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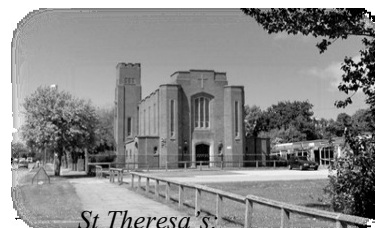
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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 7TH JANUARY 2018

Saturday 6th January 2018

St. Theresa's 10.00 a.m. NO MASS
St. Columba's 6.30 p.m. Sheila Donovan - Vigil

Sunday 7th January – Epiphany of The Lord

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

Monday 8th January – The Baptism of The Lord

St. Theresa's 9.00 a.m. Special Intention
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Frank Jeffes

Tuesday 9th January

St Columba's 9.15 a.m. Deacon Norman Carew
St. Theresa's 6.30 pm Private Intention

Wednesday 10th January

St Columba's 9.15 a.m. Francis Wilkinson RIP
St Theresa's 10.30 a.m. **Requiem Mass
For Michael Dunne RIP**

Thursday 11th January

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

Friday 12th January

St Theresa's 8-30 a.m-9.25 a.m. Expos. Of the Blessed
Sacrament
9.30 a.m. Graham George RIP
St Columba's 7.00p.m. Catherine Knox

Saturday 13th January

St. Theresa's 10.00a.m. NO MASS
St Columba's 6.30 pm Parishioners Intentions -
Vigil

Sunday 14th January

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

BAPTISMS:

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

St. Theresa's: To arrange a Baptism please contact Fr. Isidore.

OFFERTORY:

St. Columba's: Loose plate £445.30; Planned Giving £406.02; Average weekly standing orders £735; Badminton Group £150.

St. Theresa's: £301.26 plus £100 average standing orders
Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

LATELY DEAD:

Please pray for Bernard Harvey who died recently. May the Lord grant him Eternal Life and console his family and friends. A **Requiem Mass** for Bernard will take place at **St. Columba's on Thursday 18th January at 12 noon.**

Please remember in your prayers, Kathleen Astbury and Michael Dunne who died recently, and also their families. **The Requiem Mass for Michael Dunne is at St Theresa's on Wednesday 10th January at 10.30am. The Funeral Service for Kathleen Dunne is at Chester Crematorium on Monday 15th January at 2.40pm.** May they rest in peace.

The Requiem Mass for **Joan Baxter** will be at St. Werburgh's Church at 12 noon on Tuesday 9th January.

SHIRLEY MARGARET REYNARD:

Our many apologies to Shirley's family, and all concerned, for the mistake in naming Shirley as "Redmond" not Reynard, in last week's Newsletter item announcing her Funeral Service, held on 4th January at St Columba's Church. Please continue to pray for Shirley and for the consolation of her family and friends.

ST. COLUMBA'S ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Les Christian, John Lloyd Hughes, Hilary Makinson, Alf Humphreys, Horace (James) Doyle, Mary McCowne, Colin Blyth, John Ibell, Gerard McGlown, Helen Cadden, Frank Sydney Jeffes, Mary Morissey, Desmond Sutton, Michael Nicholson, Arthur Healey, Ivy Brithwaite, John Woods, John Bullen, Margaret Judge, Belle McRoberts, Frank Fell, Joseph Bowes, Jimmy Roy Ward, Joan Mary Cotter, Ivy Whitmee, Norah Byrne, Constance Wendy Mitchell, Margaret Kennedy, Catherine Lawson, Cyril Watkin, James Fairclough, Roy Sutton, Theresa Borg, Victoria Phillips, Reginald Benwell, Patrick Connelly, Margaret Josephine Hope, Anne Brough, Catherine (Kitty) Floyd, Edwardus Cartwright, Margaret Latham, Elizabeth Croghan, Alphonse Kaleta, Dr. Marcel Cretois, Joan Edmund Tyrrell, John McGuinness, Emily Elgie, Bernard Joseph Adams, Mary Regan, William Walker, Ann Roberts, Samuel Grouke, Victoria Nisperos Scott, Samantha Edwards, Eric Boardman, Gillian Pendleton.

ST. THERESA'S ANNIVERSARIES:

Please remember in your prayers: Thomas Francis Raftery, Thomas Leslie Wilcock, Cecily Hope Jones, David Mooney,

Joan Jacqueline Mackin William Christopher Knox, Patricia Ann Stokes, Catherine Fitzpatrick, Catherine Childs, Winifride Massey, Margaret Mary Mahon, Ive Whitmee, Irene Mary Roberts, Patricia Huxley, Agnes Mary Cox, Joan Hewson, John Alan Dodsworth, Mary (Molly) Lea, Thomas Lee, Rose Pickering, William David Noble, Marshall Howard Evans.

