil Mass</b> |

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017

|              |          |                          |
|--------------|----------|--------------------------|
| St Theresa's | 9.30 a.m | Parishioners' Intentions |
| St Columba's | 11.00a.m | Frank Jeffes A           |

## WELCOME!

We welcome Fr. Denis Keating who will be celebrating at ALL Masses this week-end. Also we welcome Fr. Mark Connolly to our weekday Masses.

## 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

## LATELY DEAD:

Please pray for the family and friends of the following who died recently:

Kenneth Rhoden whose Funeral Service at St. Columba's is 1.15 p.m. on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January, interment at Blacon cemetery at 2.00 p.m.

Mary Dee whose Requiem Mass will be at St Theresa's on 23rd January at 10.00a.m. and

Dylan Brown whose Requiem Mass will be at St Theresa's on 17th January at 12 noon. May they rest in peace

## 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:

Alf Humphreys, Horace (James) Doyle, Mary McCowne, Colin Blyth, John Ibell, Gerard McGlown, Helen Cadden, Frank Sydney Jeffes, Desmond Sutton, Michael Nicholson, Arthur Healey, Ivy Brithwaite, John Woods, John Bullen, Margaret Judge, Belle McRoberts, Frank Fell, Joseph Bowes, Jimmy Roy Ward, Joan Mary Cotter, Ivy Whitmee, Norah Byrne, Constance Wendy Mitchell, Margaret Kennedy, Catherine Lawson, Cyril Watkin, James Fairclough, Roy Sutton, Theresa Borg, Victoria Phillips, Reginald Benwell, Patrick Connelly, Margaret Josephine Hope, Anne Brough, Catherine (Kitty) Floyd, Edwardus Cartwright, Margaret Latham, Elizabeth Croghan, Alphonse Kaleta, Dr. Marcel Cretois, Edmund Tyrrell, John McGuinness, Emily Elgie, Bernard Joseph Adams, Mary Regan, William Walker, Joan Ann Roberts, Samuel Grouke, Victoria Nisperos Scott, Samantha Edwards, Eric Boardman, Gillian Pendleton, Dora Bowen, William John (Jack) Barlow, Dorothy Boulton and Rowena Thompson.

## ST. THERESA'S ANNIVERSARIES:

William Christopher Knox, Patricia Ann Stokes, Catherine Fitzpatrick, Catherine Childs, Winifride Massey, Margaret Mary Mahon, Ive Whitmee, Irene Mary Roberts, Patricia Huxley, Agnes Mary Cox, Joan Hewson, John Alan Dodsworth, Mary (Molly) Lea, Thomas Lee, Rose Pickering, William David Noble, Marshall Howard Evans and Martin Patrick Honan.

## NEW ALTAR SERVERS:

If anyone who has received their First Holy

### BISHOP'S VISITATION:

On the weekend of 14/15<sup>th</sup> January, we welcome Bishop Mark on his official visitation of the Parish. The practice of Bishop's Visitation dates from the early church. The purpose is to encourage the clergy and people in their Christian life and witness. It also reminds us that our Parish belongs to the local Church of the Diocese of Shrewsbury and the universal Catholic Church throughout the World.

### UPTON CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Newhall Road, Winston Court, Arradon Court, Breton Close, Wealstone Lane, Well Lane, Bank Close and Newton Hall Drive.
- Greenacres, Orchard Manor, Wealstone, Crabwell Hall and all who live and work in these homes.

### OFFERTORY:

**St. Columba's:** Loose Plate £420.24; Planned Giving £476.10; Average Weekly STOs £720.00; Candles £53.47.

**St. Theresa's:** £252.62 plus average weekly STOs £130.

### SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE:

#### St. Columba's:

8<sup>th</sup> Jan Sue C OAKS

15<sup>th</sup> 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.

### FLAME III: 10,000 REASONS:

Bishop Mark invites young people from the Diocese to join him at **Flame 3:10,000 Reasons** in Wembley on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2017**. This huge national youth event is organised by 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 directly. See posters in the porches and the parish website. Details from 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 **Mondays 11, 18 and 25 January, and 1 February**.

Further details on the leaflet on the notice boards, or from [helen.jones@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:helen.jones@dioceseofshrewsbury.org), 0151 652 9855.

### WALSINGHAM RETREAT 24-27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2017:

The cost of the retreat is £225pp and a deposit of £30 is required. Cheques should be made to J.Doherty can be given to Carol Galvin or Sue Carr at St Columba's or to Gerry at St Theresa's

### 200 CLUB (ST THERESA'S)

Thanks to those who have taken the new envelopes, there are still some left so please take yours if you haven't already done

### SVP:

SVP meetings will resume on the 10<sup>th</sup> Jan at 7:00pm in the Iona chapel of St Columba's and will continue there every Tuesday in January. As we are still in the process of recruiting members, all are welcome to attend. Anyone interested please contact Mark Traynor. [marktraynor96@gmail.com](mailto:marktraynor96@gmail.com) tel. 07752317772.

### ST PIO PRAYER GROUP:

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the January meeting is cancelled. Apologies to all.

### CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations to Jane Casey on receiving from Pope Francis the papal medal, Benemerenti. The medal is an honour awarded by the Pope to members of the clergy and laity for service to the Catholic Church. The current version of the Benemerenti medal was designed by Blessed Pope Paul VI. The medal is a gold Greek cross depicting Christ with his hand raised in blessing. On the left arm of the Cross is the tiara and crossed keys symbol of the papacy. On the right arm is the coat of arms of the current Pope. The medal is suspended on a yellow and white ribbon. Benemerenti means to a "well deserving person" and I am sure we all agree that Jane fits this description.

### SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

Important date for your diaries – Feb 3rd from 7.30pm to 10.30pm in St Theresa's Social Centre – "A Musical Evening" featuring homegrown talent!!! More details to follow.

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

The next Catholic Women's League meeting will be on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January at St Francis Church Hall after midday Mass. Lunch will be provided.

### SPIRITANS:

A domestic assistant is required to work from mid-afternoon to early evening, Monday to Friday, for a retirement community of missionary priests in Chester. For more details, please contact Fr. Mark Connolly (07796 386924). Applications to be in by 31<sup>st</sup> January.

### CLEANERS' ROTA B (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](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 Harry Sweeney, 01244 327462, E-mail: [harrye\\_sweeney@hotmail.com](mailto:harrye_sweeney@hotmail.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. Website: [www.stcolumbachester.org.uk](http://www.stcolumbachester.org.uk)