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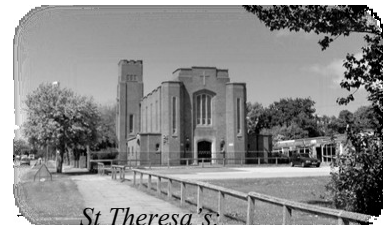
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- ❖ Chester Hospitals' Chaplaincy: Tel: 01244 364543, answer phone available.
- ❖ Parish Safeguarding Representative: Claire Graham. Tel 01244 341287 or 0788 055 3830.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 16<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2018

### Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December

St Theresa's 10.00a.m. Parishioners Intentions  
St. Columba's 6.30p.m. Rene Brandon - **Vigil**

### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December

St Theresa's 9.30a.m. Mary Burke RIP  
St. Columba's 11.00a.m. The Parish

### Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December

St Theresa's 9.00a.m. Mary Burke RIP  
St Columba's 9.15a.m. Gerry Mulkerin

### Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

St. Theresa's 1.15p.m. **Requiem Mass for Bridget O'Connor**  
St. Columba's 9.15a.m. Sheila Eileen Whitehead

### Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

St. Theresa's 9.00a.m. NB Private Intention  
St. Columba's 9.15a.m. Priest's Intention

### Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December

St Theresa's 9.00a.m. Jenny Kennedy RIP  
St. Columba's 9.15a.m. Vernon Phillips

### Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December – St Peter Canisius, P D

St Theresa's 8.00-8.55a.m. Expos. Of the Blessed Sacrament  
9.00a.m. Anne Holden RIP  
St. Columba's 12 noon Sean Backhouse RIP  
**NO EVENING MASS**

### Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

St Theresa's 10.00a.m. Parishioners Intentions  
St. Columba's 6.30p.m. The Parish

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December

St Theresa's 9.30a.m. Constance & Joseph Rowlands  
St. Columba's 11.00a.m. Bob Breen

### **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)

### **OFFERTORY:**

**St. Columba's:** Loose Plate £412.10; Planned Giving £357.47. Average Weekly Standing Orders £677.00.

**St. Theresa's:** £296.71 plus average weekly standing orders £80. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

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

Catherine Barford, Robert Smith-White, Patricia Ann, Rose Howe, Nora Kinder, Sue McGann, Frances Williams, Bridie Rowley, Frances Williams, John Thomas Williams, Desmond Joseph "Bob" Breen, John Ignatius Mitchell, Molly Massey, Charles Fisher, Brigid Lynch, Terence Ogg, Nellie Lennon, Elizabeth Mary Teresa Rimmer, Catherine Lawrence, Winifred Williamson, Joseph Gregory, Ethel Pryce, Patricia Elizabeth Bird, Ellen Margaret Jones, Mary Moore, Louise Mary Brennan, Peter King Joyce, Winifred Johnson, Francis Joseph Lally, Johanna Kavanagh,

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

Today we welcome the children from St Theresa's school who are preparing to receive First Sacraments this school year will be enrolled at the 9.30am Mass today. Please pray for the children and their families.

### **SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE:**

16th Dec SVP SVP  
23<sup>rd</sup> Dec Scout Jamboree Rebecca Ripon  
30<sup>th</sup> Dec **Volunteers please**

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.

### **CAROL SINGING DATES FOR CHURCHES TOGETHER IN UPTON:**

Each Advent Upton Churches Together invite you to come along and enjoy singing carols for the enjoyment of local residents. Please come and join us. All are welcome! The remaining dates are:

- **Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Dec.** 10-12 noon Pavilion, Wealstone Lane - Mince pies, coffee & carols.
- **Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Dec.** 2.30p.m. Orchard Manor Nursing Home

### CHRISTINGLE CAROL - 11.00 a.m. MASS:

1. O sing about Christingle, your voices loud employ,  
Your praises bring to God our King, for Jesus and His joy.
2. The orange of Christingle, the world reminds us of,  
And how our God created us, and on us shed His love.
3. The candle of Christingle, with shining flame so bright,  
Reminds us of our loving Lord, who is the world's true light.
4. The red band of Christingle, which plainly we can see,  
Reminds us of how Jesus Christ was killed upon that tree.
5. The four sticks of Christingle, with which the orb we spear,  
Remind us how God cares for us, through seasons of the year.
6. The fruits of the Christingle, they have a special worth,  
Reminding of the Spirit's fruits as well as fruits of earth.
7. The whole of the Christingle, it is a joy to see,  
It shines to show how God our Father loves both you and me.

### UPTON & BLACON CHURCHES TOGETHER:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Woburn Drive, Halton Road, Dorset Place, Cotswold Close, Rawson Road, Nant Peris, Plas Dinas, Glyn Garth and Sealand Road.
- For the Youth Clubs and Youth workers in our churches.
- For all young people in our community.

### JOINT PARISH CAROL SERVICE 19<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER:

Just to confirm our Joint Carol Service at St Columba's will commence at 6.30 pm and not 7.00 pm as stated in the Advent/Christmas Information Sheet. Mulled wine and mince pies in the Hall afterwards. Please try and invite someone to come who could be feeling lonely this Christmas.

### CATHOLIC TEACHERS – YOUR DIOCESE NEEDS YOU!

Shrewsbury Diocese Department for Education wants to recruit as many Catholic teachers to its school as possible 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. We would like to 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. We are holding an informal session on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January at Ellesmere Port Catholic High School, Capenhurst Lane, Ellesmere Port, CH65 7AQ from 6-7.30p.m. If you would like to attend or want further information about returning to Catholic education, please email Sue Jenkinson on [sue.jenkinson@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:sue.jenkinson@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

### 200 CLUB:

The winners of the GRAND DRAW are: £150 M. Baker (no. 3) £100 J. Walsh (no. 42) and £50 K. George (no. 27). The new cycle will start again on the 6<sup>th</sup> January. The new sets of envelopes will be available shortly as will forms for anyone wishing to join. Thank you for your continued support. The 200 club has recently paid for the re-wiring of the Loop System in St Theresa's Church.

### 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. Thank you for your continued support.

### REDEVELOPMENT OF GARAGE TO PARISH MEETING ROOM:

It will take around four months for plans to be drawn in detail, a planning application made, invitations issued to tender and a contractor chosen. It is hoped that this process will be completed by Easter and that building work will commence soon after Easter. The construction will take around 12 weeks to complete - to the end of July if things go according to plan. At the same time a ramp will be built at the rear of the church to enable wheelchair access to the meeting room and the chapel. The draft plans for the meeting room are available in the porches at the front and rear of the church.

**Buildings Committee** [pauline.rouke@btinternet.com](mailto:pauline.rouke@btinternet.com)

### 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.

### LOOKING AT THE ADVENT READINGS:

The last of these talks will be on this coming **Tuesday 18th December** at 7.30 p.m. when we'll be looking at readings for the fourth Sunday in Advent. We're on the move again, this week to the United Reformed Church in Heath Road. Our thanks are due to the URC 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 all parishioners and friends.

### CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE:

Many thanks to everyone who bought tickets for the hamper raffle. Your generosity is much appreciated. The total amount raised from St Theresa's and St Columba's is £312. Thanks also go to Father Jonathan who drew the winning tickets.

### NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by **Bernard Payne**

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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 WEDNESDAY, for both Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec & Christmas Day Newsletters.** Please include a phone number in case of queries.

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### 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.