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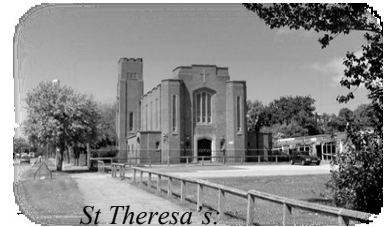
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- ❖ Chester Hospitals' Chaplaincy: Tel: 01244 364543, answer phone available.
- ❖ Parish Safeguarding Representative: Claire Graham. Tel 01244 341287 or 0788 055 3830.

## 23<sup>rd</sup> /24<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2017 ADVENT IV/CHRISTMASTIME

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

St. Theresa's 10.00 a.m. Parishioners' Intentions  
St. Columba's 6.30 p.m. Parishioners' Ints - **Vigil**

### 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 and Family

### CHRISTMAS EVE:

#### St. Theresa's : **Vigil Mass of Christmas:**

4.30 p.m. Readings & Carols  
5.00 p.m. Mass with Children's Nativity - Sp Int

#### St. Columba's: **Vigil Mass of Christmas:**

6.00 p.m. Mass with Children's Nativity –  
Francis & Kevin Connolly  
9.00 p.m. Night Mass - Parishioners' Intentions

### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December – The Nativity of The Lord

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

### Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> December – St. Stephen, M

St. Theresa's 10.00 a.m. Mena Pelegrini's Intentions  
St. Columba's **12 noon** Paul Murphy RIP

### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> December – St John, Ap. Ev

St. Columba's **11.00 a.m.** John & Julie Briody  
St. Theresa's 7.00 p.m. Constance Rowlands

### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December – The Holy Innocents

St. Theresa's 9.00 a.m. Anthony Becker  
1.30 p.m. School Service  
St. Columba's **11.00 a.m.** Ina Brophy  
**Funeral Service 12.30 p.m. Winifred Mealing**

### Friday 29<sup>th</sup> December – St. Thomas Beckett, B.M.

St. Theresa's 8.30 -9.25 a.m. Exposition of the  
Blessed Sacrament  
9.30 a.m. Graham George RIP  
St. Columba's **11.00 a.m.** John Lynch  
**NO EVENING MASS**

### Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> Dec – Sixth Day of Christmas Octave

St. Theresa's **NO MASS**  
St. Columba's 6.30 pm Joan & Fredrick Hodson – **Vigil**

### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December

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

**Please note the Mass Times changes during this week**

### 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 £424.97; Planned Giving 428.57; Average weekly standing orders £735. Candles £48.84.

**St. Theresa's:** £335.21 plus average standing orders of £100.

*Thank you for your continued generosity and support.*

### LATELY DEAD:

Please pray for **Winifred Mealing**, who died recently. May the Lord grant her Eternal Life and console her family and friends.

The Funeral Service will be held at St. Columba's on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December** at 12.30 p.m.

### ST. COLUMBA'S ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: John Galvin, Eileen Burden, Florence Toop, Nellie Lennon, Elizabeth Mary Teresa Rimmer, Gerry Hickey, Mike Ayland, Carol Finan, Michael Gridsale, James Edward Price, Sheila Hayden, Walter James Hale, George John, William John, Edward John, Doris McCleary, Ann Chesters, Thomas McGuinness, Frederick Nixon, Francis Wilkinson, Richard Bird, Paul Murphy, Marjorie Houlbrook, Elvet Roy Eaton, Joe Brickland, Mary Mitchell, Catherine Sheridan, Fred Beswick, Harry O'Koru, Kathleen Tallon, Kenneth Rhoden, Eva McDonnell, Adam Barnhill, James Ball, Thomas Edward Johnston, Jacobus Philips, Joseph Herbert Lucas, Evelyn Taylor, Harry Ralph, John Leonard, Teresa Helena Adams, 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

### ST. THERESA'S ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: William Mealor, John O'Kelly, Johanna Kavanagh, Jessica Constance Johnson, Myrna Eleanor Teresa Jarvis, Pamela Christine Meyrick, Emily Anne McManus, Rachel Mary Holmes, Mary Kate Whittaker, Jeremiah (Jerry) Ring, Monica Tully, Francis Kenneth Hanlon, Margaret Mary Condon, Rose Hayden, George Joseph Whittaker, Florence Mary Carter, Kenneth Gaynor, Kathleen Collins, Margaret Teresa Davis, William Leslie Williams (Les), Dorothy Boyes, Margaret Punter, Dylan Edward David Brown, Elizabeth Egan, Angela Lowe, Amelia Massey, Marion Wendy Noller, Mary Beatrice Dee, Eileen Packwood

## 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).

*Congratulations to the Rajan and O'Sullivan families who celebrated the baptism of Oliver Michael Rajan at St Columba's last Sunday. We welcome Oliver to St Columba's, please remember them all in your prayers.*

## UPTON & BLACON CHURCHES TOGETHER:

This week we pray for the residents of:

- Woodlea Avenue, Cornwall Road, Aldford Road, Provan Way, Saughall Road, Westbourne Road, Cranleigh crescent.
- For All Age Family Worship, Messy Church, Junior Church and Children's Liturgy
- For all children who attend our churches each Sunday and their leaders.

## 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.

## SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE:

### St. Columba's:

24<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Eve – NO COFFEES TODAY

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

*We do need more volunteers to arrange the teas, coffees and juice in the Hall after the 11 am Mass. Are you able to help? If so please contact Marg Curtis on 01244 318424. Dates are available for you to raise money for your own 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](mailto: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](http://www.cac.org) and click on reflect.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY:

Thanks to all those who braved the weather on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec to come to the Christmas Party and make it another successful occasion. Also, a thank you to everyone who helped out on the day and a big thank you to Upton Community Choir who provided us with excellent entertainment again.

## CARITAS AT CHRISTMAS 2017:

There will be retiring collection at all the Christmas Masses in support of CARITAS. Their work includes support for families in need within the Diocese, ensuring they have a Christmas meal and gifts to celebrate Christ's Birth and create happy family memories. Thank you for your support.

## SHREWSBURY VOICE:

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

## 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](mailto:helen.jones@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)).

## MULTI ACADEMY TRUSTS DIRECTOR VACANCIES:

The Diocese is looking to recruit Foundation Directors for the seven Multi Academy 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](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 Muriel Green Tel: 01244 383836  
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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.**

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