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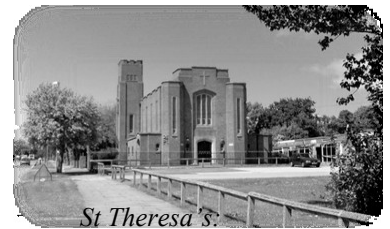
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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE 24th/25th NOVEMBER

Saturday 24th November

St. Theresa's	10.00 a.m.	Holy Souls
St. Columba's	6.30 p.m.	Frank & Gertrude Buddery - Vigil

Sunday 25th November

St. Theresa's	9.30 a.m.	Susan & Stephen Taylor & Jefferey Parry
St. Columba's	11.00 a.m.	The Parish

Monday 26th November

St. Theresa's	9.00 a.m.	Rene Brandon RIP (Novena Mass)
St. Columba's	9.15 a.m.	Ellie Marsden

Tuesday 27th November

St. Columba's	9.15 a.m.	Janette Doherty
St. Theresa's	N.B. 9.am.	Holy Souls

Wednesday 28th November

St. Columba's	9.15 a.m.	November Dead List
St. Theresa's	7.00 p.m.	Private Intention

Thursday 29th November

St. Theresa's	9.00 a.m.	November List
St. Columba's	9.15 a.m.	Greg McLean

Friday 30th November – St Andrew, Ap

St. Theresa's	8.00-8.55 am	Expos. of the Blessed Sacrament
	9.00 a.m.	Peter Burton RIP
St. Columba's	7.00 p.m.	NO MASS

Saturday 1st December

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

Sunday 2nd December

St. Theresa's	9.30 a.m.	Parishioners' Intentions
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 at 9.00 am Monday through to Thursday, except Wednesdays, when Morning Prayer will commence at 8.50 am followed at 9.10 am 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

ST COLUMBA'S AND ST THERESA'S ANNIVERSARIES:

Thomas Ledsham, Martin Keating, Donald Brough, Frances Maud Boulton, Peter Jones, Mary Ethel McLoughlin, Margery Evans, Janette Doherty, Peter Garry, Robert Trundle, Peter John Jones, Freda Carline, Rhona Mary Howlette, Kathleen Townsend, Gary Vickers, Kaye Clarke, Frank Allcroft, Francesca Pace, Peter Anthony Burton, William Morris, Lillian Margaret Edwards, Patricia Kelliher, Irene Chaloner, Mary Jane Holborn, James Drage, Annie Griffiths, Leslie Arnold Percy Fletcher, Gwerfyl Merionwen Thomson, John Gorman, Jefferey Samuel Parry, Helen Clara Tovey, Bridget McDonnell, Edith Barbara Smith, Joseph Peter Thompson, Mary Elizabeth Daley, Sheila Margaret McHugh, Peter Anthony Burton.

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST:

During November, we are invited to pray especially for the Faithful Departed in our Parish. A November Dead List will be placed before the Altar during the month of November. Please put names of deceased and a donation in the Holy Souls envelopes (available in both porches) and either return to Carol Galvin, or place in the basket on the altar or in the Offertory basket at St Theresa's

OFFERTORY:

St. Columba's: Loose Plate £400.57 Planned Giving £353.80 Average Weekly Standing Orders £677.00; Candles £39.40.

St. Theresa's: £294.99 Average weekly standing orders £80. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

THANK YOU

Fr Jonathan wishes to thank everyone for their prayers and lovely cards on the death of his mum.

FIRST SACRAMENTS ENROLMENT MASS (St.

Columba's): This Sunday, 25th November, Feast of Christ the King and Youth Sunday, 26 children in the parish who are preparing to receive First Sacraments this school year will be enrolled at the 11.00 Mass. St Theresa's children will be enrolled at the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 16th December. Please pray for the children and their families

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE:

St. Columba's:

25th Nov AUTUMN FAYRE
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.

AUTUMN FAYRE 25th NOVEMBER:

Held TODAY 25th November from 11.00 a.m. Includes: A myriad of Stalls, Bottle Tombola, Homemade Soup, Hot-Dogs and Refreshments. **We still need bottles** for the Tombola. If anyone has any bottles that they would like to donate, please leave them in the back porch at St. Columba's or the box provided in the porch at St. Theresa's. Thank you.

Anybody wanting a table at the Autumn Fayre please contact Marg Curtis 318424.

UPTON & BLACON CHURCHES TOGETHER:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Cairns Crescent, Hobart Way, Auckland Road, Wyndham Road, Queen's Crescent, Weston Grove, Lakeside Close and Dukesway.
- For the Senior Citizens Club, Food & Fun, and the St. Vincent de Paul Society.
- For all those who are retired.

CONFIRMATION:

Our parish Confirmation Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Mark **this Tuesday, 27th November**, starting 7pm at St Columba's church. Please pray for all our Confirmation candidates, their sponsors and families, particularly on Tuesday. You are all invited and most welcome to come to the Confirmation Mass and support our candidates as they take this important step on their faith journey.

LOOKING AT THE READINGS FOR ADVENT:

These talks continue on this coming **Tuesday 27th November**, when we'll be looking at readings for the First Sunday in Advent. Because of the Confirmations being held at St Columba's, this week's talk will be held **in the Kempe Room at Holy Ascension Church in Church Lane at 7.30 p.m.** We are very grateful to our friends at Holy Ascension for allowing us to use their premises For more information see the poster on the Notice Boards or contact David Savage on 380626. A warm welcome is extended to parishioners and friends.

DEANERY HOUR:

On **Wednesday 28th November**, 7.00 p.m. at St. Columba's Church, there will be a Deanery Hour to pray for the Renewal and Mission of our Parishes. All are very welcome.

WALSINGHAM 2019 FORMS

If you are joining us on the pilgrimage to Walsingham next year, please can you pick up a Booking Form either from

Carol or the Sacristy. It would be appreciated if these could be returned as soon as possible. Many thanks.

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 23rd 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 **16th December and 23rd December**.

Could 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

FOR CHRISTMAS DAY, with Pauline Payne on 01244 350323 or 07761 472226 (text) or email 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

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR:

Help our parish meet this challenge - Vintage Blacon urgently require volunteers to expand our work in the parish to tackle loneliness and isolation. If you are able to spare a little time to help please contact Brendan Doyle on 01244 376344 or mob: 07484353841. Thank you.

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 9th December. Your support will be much appreciated. Good luck!

COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE

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

CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS - concert in St. Columba's Church, this Friday 30th November - 7.30pm.

Tickets £7-50. Mold Town Band & Caldly Valley Singers. Proceeds to British Heart Foundation. Please come along and support this event. Last year's concert was excellent

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.

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.

STORYHOUSE ACTIVITIES:

Storyhouse in Chester provides a warm, inviting hub for people of all ages in Chester. There are activities such as crafts, Scrabble, board games, art therapy, film screenings, family history drop-ins, and much more. The staff are friendly and happy to chat. You can borrow a book, enjoy a tea or coffee and perhaps try something new. For more information about the activities available see <https://www.storyhouse.com/activities>

NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Muriel Green

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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

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

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 to arrange booking.