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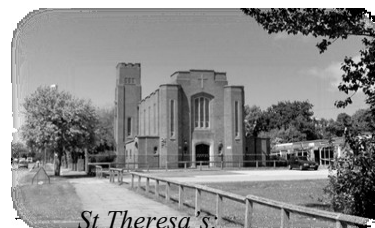
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- ❖ Chester Hospitals' Chaplaincy: Tel: 01244 364543, answer phone available.
- ❖ Parish Safeguarding Representative: Claire Graham. Tel 01244 341287 or 0788 055 3830.

## 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 2<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER 2018

### Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December

St Theresa's 10.00 a.m. Priest's Intentions  
St. Columba's 6.30 p.m. Keevlin McCann - Vigil

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

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

### Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

St Theresa's 9.00 a.m. Private Intention  
St Columba's 9.15 a.m. P.I. (STR)

### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December

St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Rene Brandon RIP  
St Theresa's 6.30 p.m. Special Intention

### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December

St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Paul McClean  
St Theresa's 7.00 p.m. Rene Brandon RIP

### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December

St Theresa's 9.00 a.m. Priest's Intention  
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. James Chapman

### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December

St Theresa's 8.00-8.55am Expos. of the Blessed Sacrament  
9.00 a.m. Private Intention  
St. Columba's 7.00 p.m. Clergy Secular Fund

### Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December

St Theresa's 10.00 a.m. Parishioners Intentions  
St. Columba's 6.30 p.m. Adrian Walmsley

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

St Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Sheila Tatler RIP  
St. Columba's 11.00 a.m. The Parish

### **MORNING PRAYER (St Columba's):**

Until further notice Morning Prayer will take place before the Blessed Sacrament in Church 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 in the Iona Chapel.

### **CONFESSIONS**

**St. Columba's:** Between 6.00 pm and 6.25 pm before the Vigil Mass. At other times by arrangement with Fr. Jonathan.

**St. Theresa's:** 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 on 07851 720217 or email [mike.max28@gmail.com](mailto:mike.max28@gmail.com)

### **ST COLUMBA'S AND ST THERESA'S ANNIVERSARIES:**

Francesca Pace, Peter Anthony Burton, Angela Chapman, John Halligan, Frederick James Wright, Gillian Gallagher, James Robert Chapman, Margaret Beech, Gillian Elizabeth Mary Rowley, Janet Haslam, Winifred Ann Mealing, Joseph Peter Thompson, Mary Elizabeth Daley, Sheila Margaret McHugh, Christian Mapp, Elizabeth Gorman, Christopher Scanlan, Mary Taylor, Gillian Thompson, Edwin Albert (Eddie)Mapp, Kathleen McMahan, James Joseph Hayden, Doreen Marjorie Erskine, Herbert Michael Williams, John McGuire, Vincent Patrick Dean, Catherine Hale, Margaret Hocking

### **OFFERTORY:**

**St. Columba's:** Loose Plate £456.29 Planned Giving £341.79 Average Weekly Standing Orders £677.00; Candles £55.59.

**St. Theresa's:** £246.93 Average weekly standing orders £80.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

### **FIRST SACRAMENTS ENROLMENT MASS (St Theresa):**

St Theresa's children who are preparing to receive First Sacraments this school year will be enrolled at the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Please pray for the children and their families.

### **SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE:**

2nd Dec Badminton Group Hospice  
9th Dec Scout Jamboree Rebecca Ripon  
16th Dec SVP SVP

Tea, coffee and juice are available in the hall after Mass. All are very welcome.

### **St. Theresa's:**

Tea, coffee and juice are available in the Parish Club after 10.00 a.m. Mass. All are very welcome.

### **TEA AND COFFEE ROTA:**

I am drawing up the 2019 tea/coffee rota. If you are interested in making money for a charity of your choice by making tea and coffee after the 11am Mass please contact Marg Curtis 318424.

### **UPTON & BLACON CHURCHES TOGETHER:**

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Gatesheath Drive, Alpraham Crescent, St James Avenue, Brisbane Road, Darwin Road, Chevron Hay, Chevron Close.
- For those who prepare couples for marriage.
- For those couples married in our churches this year, and those who are about to be married.

### **BLACON COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE**

This is taking place on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 6pm in Holy Trinity Church, Norris Road, Blacon.

### **LOOKING AT THE ADVENT READINGS:**

These talks continue on this coming Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 p.m. when we'll be looking at readings for the second Sunday in Advent. This talk will be held in the Kempe Room at Holy Ascension Church in Church Lane. We are very grateful to our friends at Holy Ascension for allowing us to use their room. For more information see the poster on the Notice Boards or contact David Savage on 380626. A warm welcome is extended to all parishioners and friends.

### **HOSPITAL MASS**

The regular "First Thursday" Mass will be celebrated on 6<sup>th</sup> December at 12.15pm in the Countess of Chester hospital Chapel. This is for patients/outpatients, staff, families and friends, and the wellbeing of our hospitals, including the Bowmere. All are welcome.

### **SHREWSBURY YOUTH MISSION TEAM EVENT:**

The Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team are holding an event at St Columba's Church on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 7pm to 8.30pm. This will include Worship, Prayer, Food, Fellowship and Teaching. Please come along to support our Diocese Youth. There are notices on both front and back porches.

### **SAVE THE FAMILY:**

Christmas Concert and Supper Night in aid of homeless families. 6.30 to 8.30 on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December at Cotton Hall, Cotton Lane, CH3 7PZ. Tickets £5 phone 01244 409100 or on the door.

