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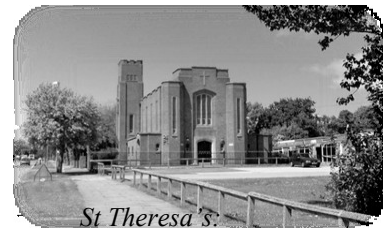
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- ❖ Chester Hospitals' Chaplaincy: Tel: 01244 364543, answer phone available.
- ❖ Parish Safeguarding Representative: Claire Graham. Tel 01244 341287 or 0788 055 3830.

## CHRISTMASTIDE – THE HOLY FAMILY 30<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2018

### Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> December

St Theresa's 10.00 a.m. **NO MASS**  
St. Columba's 6.30 p.m. The Parish - **Vigil**

### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December – The Holy Family

St Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Michael Dunne RIP  
St. Columba's 11.00 a.m. Joan & Frederick Hodson

### Monday 31<sup>st</sup> December

St Theresa's 9.00 **NO MASS**  
St. Columba's **11.00.** Heather Lannin (Sick)

### Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> January – Mary Mother of God

St Theresa's **NO MASS**  
St. Columba's **12 noon** Clergy Secular Fund

### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January – St Basil the Great

St Theresa's 7.00 p.m. **NO MASS**  
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Mary White RIP

### Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Thursday of Christmas Season

St Theresa's 9.00 a.m. **NO MASS**  
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Margaret Strong

### Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January Friday of Christmas Season

St Theresa's 8.00-8.55am Expos. of the Blessed Sacrament  
9.00 a.m. Parishioners' Intentions  
St. Columba's 7.00 p.m. Pat Cummins

### Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Saturday of Christmas Season

St Theresa's 10.00 a.m. **NO MASS**  
St. Columba's 6.30 p.m. Fred Gill

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January – The Epiphany

St Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Sheila Blundell  
St. Columba's 11.00 a.m. The Davies Family

### **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 £448.14; Planned Giving £335.64; Average Weekly Standing Orders £677.00; Candles £46.35; Badminton Group £150.00.

**St. Theresa's:** £330.20 plus Av. Weekly Standing Orders £80. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

### **THANK YOU:**

Thank you to everyone who has helped to make both our churches look so nice over the Christmas period. Your hard work is much appreciated.

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

John Leonard, Teresa Helena Adams, Mary Winifred Smith-white, Arthur Hindley, Kathleen Tallon, Alasdair George Sinclair, Veronica Howard, Rachel Gibson, Chris Speed, Patrick Peter Wilson, Margaret Winterbottom, Ada Laura Savage, Sean Floyd, Agnes Morris, Robert Henry (Harry) Barton, Mary (Marie) Rose Shepherd, Elizabeth Egan, Angela Lowe, Amelia Massey, Mary Beatrice Dee, Joan Mary Warrington, Mary Monica Evans, Jean Barbara Mary Blake, Albert Edward Parry, Beatrice Eileen Barnes, Anthony David Kiddell, Patrick John McNally, Cecily Hope Jones, David Mooney, Joan Jacqueline Mackin.

### **SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE:**

#### **St. Columba's:**

30<sup>th</sup> Dec Anne & Alex Mosquera  
6<sup>th</sup> Jan Eileen Hordley Parish  
13<sup>th</sup> Jan N.W. England Guides World Scout Jamboree  
20<sup>th</sup> Jan Sue Carr OAKS

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

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

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

### **HOSPITAL MASS:**

The regular "First Thursday" Mass will be celebrated on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 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.

### UPTON & BLACON CHURCHES TOGETHER:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Dorset Road, Shipbrook Road, Mannings Lane South, Peckforton Way, Hafod Close, Nevin Road, Penmon Close and Treborth Road.
- For the work of Churches Together in Upton and Churches Together in Chester.
- For the Churches in Upton: Holy Ascension, United Reformed, St Columba's and the Baptist Church.

### PARENTING TEENS:

The popular parenting course for those with teenage children is running again. The 6-week course starts at 7pm on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January** at the Catholic High School. If you would like to join other parents who want to broaden their skills, develop their relationship with their teenagers and negotiate the new freedoms and responsibilities our young people need, please come along. For more information or to book a place, please contact Claire on 07743 704383. Flyers in the porch and Hall have more information.

### 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 new cycle starts 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.

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS' ROTA (St Theresa's):

The new rotas are now available in the sacristy.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY (St Theresa's):

Children's Liturgy will start again on the 13th January.

### CAFOD CAMPAIGN:

**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.

### DIOCESAN YEAR BOOK:

Copies of the Diocesan Year Book are available in the church porches, price £5.

### CATENIAN FISH & CHIPS SUPPER:

The Catenians invite you to their Annual Fish & Chip Supper **7.00 p.m. for 7.30pm on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January** at St Columba's Hall.

- Tickets £7.50 from Peter Devine on 07825172932 or email Peter Devine using [pjpd1956@hotmail.com](mailto:pjpd1956@hotmail.com)
- Bring your own 'drinks' and mystery entertainment has been arranged.
- Funds raised will be donated to local charities.

### CONFIRMATION GROUP SPONSORED WALK:

A few weeks ago several members of the Confirmation group, some parents, friends and catechists completed a sponsored walk **in aid of Mary's Meals**. Together we raised a total of £578.55. Until March 2019 the government will double money given to Mary's Meals, so, with this, we raised enough to provide meals for over 80 children at school for the whole school year. Well done to everyone who completed the walk and thank you very much to everyone who sponsored us. A particular thank you goes to Betty and Marion Buggy who together raised over a third of the total amount. For more information about the good work Mary's Meals does go to [www.marysmeals.org.uk](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk)

### YOUTH GROUP FOR 10 - 14 YEAR OLDS:

The next meeting of the youth group will be on Monday 14th January, starting at 7.15pm in the Iona chapel and finishing at 9pm promptly. We will have activities, games, refreshments and prayers, a chance to learn a bit more about our faith, have fun, meet friends and make new friends.

For more information speak to Father Jonathan, Amy O'Donnell or Denise Lusk.

### 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.

### NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by **Amy O'Donnell**

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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.

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