SECOND COLLECTIONS/ RETIRING COLLECTIONS:

During the course of the year we are asked as a parish to take up various collections to support national Catholic Charities and agencies. These take the form of a retiring collection. It is important to emphasise that all collections taken in church are an invitation to contribute and while it is important that we are as generous as possible no one should feel obliged to contribute. There are various reasons why you may not wish to donate; perhaps money is tight at a particular moment or simply you do not want to give to a particular charity or agency. The important thing is that we think conscientiously about whether we want to and whether we can afford to contribute. This is a personal decision for each one to make. All contributions great and small are appreciated. Thank you for your generosity to the parish and to the second collections. Listed below are the collections which we are asked to take up during 2018: **Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury** (Christmas); **Priests' Retirement Fund** (14 January); **Lenten Alms** (Lent); **Cafod Fast I** (23 February); **Cafod II** (5th October); **Holy Places** (Good Friday); **World Communications Day** (13 May); **Day for Life** (17 June); **Peter's Pence** (1 July); **Apostleship of the Sea** (8th July); **Home Mission Sunday** (16 September); **World Mission Sunday APF** (21 October); **Clergy Education and Training Fund** (18 November) Some time during the year we are also visited by a different missionary congregation whom we are asked to support. This year it is our friends and neighbours the Spiritans.

RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND - SPECIAL COLLECTION:

Next weekend the annual Collection for the Retired Priests' Fund will be held. With your help, we can build up the Fund to help meet the future needs of our sick and retired priests. Special Envelopes are available for you to use. A Leaflet about the Fund is also available which explains how to make a regular donation to the Fund by Standing Order, or how you can make your donation by cheque. It also explains how to take advantage of Gift Aid for your donations to the Fund. I ask that you give as generously as you can to this very worthy cause and would also like to express my sincere gratitude for your continued support.

With every blessing,

+ Mark **Bishop of Shrewsbury**

UPTON & BLACON CHURCHES TOGETHER:

This week we pray for the residents of:

- Newhall Road, Winston Court, Arradon Court, Breton Close, Wealstone Lane, Well Lane, Bank Close, Newton Hall Drive, Norris Road, Lynwood Road, Burton Road and Norman Way.
- For Greenacres, Orchard Manor, Wealstone and Crabwall Hall, For all those who live and work in these Homes.

WORLD DAY OF PEACE, 1 JANUARY 2018:

Each year since 1967 the Pope has issued a Message to advance the belief that peace is the only true direction of human progress. This year, for the 51st World Day of Peace, the Message from Pope Francis gives his reflections on the theme *Migrants and refugees: men and women in search of*

peace. There is a link to the Pope's Message on the parish website, Resources section.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE:

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 11am Mass. All welcome.

There are several vacancies on the tea/coffee rota. We do need your support. Please call Marg Curtis 318424 to choose a Sunday when you can raise money for a charity of your choice.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY:

There will be a joint service at St Theresa's at 2pm on Thursday 18th January. All welcome.

SPIRITAN APPEAL AT ST THERESA'S:

Next Sunday, 14th January, there will be an appeal on behalf of the Spiritans.

200 CLUB:

New members wishing to join the 200 club must return their forms by this weekend. Please put your telephone number on the form so that we can contact you to issue you with a number for the draw. Forms are available in the porches of both churches. Envelopes for existing members are available at the back of St Theresa's church.

"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).

ST PIO PRAYER GROUP:

The next meeting is on Thursday 11th January, starting at 7.30 p.m. in 10 Totland Grove, Newton, Chester CH2 2EY.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

The first meeting for 2018 will be on Monday 8th January at St Francis Church Hall, following 12 pm Mass. Light lunch will be provided. New members would be welcome.

YOUTH GROUP:

Next youth group, for 10 to 14 year olds, will be on Monday 15th January, 7.15pm start in the Iona Chapel, prompt finish at 9pm in the hall. New members welcome - please come, learn a little more about living our faith and have fun playing games, activities, eating etc.

ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF PARISH BAPTISMS:

11.00 am Mass on Sunday 14th January will include a celebration of baptisms performed in the Parish during 2017. Families concerned have been specially invited; the Penitential Act at Mass will include the blessing and sprinkling of water, and the renewal of Baptismal Promises will replace then Creed. There will be light refreshments in the Hall afterwards to which all will be welcome.

GIFT AID RECOVERY – ST COLUMBA’S:

The total amount recovered from HMRC through the Gift Aid scheme at St Columba’s in the tax year ended in April 2017 was £13,039.23. This has been credited to the parish central fund held by the diocese. This is the fund which provides for major expenditure in the parish. Many thanks to those of you who make your offertory donations through the Gift Aid scheme. For more information about the scheme please contact David Savage 01244 380626.

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

SVP COLLECTION :

The SVP will be collecting socks and underwear (male and female) to help people supported by Chester Aid to the Homeless. Please feel free to "re-gift" any unwanted presents or donate any new items. There will be collection boxes in the porch. Many thanks for your generosity.

DAY CENTRE FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE:

Do you know anyone who'd like some respite for an elderly friend or relative suffering from dementia or other age related illnesses (or just lonely.) A new day centre is starting in the new year offering lots of different activities with two course lunch. On 8th and 9th January there will be free taster sessions from 1-3pm, to book or to register interest please contact Louise Gornall. Tel. 07929771844 or louise@alwaysactive.org.uk

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.

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 Rebecca Vaughan
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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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