### **CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE:**

Proceeds in aid of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children. One hamper is to be won for tickets sold at St. Columba's and a second hamper can be won for tickets sold at St. Theresa's. Raffle tickets will be on sale at St. Theresa's and in the front porch at St. Columba's after Mass for £1 a strip. The draw will be on 9<sup>th</sup> December. Your support will be much appreciated. Good luck!

### **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:**

Thank you to St Theresa's and St Columba's parishioners for supporting our recent coffee mornings. Our Christmas Party is fast approaching and will be held at St Francis Church Hall on Monday 10 December at 7.30 pm. Tickets cost £7 which include Buffet and Entertainment by John Finnan, and can be obtained from Elizabeth on 01244346772 or any CWL member. All welcome.

### **CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE:**

This will be held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> of 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.

### **PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS:**

**Autumn Fayre:** Thank you to everyone who donated bottles for the tombola, those who helped and all who came, making this a successful event. Monies raised will be used for the seniors Christmas Party, Future events for 2018 are:

#### **Senior Parishioners Christmas Party Sat 8 Dec 2018**

We will again be holding a Christmas Party for senior parishioners (50+) this will be on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December starting at 2 p.m. Food and drinks are free and entertainment

will be provided by Upton Community Choir - please come along and mingle with fellow parishioners.

### **Wed 19<sup>th</sup> December Carol Service at St Columba's**

After a very successful event last year, this year the Carol Service will be held at St Columba's, following a similar format and starting at 6:30 p.m. Mulled wine and mince pies in the Church Hall afterwards.

### **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS NATIVITIES:**

**AT ST. COLUMBA'S,** Children are invited to take part:

- In the Nativity Play at the **6.00pm Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve.** All clothes are provided and the children will have some words to speak (they can read them). There will be a practice for EVERYONE taking part in the Vigil Mass after 11.00am Mass, on **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December** in the Church.
- In the Nativity Scene at the **11.00am Mass on Christmas morning.** All clothes are provided and there are no words to learn! Clothes and instructions will be available in the Iona Chapel after the 11.00am Masses on **16<sup>th</sup> December** and **23<sup>rd</sup> December.**

Parents of any children who are interested, please get in touch: FOR CHRISTMAS EVE, with Maura Connolly on 01244

371738 or 07714 268234 (text) or

email [m.connolly2412@btinternet.com](mailto:m.connolly2412@btinternet.com)

FOR CHRISTMAS DAY, with Pauline Payne on 01244

350323 or 07761 472226 (text) or

email [pauline.payne4@btinternet.com](mailto:pauline.payne4@btinternet.com)

**AT ST. THERESA'S,** the children take part in the Service of Readings and Carols at **4.30pm on Christmas Eve.** For details, please contact Jane Walsh on 01244 378201 or email [j.walsh596@btinternet.com](mailto:j.walsh596@btinternet.com)

### **ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2018:**

Please pick up a copy of the "Prepare, Rejoice" leaflet. It provides details of all the main services and events taking place over the Advent and Christmas period at St. Columba's and St. Theresa's. These also include carol singing dates with Churches in Blacon and Churches Together in Upton.

### **RED MISSION BOX:**

Could those Parishioners holding Red Mission Boxes please leave them in the Sacristy for Marg Curtis. You can collect them, once emptied, from the table in the rear porch of the Church.

### **CHURCH SHOP (St Theresa):**

There are Christmas cards, calendars and diaries available on the table at the back of church. Please have a look on your way out.

### **CAFOD FUNDRAISING AND CAMPAIGN:**

The new **World Gifts** catalogues hold a range of virtual gifts that make a real difference to communities around the world. Not only are these great gifts for friends and family, they are also a way to keep Christ's love for the poorest members of our global family at the heart of Christmas giving. Catalogues are in the porches of both churches.

**Share the Journey** – Pope Francis' global campaign for the rights of people on the move. Cards, which give details of the campaign, urge the Prime Minister and all world leaders to sign agreements which offer hope and protection to those forced to flee their homes. The cards are available in the porches of both churches for you to sign. Signed cards can be sent directly to CAFOD or left in the basket and Ann McCarthy will collect them.

### **CATHOLIC TEACHERS:**

The Department for Education wants to recruit Catholic teachers to its schools, and is aware that across the Diocese there are a number of Catholic teachers who are not currently or have never worked in a Catholic school. Sometimes making the transition back to Catholic education can be perceived as difficult, and we offer support to those teachers who are considering returning to the Catholic sector or would like more information on the appointment process in our schools. An informal session will be held on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January** at **Ellesmere Port Catholic High School**, Capenhurst Lane, Ellesmere Port, CH65 7AQ from 6 – 7.30 pm. If you would like to attend or want further information about returning to Catholic education, please e-mail Sue Jenkinson on [sue.jenkinson@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:sue.jenkinson@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

### **THE COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

There is some confusion over whether we say the Communion Antiphon. According to the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM: 86 & 87), which sets out in detail how the Mass is to be celebrated, the Communion Chant is to be sung from the time the Priest receives the Sacrament and continues until all have received Communion, unless there is to be a further hymn after Communion or it is necessary to allow the singers to receive Communion. If there is no singing, the Communion Antiphon is said as at present.

#### **NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:**

This will be compiled by Ann Siddall

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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**. Please include a phone number in case of queries.

Website: [www.stcolumbachester.org.uk](http://www.stcolumbachester.org.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)

Hall availability can be checked by looking at St. Columba's Church website – section for Church Hall gives a calendar of events in the Hall. Then contact Sue Carr on 07553 114531 or email [columbashallbookings@gmail.com](mailto:columbashallbookings@gmail.com) to arrange booking.