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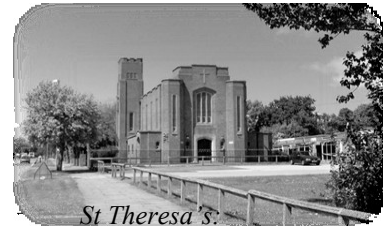
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- ❖ Parish Safeguarding Representative: Claire Graham. Tel 01244 341287 or 0788 055 3830.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 6TH JANUARY 2019

Saturday 5th January

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

Sunday 6th January – The Epiphany of The Lord

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

Monday 7th January - St Raymond Penyafort, P

St Theresa's 9.00 a.m. NO MASS
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Mandy Burke

Tuesday 8th January

St Theresa's 9.00 a.m. NO MASS
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Frank Jeffes

Wednesday 9th January

St Theresa's 7.00 p.m. NO MASS
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Catherine Sullivan

Thursday 10th January

St Theresa's 9.00 a.m. NO MASS
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. John & Julie Briody

Friday 11th January

St Theresa's 8.00-8.55am Expos. of the Blessed
Sacrament
9.00 a.m. Rene Brandon RIP
St. Columba's 7.00 p.m. Private Intention

Saturday 12th January

St Theresa's 10.00 a.m. NO MASS
St. Columba's 6.30 p.m. Joan Bullough

Sunday 13th January

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 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

We welcome into God's family, Bianka Nazarczuk who was baptised at St Theresa's recently. May God bless her and her family.

OFFERTORY:

St Columba's: Christmas Day: Loose Plate £820.00; Planned Giving £603.38.

29/30th December: Loose Plate £1642.65; Planned Giving £294.44; Av Weekly Standing Orders £677.00; Candles £185.59.

St. Theresa's: £237.40 plus Av. Weekly Standing Orders of £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 & ST THERESA'S ANNIVERSARIES:

Patrick John McNally, Cecily Hope Jones, David Mooney, Joan Jacqueline Mackin, William Christopher Knox, Patricia Ann Stokes, Catherine Fitzpatrick, Catherine Childs, Margaret Mary Mahon, Ivy Whitmee, Patricia Huxley, Joan Hewson, John Alan Dodsworth, Mary (Molly) Lea, Rose Pickering, William David Noble, Robert Henry (Harry) Barton, Mary (Marie) Rose Shepherd, Alf Humphreys, Horace (James) Walpole, Gerard McGlow, Helen Cadden, Frank Sydney Jeffes, Mary Morissey, Jimmy Roy Ward, Joan Mary Cotter, Norah Byrne, Constance Wendy Mitchell, Margaret Kennedy, Margaret Josephine Hope, Anne Brough, Catherine (Kitty) Floyd, Emily Elgie, Bernard Joseph Adams.

BON VOYAGE:

Fr Isidore is away on holiday until the end of January. Please pray that he has a safe journey and a happy holiday with his family. Whilst he is away there will be Mass on a Friday at 9am.

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.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE:

St. Columba's:

6th Jan Eileen Hordley Parish
13th Jan N.W. England Guides World Scout Jamboree
20th Jan Sue Carr OAKS
27th Jan 21st Scout Group Themselves

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

The 2019 Coffee/tea rota is on the notice board if you would like to make tea/coffee for a Charity please contact Marg Curtis 318424.

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:

- The residents of Newhall Road, Winston Court, Arradon Court, Breton Close, Wealstone Lane, Well Lane, Bank Close and Newton Hall Drive, Dinas Close, Tregel Close, Caernarfon Grove, Conway Grove, and Beaumaris Grove.
- For Orchard Manor, Wealstone and Crabwall Hall: for all those who live and work in these Homes.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY:

This takes place from **Friday 18th – Friday 25th January**. The theme this year is Only Justice. The services will be held at Upton URC and are led by the three churches in turn.

If anyone is able to lead the sessions on Wed 23rd, Thurs 24th or Fri 25th for St Columba's please contact Stella Lunney, 01244 313872 or email stellalunney@tiscali.co.uk.

The session formats and details are in an easy to follow booklet. Please try to join us for these sessions, which allow us to listen and learn from each other and our fellow Christians.

SVP COLLECTION:

The SVP will be collecting socks, underwear (male and female) and toiletries (particularly disposable razors) to help people supported by Chester Aid to the Homeless during January. Please feel free to "re-gift" any unwanted presents or donate any new items. There will be collection boxes in the porch. Many thanks for your generosity.

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 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 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

200 CLUB:

The 200 club has paid towards the new candlesticks we now have on the altar at St Theresa's, along with money donated in remembrance of a parishioner.

The new envelopes are available at the back of church as are forms for anyone wishing to join.

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 11th January** at St Columba's Hall.

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

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 PIO PRAYER GROUP:

The next meeting is on **Thursday, 10 January**, in 10, Totland Grove, Newton, Chester CH2 2EY starting at 7.30pm. New members are welcome.

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL:

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal on **the weekend of 12th /13th January** at St. Columba's. SPUC is currently campaigning to stop the decriminalisation of abortion, which means taking abortion outside the law. This is the most dangerous threat to unborn children and their mothers in decades. Please be as generous as you can to help us defeat this latest attack on unborn babies and their mothers, and to stop abortion getting even worse in this country by decriminalisation.

ST COLUMBA'S/ST THERESA'S PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM:

If you have not already done so please can you complete the application form for your pilgrimage to Walsingham as soon as possible. Copies can be found in the Office/Sacristy. Many thanks

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 **Eileen Irwin**

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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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