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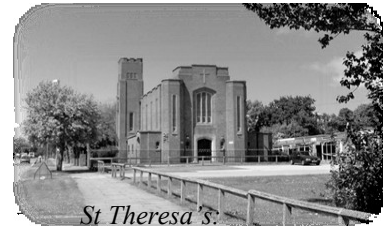
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- ❖ Parish Safeguarding Representative: Claire Graham. Tel 01244 341287 or 0788 055 3830.

## 10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2017 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December

St. Theresa's 10.00 a.m. Parishioners Intentions  
St. Columba's 6.30 p.m. The Parish **Vigil Mass**

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December

St. Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Keith Evans  
St. Columba's 11.00 a.m. Frank Murphy

### Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December

St. Theresa's 9.00 a.m. Special Intention  
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Secular Clergy Fund

### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. **NO MORNING MASS**  
**Requiem Mass 12 noon May Merchant RIP**  
St. Theresa's 6.30 p.m. Francis Dunne

### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – St. Lucy, V.M.

St. Theresa's 9.00 a.m. Priest's Intention  
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Janette Doherty

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – St. John of the Cross, P.D

St. Theresa's 9.00 a.m. Private Intention  
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Mary O'Sullivan

### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

St Theresa's 8.30a.m-9.25 a.m. Expos. of the Blessed  
Sacrament  
9.30 a.m. Mark Richards RIP  
St Columba's 7.00 p.m. Ciarer & Andrew  
O'Sullivan

### Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December

St. Theresa's 10.00 a.m. Parishioners Intentions  
St. Columba's 6.30 p.m. The Parish – **Vigil Mass**

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December

St. Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Frank & Mary Lally RIP  
St. Columba's 11.00 a.m. The Parer Family

### **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.

### **CONFIRMATION:**

Congratulations to Grace and Ben from St. Theresa's church who were confirmed recently. May God bless them and their families.

### **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).

### **OFFERTORY:**

**St. Columba's:** Loose plate £452.31; Planned Giving 437.21; Average weekly standing orders £735. Donations: Survive-Miva £536.17; Priests' Training Fund £538.25; Candles £51.70.

**St. Theresa's:** £312.58 plus average standing orders of £100.

*Thank you for your continued generosity and support.*

### **LATELY DEAD:**

Please pray for **Janette Doherty** who died recently. May the Lord grant her Eternal Life and console her family and friends.

A **Requiem Mass** will be held at St. Columba's for **Janette** on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00 a.m.

### **ST. COLUMBA'S ANNIVERSARIES:**

Please remember in your prayers: Richard Newbrook, Jane Stubbs, 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.

### **ST. THERESA'S ANNIVERSARIES:**

Please remember in your prayers: Anthony Smith, Eileen Mary Scanlan, Maureen Avis Jones, Winifred Smellie, Mary Theresa Connolly, Effrieda Pagowski, Helena Tyrrell, Marjorie Mary Bailiff, Catherine Lawrence, Winifred Williamson, Joseph Gregory, Patricia Rogers.

### **FIRST SACRAMENTS ENROLMENT MASS**

#### **(St Theresa's):**

Today we welcome the children and parents to the 9.30am Mass as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of First Forgiveness and Holy Communion. Please remember them in your prayers.

## SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE:

### St. Columba's:

10<sup>th</sup> Dec SVP SVP  
17<sup>th</sup> Dec Heather Lannin Sierra Leone  
24<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Eve

*Tea, coffee and juice are available in the Hall after the 11 am Mass. All are welcome.*

### St Theresa's:

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

## UPTON & BLACON CHURCHES TOGETHER:

This week we pray for the residents of:

- Glastonbury Avenue, Tewkesbury Close, Marlowe Avenue, Hereford Place, Worcester Place, Ludlow Road, and Mayfield Road.
- For the Second Step Bereavement Care Scheme. For those who are bereaved and those who provide support.

## HOLY HOUR – SUNDAYS THROUGH ADVENT:

There will be a Holy Hour throughout Advent at St. Columba's between 4 and 5pm, which will include Evening Prayer and end with Benediction. Please try to attend.

## LOOKING AT THE ADVENT SUNDAY READINGS:

These talks continue on Tuesday 7.30.p.m. in the Iona Chapel. We'll be looking at the readings for the third Sunday in Advent. For further details see the poster on the Notice Boards or contact David Savage, 01244 380626.

## YOUTH GROUP:

The next Youth Group meeting will be **Tomorrow (Monday 11th December)** from 7.15 pm to 9pm, beginning in the Iona Chapel and moving over to St. Columba's Hall for games and Christmas activities. If you are 10 to 14 years old please come along and have fun with other young people from our Chester parishes.

## ST. PIO PRAYER GROUP:

The next meeting is on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**, starting at 7.30pm, at 10 Totland Grove, Newton, Chester CH2 2EY.

## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:

There will be a collection after both Masses next weekend 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> December towards the cost of flowers for the Christmas season and the coming year. Thank you in anticipation of your continued generous support.

## CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL P.A. CAROL SERVICE:

This will be held on **Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December** at 6.30 pm at the Catholic High School, followed by refreshments, a Christmas raffle and musical entertainment by the School Jazz Band. Free Entrance, everybody is welcome.

## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS LEAFLET:

Please take home with you this leaflet which gives details of the Masses and other events planned for the weeks of Advent and Christmastime. The diary should make it easier to follow the details week by week.

## CHRISTINGLES AT ST COLUMBA'S:

These will be distributed at 11 o'clock mass on the Third Sunday of Advent 17<sup>th</sup> December. If you would like to join in with making them, please come to the church hall on Sunday before mass (from 10am).

## CHRISTMAS DAY NATIVITY, 11.00 a.m. MASS:

Children are invited to take part in the Nativity Scene at the 11.00 a.m. Mass at St. Columba's on Christmas morning. Could parents of any children interested please get in touch with Pauline Payne (01244 350323) or email [pauline.payne4@btinternet.com](mailto:pauline.payne4@btinternet.com) this week. The clothes can be collected from the Iona Chapel after the 11.00 a.m. Mass **today and next Sunday, 17th December**, and there will be a short practice (no words to learn!).

## 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 (St. Theresa's Director of Vintage Blacon).

## ST. THERESA'S & ST. COLUMBA'S SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Carol Service Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

The Carol Service will be held at St. Theresa's at 6.30pm, followed by mulled wine and mince pies in St. Theresa's Centre. The event is linked to “The Great Christmas Get Together”, an initiative of The Jo Cox Foundation which is aimed at bringing communities together and fighting loneliness. So please come and bring a friend/ neighbour who may be feeling lonely this year and share some singing and a mince pie!

## COMMUNITY CAROLS, UPTON:

Upton Parish Council is holding a carol service at Upton Pavilion on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 6.30pm**, accompanied by members of Buckley Brass Band. This will be followed by free Christmas refreshments (mince pies, hot drinks and mulled wine). All welcome - just bring your best singing voices!!

## CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY:

Calling all shepherds, kings, angels and Mary and Joseph. If you would like to take part in the short Nativity at the 6pm Christmas Eve Children's Mass please contact Claire Graham on 07880553830 / 01244 981228 or email [senco@stwerburghscolumba.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:senco@stwerburghscolumba.cheshire.sch.uk)

## 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 Eileen Irwin Tel: 01244 371660 e-mail: [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..  
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