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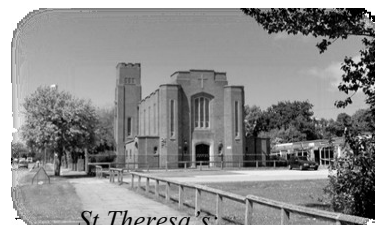
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2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 9th DECEMBER 2018

Saturday 8th December

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

Sunday 9th December

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

Monday 10th December

St Theresa's 9.00 a.m.. Private Intention
St Columba's 9.15 a.m. Edna Curly

Tuesday 11th December

St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. David McGlown
St Theresa's 6.30 p.m. Special Intention

Wednesday 12th December

St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Kathy Dempsey RIP
St Theresa's NO MASS

Thursday 13th December – St Lucy V.M.

St Theresa's 1.00 p.m. REQUIEM – Paolo Florio
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Gerry Mulkerrin

Friday 14th December - St John of the Cross P.D.

St Theresa's 8.00-8.55am Expos. of the Blessed Sacrament
9.00 a.m. Joan & Charles Woods
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Priest's Intention
(no evening Mass)

Saturday 15th December

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

Sunday 16th December

St Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Mary Burke 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

OFFERTORY:

St. Columba's: Loose Plate £376.86 Planned Giving £443.80. Average Weekly Standing Orders £677.00; Candles £52.68.

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

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

LATELY DEAD:

Please pray for **Paolo Florio** who died recently. May the Lord grant him Eternal Life and console his family and friends.

ST COLUMBA'S AND ST THERESA'S ANNIVERSARIES:

Janet Haslam, Winifred Ann Mealing, Michael Lee, George Walker, Sarah Jane Brennan, Vera Fox, Michael Whitehouse, Shirley Margaret Reynard, Rebecca Teresa Humphreys, Delia Rooks, Mary Elizabeth Atkinson, Ellen Veronica Croft, Margaret Upton, Celine Cawley, Doris Elizabeth Garrett, Michael Anthony (Tony) Keating, Elizabeth Maud Rodgers, Philip Tobin, Catherine Hale, Margaret Hocking, Eileen Mary Scanlan, Maureen Avis Jones, Winifred Smellie, Mary Theresa Connolly, Helena Tyrrell, Catherine Lawrence, Winifred Williamson, Joseph Gregory

WELCOME TO OUR NEWLY CONFIRMED:

This Sunday we welcome to Mass the recently Confirmed parishioners from our parish and other Chester parishes, who will receive their Confirmation certificates at the end of Mass. Many congratulations to everyone who was Confirmed and thank you to everyone who helped to prepare them and contributed to the Confirmation Mass.

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 16th December**. Please pray for the children and their families.

CHRISTINGLE SUNDAY:

Christingles will be distributed at 11.00 am Mass at St. Columba's on 3rd Sunday of Advent. If you'd like to help to assemble the Christingles, please come to the Church Hall on **Sunday, 16th December** from 10.00 am.

LOOKING AT THE ADVENT READINGS:

These talks continue on this coming **Tuesday 11th December** at 7.30 p.m. when we'll be looking at readings for the 3rd Sunday in Advent. This week we are back in the Iona Chapel. 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.

JOINT PARISH CAROL SERVICE 19th 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.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE:

9th Dec Scout Jamboree Rebecca Ripon

16th Dec SVP SVP

23rd Dec Scout Jamboree Rebecca Ripon

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.

UPTON & BLACON CHURCHES TOGETHER:

This week we pray for:

- Residents of Glastonbury Ave, Tewkesbury Close, Marlow Ave, Fowler Road, Clifton Drive, Blacon Point Road, Dalton Close.
- For those who are bereaved and those who provide support.

PIGEON DROPPINGS (St Theresa's)

As you can see (hopefully) the pigeon droppings were cleared up last Tuesday and we have pest control coming out during the week to quote for deterrent measures.

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.

UN CLIMATE CONFERENCE:

One of our Parishioners, Catherine Green, has travelled this week to this Conference in Katowice, Poland, with 30 CAFOD delegates from many UK dioceses. They are hoping to influence the signatories to hear the cry of God's earth and commit to serious actions to check climate change which is especially catastrophic for the poorest countries. On her return, Catherine will share her experiences and help us to explore what we can do locally to care for creation and preserve the planet for future generations. The climate conference hashtag is #COP24. See @ChangeAndCare and @CAFOD on Facebook and Twitter.

200 CLUB:

The GRAND DRAW will be on **Sunday 16th December**. The prizes are £150, £100 and £50. Good Luck! This club has paid for the re-wiring for the Loop System in St. Theresa's.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER COLLECTION:

This will be after both Masses at St Columba's next weekend 15/16th December. Thank you in advance for your continued generous support.

CAROL SINGING DATES FOR CHURCHES TOGETHER IN UPTON:

Tues. 11th Dec. 6.00 pm Wealstone Nursing Home

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Mon 17th Dec. 10-12 noon Pavilion, Wealstone Lane
Mince pies, coffee & carols.

Wed. 19th Dec. 2.30 pm Orchard Manor Nursing Home

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!

ST PIO PRAYER GROUP:

The next meeting is on **Thursday, 13th December** at 7.30pm in 10 Totland Grove, Newton, Chester CH2 2EY.

CLOTH FOR THE CRADLE – 11.00 MASS:

Cloth for the cradle, cradle for the child.

The child for our every joy and sorrow;

Find him a shawl that's woven by us all

To welcome the Lord of each tomorrow

- Darkness and light and all that's known by sight,
Silence and echo fading,
Weave into one a welcome for the Son.
Set earth its own maker serenading.
- Hungry and poor, the sick and the unsure,
Wealthy whose needs are stranger,
Weave into one a welcome for the Son,
Leave excess and want beneath the manger.
- Claimant and queen, wage earners in between,
Trader and travelling preacher
Weave into one a welcome for the Son,
Whose word brings new life to every creature.
- Wrinkled or fair, carefree or full of care,
Searchers of all the ages,
Weave into one a welcome for the Son,
The Saviour of shepherd and of sages.

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.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION:

A Carol Service will be held on **Tuesday, 18th 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.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE:

Last chance to get your tickets. Father Jonathan will be drawing the winning tickets in the hall after 11 am Mass. The tickets will be on sale after the Masses at £1 a strip.

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.

PARISH REFURBISHMENT - REDEVELOPMENT OF GARAGE:

Good news! The Diocesan Finance Committee has agreed to our proposal to develop the garage at the rear of St. Columba's church into an area where the numerous voluntary

groups of parishioners involved in supporting the work of the church could meet comfortably and a parish office could be located. This will allow Fr Jonathan to use the existing parish office as a place where he can meet parishioners. The funding comes from the generosity of parishioners' contributions to 'Our Mission Together' with a supplement from parish funds held by the diocese. Plans and further details will be provided for parishioners to see as soon as they are available.

Buildings Committee

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NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Rebecca Vaughan

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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.