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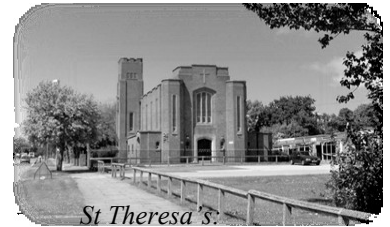
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- ❖ Chester Hospitals' Chaplaincy: Tel: 01244 364543, answer phone available.
- ❖ Parish Safeguarding Representative: Claire Graham. Tel 01244 341287 or 0788 055 3830.

CHRISTMASTIDE 30th/31st DECEMBER 2017

Saturday 30th December – 6th Day of Christmas Octave

St. Theresa's 10.00 a.m. **NO MASS**
St. Columba's 6.30 p.m. Joan & Frederick Hodson -
Vigil

Sunday 31st December – The Holy Family

St. Theresa's 9.30 a.m. David & George Joyce RIP
St. Columba's 11.00 a.m. Parishioners Intentions

Monday 1st January – Mary Mother of God

St. Theresa's **10.00** a.m. Graham George
St. Columba's **12 noon** Stephen Jones RIP
7.00 p.m. Bernard Harvey RIP

Tuesday 2nd January Ss Basil the Great, B.D. & Gregory Nazianzen B.D.

St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. The Hines Family
St. Theresa's 6.30 p.m. Private Intentions

Wednesday 3rd January

St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Clergy Secular Fund
St. Theresa's 7.00 p.m. Priest's Intention

Thursday 4th January

St. Theresa's 9.00 a.m. Charles Woods RIP
St. Columba's **11.00 a.m.** **Funeral Service for
Shirley Margaret Redmond**

Friday 5th January

St. Theresa's 8-8.55a.m. Expos. of Blessed Sacrament
9.30 a.m. Teresa Quirke RIP
St. Columba's 7.00 p.m. Carmel & James Delahunty

Saturday 6th January

St. Theresa's **NO MASS**
St. Columba's 6.30 p.m. Sheila Donovan - **Vigil**

Sunday 7th January

St. Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Susan Taylor RIP
St. Columba's 11.00 a.m. Parishioners Intentions

CONFESSION:

St. Columba's: Between 6.00 p.m. and 6.25 p.m. before the Vigil Mass. At other times by arrangement with Fr. Jonathan.

St. Theresa's: Confessions are heard after every weekday Mass.

BAPTISMS:

St. Columba's: By appointment. After speaking to Fr. Jonathan to arrange a date, please contact Claire O'Donnell 07743704383 (text or 'phone').

St. Theresa's: Please contact Mike Maxwell 07851 720217 (text or phone).

THANK YOU!

Many thanks indeed for all the hard work and activity that took place in both our churches, in the decorations and in the preparation of all the services throughout the Christmas period. It all led to a wonderful celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord.

OFFERTORY:

St. Columba's: Loose plate £361.54; Planned Giving 350.65; Average weekly standing orders £735; Candles £61.73; SPUC £32.40

Christmas: Loose plate £2137.56; Planned Giving £619.87; Candles £39.38

St. Theresa's: £693.54 plus £100 average standing orders
Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

COLLECTION FOR CARITAS:

Thank you very much for your generous offerings in the retiring collection at Christmas for Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury, raising a total of £827. 44p. in support of their work.

LATELY DEAD:

Please pray for **Joan Baxter**, **Bernard Harvey**, and **Shirley Margaret Redmond** who have died recently. May the Lord grant them Eternal Life and console their families and friends. A Funeral Service for Shirley Margaret Redmond will be held on Thursday 4th January at 11.00 a.m. at St. Columba's Church. The Requiem Mass for Joan Baxter will be at St. Werburgh's Church at 12 noon on Tuesday 9th January.

ST. COLUMBA'S ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: 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, Eileen Josephine Donoughue, Ada Laura Savage, Sean Floyd, Harold Sweeney, Lawrence Stevens, John Hughes, Margaret Johnson, Frances Joseph Burk, Christopher Garner, Ester Rose Parker, Susan Sweeney, Agnes Morris, Martin McKenna (Jnr), Mary Upton, Robert Henry (Harry) Barton, Mary (Marie) Rose Shepherd, Les Christian, John Lloyd Hughes, Hilary Makinson, Alf Humphreys, Horace (James) Doyle

ST. THERESA'S ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Joan Mary Warrington, Mary Monica Evans, Edward Walter McHugh, Albert Edward Parry, Reginald Francis Packwood, Beatrice Eileen Barnes, Helen Veronica Lyons, Anthony David Kiddell, Edith Mary Burton, Patrick John McNally, Thomas Francis Raftery, Thomas Leslie Wilcock, Cecily Hope Jones, David Mooney, Joan Jacqueline Mackin, William Christopher Knox, Patricia Ann Stokes

UPTON & BLACON CHURCHES TOGETHER:

This week we pray for the residents of:

- Dorset Road, Shipbrook Road, Mannings Lane South, Peckforton Way, Palmerston Way, Meadowside Mews, Highcliffe Avenue, Sherwood Road.
- For the work of Churches Together in Upton and Churches Together in Chester.
- For the Churches in Upton: Holy Ascension, United Reformed, St Columba's and the Baptist Church.

