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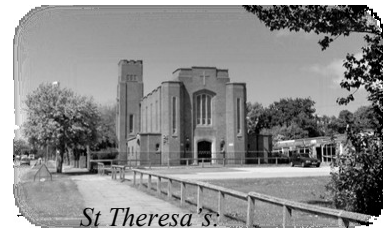
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- ❖ Parish Safeguarding Representative: Claire Graham. Tel 01244 341287 or 0788 055 3830.

25th DECEMBER 2018 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

CHRISTMAS EVE:

Monday 24th December – Evening Mass of the Vigil

St Theresa's 4.30 p.m. Parishioners' Intentions
St. Columba's:
- Vigil Mass 6.00 p.m. Kevin & Francis Connolly
- Night Mass 9.00 p.m. Pat Cummins

CHRISTMAS DAY:

Tuesday 25th December – The Nativity of the Lord

St Theresa's 10.00 a.m. Priest's Intention
St. Columba's
- Dawn Mass 9.15 a.m. Rene Brandon
- Day Mass 11.00 a.m. John White

Wednesday 26th December – Feast of St Stephen

St Theresa's 10.00 a.m. Private Intention
St. Columba's 12 noon Paul Murphy

Thursday 27th December – St John Ap, Ev

St Theresa's 9.00 a.m. Priest's Intention
St. Columba's 11.00 a.m. Ian & Joan Bullough

Friday 28th December – The Holy Innocents, Mm

St Theresa's 8.00-8.55am Expos. of the Blessed
Sacrament
9.00 a.m. Parishioners' Intentions
St. Columba's 11.00 a.m. Priest's Intention

Saturday 29th December – St Thomas Becket

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

Sunday 30th December

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

Please note the Mass Times changes during this week

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.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS from Fr Jonathan, Fr Isidore, Deacon Lawrence and Deacon Tom

We would like to wish you and your families a very happy, holy and peaceful Christmas. We would also like to thank you for all your gifts and cards and for your continued support and generosity to our Parish of St. Columba and St. Theresa. It is your support and generosity which makes it possible for us to carry out our ministry among you.



CRIB OFFERINGS FOR CARITAS DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY:

Traditionally, the Crib offerings were for the Catholic Children's Society. The work of the Catholic Children's Society has been expanded and has been renamed Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury. The Crib offerings will be for Caritas. This offers an opportunity to parishioners and visitors to the Parish over Christmas to support their work with children and families living in difficult circumstances and others in need.

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 & ST THERESA'S ANNIVERSARIES:

Brigid Lynch, Terence Ogg, Nellie Lennon, Elizabeth Mary Teresa Rimmer, Michael Grisdale, James Edward Price, Sheila Hayden, Walter James Hale, Ann Chesters, Paul Murphy, Marjorie Houlbrook, Elvet Roy Eaton, Harry O'Koru, Kathleen Tallon, Kenneth Rhoden, Bernard Harvey, John Leonard, Teresa Helena Adams, Mary Winifred Smith-White, Arthur Hindley, Kathleen Tallon, Alasdair George Sinclair, Francis Joseph Lally, Johanna Kavanagh, Jessica Constance Johnson, Myrna Eleanor Teresa Jarvis, Pamela Christine Meyrick, Emily Anne McManus, Jeremiah (Jerry) Ring, Rose Hayden, George Joseph Whittaker, Margaret Teresa Davis, Michael Gerrard Dunne, Dylan Edward David Brown, Elizabeth Egan, Angela Lowe, Amelia Massey, Mary Beatrice Dee.

UPTON & BLACON CHURCHES TOGETHER:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Woodlea Avenue, Cornwall Road, Aldford Road, Muir Road, Elm Muir, Beech Muir, Silver Muir, Birch Muir, Ash Muir
- For All Age Family Worship, Messy Church, Junior Church and Children's Liturgy;
- For all children who attend our churches each Sunday and their leaders.

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.

PARENTING TEENS:

The popular parenting course for those with teenage children is running again. The 6-week course starts at 7pm on **Wednesday 9th January** at the Catholic High School. If you'd 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 15th 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

SHREWSBURY VOICE:

Copies of the Christmas issue of the Diocesan magazine are now available in the church porches, price £1.00.

Copies of the Diocesan 2019 Year Book are also available, price £5.

200 CLUB:

The new cycle starts again on the **6th 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.

REDEVELOPMENT OF GARAGE AT ST.

COLUMBA'S 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

ST. COLUMBA'S THIRD WORLD GROUP:

Thank you very much for your continued support. Your donations via standing orders, the wall boxes in the church porches, and the coffee morning, have enabled us to send £300 to each of our supported projects: "Reaching the Unreached" in South India, Fr. John Kirwan in DR Congo, and the "OAKS" school in Bo, Sierra Leone.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK:

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 13-17th May 2019. £649.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all taxes, luxury transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full Irish Breakfast each morning and 4-course dinner each evening. All entertainment, excursions/guided tours included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms at supplement of £100. Groups and Individual bookings welcome. Contact Patricia on 01268 762278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Fully protected by ATOL T7613.

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

NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Harry Sweeney

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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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