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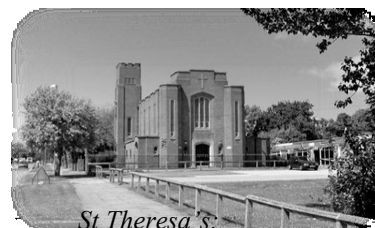
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## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2018

### Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January

St. Theresa's 10.00 a.m. Eileen O'Sullivan RIP  
St. Columba's 6.30 p.m. The Parish - **Vigil Mass**

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January

St. Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Margaret Parry RIP  
St. Columba's 11.00 a.m. May Merchant RIP

### Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January

St. Theresa's 12.45 p.m. **Requiem Mass for Jean  
Barbara Blake**  
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Secular Clergy Fund

### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January

St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Joan Bullough RIP  
St. Theresa's 6.30 p.m. Parishioners' Intentions

### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January – St Francis de Sales, B.D.

St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Eileen Morgan RIP  
St. Theresa's 7.00 p.m. Priest's Intention

### Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> January – The Conversion of St. Paul, Ap

St. Theresa's 9.00 a.m. Private Intention  
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Winnie Mealing

### Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January – Ss Timothy and Titus, B

St. Theresa's 8-30-9.25 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed  
Sacrament  
9.30 a.m. Jim Barlow RIP  
St. Columba's 7.00 p.m. Priest's Intention

### Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January

St. Theresa's 10.00a.m. **NO MASS**  
St. Columba's 6.30 p.m. Joan & Frederick - **Vigil**

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January

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

### **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 07743 704383.

**St. Theresa's:** To arrange a Baptism, please contact Fr. Isidore or Mike Maxwell 07851 720217 (text or phone).

*Congratulations to the Earle family and friends as they celebrate the baptism of Edie Grace this Sunday at St. Columba's. Please pray for the family as they begin a life of faith together.*

### **LATELY DEAD:**

Please remember in your prayers, Jean Barbara Blake whose Requiem Mass is at 12.45pm at St. Theresa's on **Monday 22nd January**. May she rest in peace.

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

Please remember in your prayers: Elsie Rowlands, William Woods, Mgr. George Roger Leonard, Joan Connolly, Nora Margaret Connolly, David Noel Beckett, Bridget O'Malley, William Hope, Mary (Molly) Tallon, Monica Tweedle, Olivia Trotter, Tony Comerford, Richard Monet, James Kilcoyne, Florence Donnolly, Dorothy Tallon, Reginald Walpole, Anne Cunniff, Ivy Katherine Vickery, Mary McCallum, Michael Gritten, William Carter, Edward Halligan, John Mahoney, Robert Stephen Macdonald, Vicky Smith, Reginald Paul Harrison, Susan Pollock, Charles Dutton, Christine Elizabeth Colgan, Ann-Marie Loughlin, Gladys Lilian Shanley, Patricia Banks, Margaret Johnstone, Malcolm Anthony de-Monte, Mary (Mollie) Callow, Robert Charles Gore, Julia Jones, Mary Thompson, Sean Murphy, Anne Gritten, Adam Turner, Josephine Patricia Grehan, Phoebe Phillips, Molly Choppen.

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

Please remember in your prayers: Eugene O'Toole, Denis Ivers, Adrienne Veronica Coles, William Rogers, Margaret Parry, Kathleen Mary Wynne, William McGeever, Bridget Smith, Henry Swinburnes, Christina (Nina) Delaney, Joseph Franciier Jaworgyn, Miriam Rownbill.

### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

It was decided at the Pastoral Council meeting to limit the anniversaries in the newsletter to those who have died from 2000 onwards. If anyone wishes the anniversaries to date from before this please inform Carol Galvin (tel 01244 624019 or Eileen Irwin (tel: 01244 371660)

### **OFFERTORY:**

**St. Columba's:** Loose plate £423.56; Planned Giving £334.91; Average weekly standing orders £735; candles £62.57.

**St. Theresa's:** £242.22 plus £80 average standing orders  
*Thank you for your continued generosity and support.*

### **THE DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY CARITAS APPEAL:**

Thank you to the parishioners of St Columba's for your generosity to the above fund, you raised £827.44.

## **RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND - SPECIAL COLLECTION: St. Theresa's: 28<sup>th</sup> Jan.**

The annual Special Collection for the Retired Priests' Fund is being held at St. Theresa's on this date. 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. If you use weekly Offertory Envelopes, please can I ask that you write in your envelope number. If you do not have your Offertory Envelope with you, or you give to your Parish by means of a Standing Order, write in your name and home address. In this way, it will be possible to reclaim the tax on your donation if you have joined the Gift Aid scheme.

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:

- Shocklach Road, Horrocks Road and Bolesworth Road.
- For the choirs and music groups.
- For uniting all who play and sing from the three churches.