HOSPITAL MASS:

The regular "First Thursday" Mass will be celebrated on 4th January at 12.15pm 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.

JOIN US FOR THIS NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE

Churches Together in Upton are holding a short service at Holy Ascension Church on **Sunday 31st Dec** at 4.30pm. This will be followed by refreshments of tea/coffee & mince pies. Everyone welcome.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE:

31st Dec Eileen and Alison Parish
7th Jan Sue Carr OAKS

14th Jan volunteers required please

21st Jan volunteers required please

Tea coffee and juice are available in the hall after the 11 am Mass. All welcome.

There are several vacancies on the tea and coffee rota in 2018, so we do need your support. Please call Marg Curtis on 318424 to choose a Sunday when you can raise money for your chosen charity.

St Theresa's:

Tea, coffee and juice are available in the Parish Club after 9.30 am Mass. All are very welcome.

VINTAGE BLACON:

Please help your parish as part of Vintage Blacon to develop the " Hope Community Garden" at the URC. We hope this garden will be used widely with the people of Blacon and the surrounding area who have loneliness and isolation issues. You can really help if you shop at Tesco in the Chester area, please ask at the till when paying, for a blue charity token and place it in the Vintage Blacon section of the stand on your way out.
Many thanks, Brendan Doyle.

SAFEGUARDING: All adults helping at the children's liturgy or volunteering at church with children or vulnerable adults must have a DBS certificate. Please contact Claire Graham on 07880553830/01244 981228 or e mail senco@stwerburghscolumba.cheshire.sch.uk

ADVENT AND BEYOND:

The Catholic Franciscan priest and renowned author Fr Richard Rohr whose ecumenical teaching is grounded in contemplation and compassion, sends out daily or weekly meditations from his centre in New Mexico. To sign up, or see previous meditations go to www.cac.org and click on reflect.

ST THERESA'S GRAND DRAW:

The winners of the latest GRAND DRAW are £50 G Hankin. £50 M. Price £100 M. Dunne £100 and £150 M. Lane Thank you to all who support this. If you would like to join the 200 club there are forms available in the porch at both

churches. After choosing an available number you pay £1 per week for 25 weeks, you can also pay £5 per month or a one off £25 or by standing order. At the end of the 25 week cycle there is a GRAND DRAW with prizes of £150 £100 and £50 If numbers increase sufficiently there would be more draws for lesser amounts made each month.

SHREWSBURY VOICE:

Copies of the Christmas issue of the Diocesan magazine are now available in the church porches, price £1.00.

"REBUILD DOMINICA WITH FISH & CHIPS"

The Catenians invite you to their Annual Fish & Chip Supper at 7.30pm on Friday 12th January at Saint Columba's Hall.

The proceeds will go to support the fundraising for Dominica following the devastation of Hurricane Maria.

Everyone is welcome to join us to raise much needed support for the hard ongoing work. Many thanks for the generous support of the Parish both with your prayers and from the recent cake sale.

Tickets £8 from Peter Devine on 07825172932 or email pdevine@devineandco.co.uk

CATECHISTS' TRAINING DAY:

The next meeting for Catechists will be an opportunity for *Sharing Best Practice*. Miss Caroline Farey (Maryvale Institute & The School of the Annunciation) will listen to your exchanges, and offer practical advice for the situations you are facing. Venue: Our Lady's, Ellesmere Port; **Sat 13 Jan 2018**, (9:30) 10:00-11:50. See poster with relevant information. Enquiries: Barbara Davies (07730 526821); Registration: Helen Jones (helen.jones@dioceseofshrewsbury.org).

MULTI ACADEMY TRUSTS DIRECTOR VACANCIES:

The Diocese is looking to recruit Foundation Directors for the seven Multi Academy Education Trusts within Shrewsbury Diocese. For further information see posters on the noticeboards and parish website.

URGENT NOTICE RE ST. COLUMBA'S HEATERS:

Please, please, please do not switch off the heaters in church. Switching off any heater makes the remaining ones work harder and longer. It also means that someone has to spend time checking that all the heaters are switched on every week otherwise the church is not heated properly. If where you sit is too hot then please move further away from the heaters.

Pauline Rourke, Secretary Buildings Committee.

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 Harry Sweeney
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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.

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