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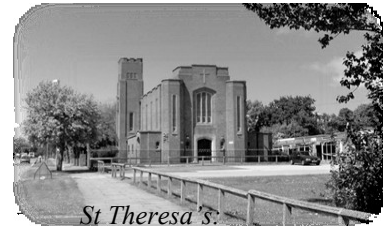
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- ❖ Parish Safeguarding Representative: Claire Graham. Tel 01244 341287 or 0788 055 3830.

**25<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2017**

**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

**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.

**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS from  
Fr Jonathan, Fr Isidore and Deacon  
Lawrence**

We would like to wish you and your families a very happy, holy and peaceful Christmas. We would also like to thank you for all your gifts and cards and for your continued support and generosity to our Parish of St. Columba and St. Theresa. It is your support and generosity which makes it possible for us to carry out our ministry among you.



**CRIB OFFERINGS AND RETIRING COLLECTION FOR  
CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY:**

Traditionally, the Crib offerings were for the Catholic Children's Society. As you know the work of the Catholic Children's Society has been expanded and has been renamed Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury. The Crib offerings and a retiring collection at the Christmas Masses will be for Caritas. This offers an opportunity to parishioners and visitors to the Parish over Christmas to support their work with children and families living in difficult circumstances and others in need.

**ACCEPTANCE INTO THE ORDER OF CATECHUMENS:**

Congratulations to Grizzly Alonso who was accepted into the Order of Catechumens last Sunday. Catechumen comes from the Greek word meaning "one being instructed". Becoming a catechumen marks the first formal step in Grizzly's preparation for Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion, God willing, at Easter. Please keep Grizzly and her sponsors in your prayers as she continues her preparation.

**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.

**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.

## 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 Grisdale, 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 Mealar, 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

## ADVENT, CHRISTMAS 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.

## 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.

**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)

## 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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