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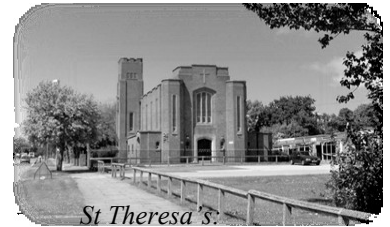
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- ❖ Chester Hospitals' Chaplaincy: Tel: 01244 364543, answer phone available.
- ❖ Parish Safeguarding Representative: Claire Graham. Tel 01244 341287 or 0788 055 3830.

## 17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2017 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### 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

### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December

St. Theresa's 9.00 a.m. Special Intention  
St. Columba's **10.00 a.m. Requiem Mass for  
Janette Doherty**

### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Ita Edwards  
St. Theresa's N.B. **9.00 a.m.** Private Intention

### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. May Merchant  
St. Theresa's 7.00 p.m. Priest's Intention

### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December

St. Theresa's 9.00 a.m. Graham George RIP  
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Sean Backhouse

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

St Theresa's 8.30-9.25 a.m. Expos. of the Blessed  
Sacrament  
9.30 a.m. Charles Woods RIP  
6.30 p.m. **Carols followed by Mulled**

### **Wine & Mince Pies in the Parish Centre**

St Columba's **9.15 a.m.** Bob Green  
**NO EVENING MASS**

### Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December

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

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December

St. Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Nicholas Lancaster RIP  
St. Columba's 11.00 a.m. Margaret Brian & Family

### CHRISTMAS EVE

St Theresa's 4.30 p.m. Carols & Readings  
5.00 p.m. Children's Vigil Mass  
Special Intention  
St Columba's 6.00 p.m. The Parish-  
Children's Nativity  
9.00 p.m. May Merchant-Vigil Mass

### CHRISTMAS DAY

St Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Parishioners' Intentions  
St Columba's 9.15 a.m. Catherine Sullivan RIP  
11.00 a.m. Graham George RIP

### **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.

### **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.

### **OFFERTORY:**

**St. Columba's:** Loose plate £359.37; Planned Giving 469.73; Average weekly standing orders £735. Donations: Candles £53.11.

**St. Theresa's:** £164.34 plus average standing orders of £100.

*Thank you for your continued generosity and support.*

### **LATELY DEAD:**

Please pray for **Janette Doherty** and for **Winifred Mealing**, who died recently. May the Lord grant them Eternal Life and console their families 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:, Joe Corrigan, Adles Bronislaw, Vera Mary Michalak, Winifrid Roberts, John Joyce, Catherine Barford, Mary Foley, Michael Francis Sharkey, Micheal Hayes, Robert Smith-White, Patricia Ann Rose Howe, Nora Kinder, James Judge, Muriel Hoole, Gerard Monroe Gibbons, Sue McGann, Frances Williams, Bridie Rowley, Frances Williams, Samuel Joseph Kenyon, Margaret Hill, John Joseph Cox, John Thomas Williams, Desmond Joseph "Bob" Breen, John Carney, Sean Backhouse, David Thomas Cross, John Ignatius Mitchell Molly Massey, Charles Fisher, Connie Barlow, Maria Galvin, Nora Garry, Patrick Joseph Burke, John McLoughlin, Brigid Lynch, Terence Ogg, John Galvin Eileen Burden, Florence Toop, Nellie Lennon, Elizabeth Mary Teresa Rimmer, Gerry Hickey, Mike Ayland, Carol Finan, Michael Grisdale, James Edward Price, Sheila Hayden, Walter James Hale.

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

Please remember in your prayers: Marjorie Mary Bailiff, Catherine Lawrence, Winifred Williamson, Joseph Gregory, Patricia Rogers, Ethel Price, Patricia Elizabeth Bird, Frances Dwerryhouse, Ronald Joseph brown, Ellen Margaret Jones, Mary Moore, Louise Mary Brennan, Peter King Joyce, Winifred Johnson, Hendricus Cornelius Van Strien (Derek), Mary McLean, Francis Joseph Lally, William Mealor, John O'Kelly, Johanna Kavanagh, Jessica Constance Johnson, Myrna Eleanor Teresa Jarvis, Pamela Christine Meyrick, Emily Anne McManus.

## SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE:

### St. Columba's:

17<sup>th</sup> Dec Heather Lannin Sierra Leone

24<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Eve

31<sup>st</sup> Dec Any volunteers please?

*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.

## 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).

## UPTON & BLACON CHURCHES TOGETHER:

This week we pray for the residents of:

- Woburn Drive, Halton Road, Dorset Place, & Cotswold Close. Willow Dr. Naomi Close, Dentith Dr. Egerton Rd.
- For the Youth Clubs and Youth Workers in our churches.
- For all young people in our community.

## 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 will conclude on Tuesday 7.30.p.m. in the Iona Chapel. We'll be looking at the readings for the fourth and final Sunday in Advent. For further details see the poster on the Notice Boards or contact David Savage, 01244 380626.

## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:

There will be a collection after both Masses THIS 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 today.

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

The Carol Service is 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!

## JOIN US FOR THIS NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE

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

## NATIVITY (ST COLUMBA'S)

If you would like to take part in the short Nativity at the 6pm Christmas Eve Children's Mass Please contact Claire Graham (details below) If you can make it there will be a short practice after the 11am Mass today, 17<sup>th</sup> December.

**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@stwerburchscolumba.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:senco@stwerburchscolumba.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](http://www.cac.org) and click on reflect.

## 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](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 Bernard Payne Tel: 01244 350323 e-mail: [bernard.payne691@btinternet.com](mailto:bernard.payne691@btinternet.com)

Items for inclusion can be left in the Sacristy at either church.

Please ensure that all items are in place by **the earlier deadline of 9.00 a.m. on WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> DEC.** Please include a phone number in case of queries..

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