## **SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE:**

21 <sup>st</sup> Jan	SVP	SVP
28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	21st Guides	Themselves
4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Chris & Elizabeth	Tombola
11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	CWL	CWL

Tea coffee and juice are available in the hall after the 11am Mass. All are 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:**

The Churches Together in Cheshire service for the Week of Prayer will be held at 3.30p.m **this Sunday 21 January** at Chester Cathedral, when the preacher will be the Archbishop of York, the Rt. Revd. Dr. John Sentamu. The liturgy has been prepared by The Churches of the Caribbean. All those interested will be made very welcome.

- Thanks to those who went along to the Week of Prayer service at St Theresa's last Thursday.

## **FIRST FORGIVENESS :**

On **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January** 25 children from St Columba's parish will receive the Sacrament of First Forgiveness in a special service of celebration at 10.00am. Please pray for the children and their families at this special time in their faith journeys.

## **CHESTER CATHEDRAL PUBLIC WORKSHOP**

### **SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> JAN:**

There is a huge humanitarian crisis affecting many countries across the world today, none more so than Syria. Come and learn about the work going on locally to support refugees both in Chester and internationally with speakers from Jacob's Ladder (the cathedral awareness-raising group), P3 (providing housing support), CHAWREC (providing language and social

support), and SHARE (working both locally and internationally). Find out how you can get involved.

The Workshop will be in the Cathedral South Transept, 6.30-8.00pm.

## **MASS FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE:**

If there are any couples in your parish who are celebrating significant wedding anniversaries during the course of 2018 and who would like to receive an invitation from the Bishop to participate in the Annual Diocesan Mass for the Celebration of Marriage at Our Lady & St Christopher's, Romiley on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February** at 12 noon, would you please let me have their names, addresses and the number of years of marriage they are celebrating. All married couples are welcome to this Mass but invitations from the Bishop will only be sent to those celebrating significant anniversaries this year.

## **RCIA PROGRAMME 2018:**

The Diocese has set the following dates for the RCIA programme:

- The Bishop's Retreat for catechumens, candidates, sponsors and catechists will take place on **Saturday 3 February at Saint Joseph's Parish Centre, Birkenhead**
- The Rite of Election will take place on the **First Sunday of Lent, Sunday 18 February at the Cathedral**
- The Mass of Thanksgiving will take place on **Saturday 19 May at 12 noon at Our Lady and Saint Christopher's, Romiley**

Further details, a copy of the RCIA Information pack and booking forms to download can be found on the Diocesan website at [www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/catholic-faith/sacraments/rcia](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/catholic-faith/sacraments/rcia)

## **CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION:**

There will be a Bingo Night on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February** 7 pm at the Catholic High School. A bar and tuck shop will be open. Raising funds for new sport kits and equipment. Adults and children welcome.

## **SVP COLLECTION FOR JANUARY:**

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.

## **SVP HOLIDAY HOME MUSIC NIGHT:**

There will be a Music Night in aid of the SVP Holiday home in St. Columba's Hall on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February**. The entertainment will be provided by the Catholic High School Band (City Jazz), Nuns and Rosaries, and Guests. Tickets are £10 and are available from Mark Traynor tel: 07752 317772 email: [marktraynor96@gmail.com](mailto:marktraynor96@gmail.com) Bar available

## **ST THERESA'S & ST COLUMBA'S SOCIAL CTTEE:**

Back by popular demand – An evening of music and merriment in St Theresa's Centre on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February (note-change of date)** from 7.30p.m. – 10.30p.m. More details to follow but please put the date in your diaries!

## **WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE:**

This has now been taken on by a new person so can all of those people who have said they are going please telephone or e mail Gerry Templeton with their 'phone number and e mail address asap. Many thanks

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**THANK YOU:**

Thank you for your support for O.A.K.S. coffee morning on 7<sup>th</sup> January. We raised £70.00 which has gone to help with the running of the school in Bo, Sierra Leone.

**THANK YOU:**

Survive-Miva would like to thank the parishioners of St Columba's Chester for their generosity in giving a total of £632.17.

**SPIRITAN APPEAL:**

Many thanks for the £178 84 collected last weekend for the Spiritan Appeal at St Theresa's.

**THANK YOU FROM THE CHESTER CATENIANS:**

The Annual Fish & Chip Supper was a great success, thank you for your support and you raised £800.00 for the 'Rebuild **Dominica**' charitable cause.

For contact information about The Catenians see below:

- Mike Vickers E-Mail: [mvickers@mvp-nw.co.uk](mailto:mvickers@mvp-nw.co.uk)
- Francis Coxhead E-Mail: [fcxhead@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:fcxhead@yahoo.co.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  
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**NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:**

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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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