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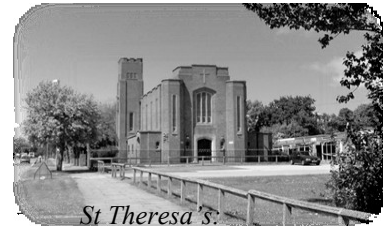
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- ❖ Parish Safeguarding Representative: Claire Graham. Tel 01244 341287 or 0788 055 3830.

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 13<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2019

### Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January

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

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January – The Baptism of The Lord

St Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Parishioners' Intentions  
St. Columba's 11.00 a.m. The Parish

### Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January -

St Theresa's 9.00 a.m. NO MASS  
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Eileen Hankinson

### Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January

St Theresa's 9.00 a.m. NO MASS  
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Mary Gibbons

### Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January

St Theresa's 7.00 p.m. NO MASS  
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Private Int. (R:L:R:K)

### Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January – St Anthony, Ab

St Theresa's 9.00 a.m. NO MASS  
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Raymond Finan

### Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January

St Theresa's 9.00am Parishioners' Intentions  
St. Columba's 7.00 p.m. Mandy Burke

### Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January

St Theresa's 10.00 a.m. NO MASS  
St. Columba's 6.30 p.m. John & Pat Black

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January

St Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Bridget Williams  
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.

### **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

The next meeting is on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January in St Theresa's Parish Centre at 7pm.

### **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)

### **PARISH BAPTISMS:**

At morning Masses on Sunday we remember and give thanks for all who were baptised at the churches of St. Columba and St. Theresa during 2018. Please keep them and their Families in your prayers.

Welcome to those of them joining us today to celebrate.

### **OFFERTORY:**

**St Columba's:** Loose Plate £435.98; Planned Giving £386.56  
Av Weekly Standing Orders £677.00; Candles £49.37.

**St. Theresa's:** £252.37 plus Av. Weekly Standing Orders of £80.  
Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

### **LATELY DEAD:**

Please remember in your prayers Graham John Jones, of Graham Road. Blacon who died recently, and also his family. May he rest in peace.

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

Joan Hewson, John Alan Dodsworth, Mary (Molly) Lea, Rose Pickering, William David Noble, Marshall Howard Evans, Shirley Ross, Elsie Elizabeth Edwards, Margaret Mary heard, Ivy Rose Fry, Frederick Arnold Basnett, Stanley Edward Taylor, Maurice Maloney, Eric Samuel Rogers, Emily Elgie, Bernard Joseph Adams, Samuel Grouke, Victoria Nisperos Scott, Samantha Edwards, Eric Boardman, Gillian Pendleton, Helen Wilson, Rosemary Larsen, John Joseph McLoughlin, Ian William Mylchreest, Bryan Burden, Christine Appleton, Robert James Meadows, Jason Monet, Siobhan McKenna, Raymond James Storton.

### **SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE:**

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

13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	N.W. England Guides	World Scout Jamboree
20 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Sue Carr	OAKS
27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	21 <sup>st</sup> Scout Group	Themselves
3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Chris & Liz Nichols	Tombola

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.

### **BON VOYAGE:**

Fr Isidore is away on holiday until the end of January. Please pray that he has a happy holiday with his family. Whilst he is away there will be Mass on a Friday at St Theresa's at 9am. But no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

### **UPTON & BLACON CHURCHES TOGETHER:**

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Dyserth Rd. Cadnant Close, Aberdaron Drive & Cemlyn Close, Newton Lane, Appleton Road and Handforth Road.
- For the Archive Group, Social Committees and fundraising groups.
- For the fellowship and sharing at social gatherings.

### **CELEBRATION OF MARRIED LIFE & JUBILARIAN'S MASS – 9 FEBRUARY**

A diocesan celebration of married life and jubilarian's Mass will be held at St Columba's Church at 12 noon on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February**. Those who are celebrating a significant Wedding Anniversary (Silver, Ruby, Golden, Diamond) and newly married couples will be specially welcome. If they wish to receive a personal invitation from Bishop Mark, they should send their names, address and the anniversary being celebrated to Fr Jonathan at either St Columba's or St Theresa's Church Offices as soon as possible.

### **200 CLUB:**

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

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

Children's Liturgy will start again this Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> January.

### **DIOCESAN YEAR BOOK:**

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

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

The next meeting of the youth group will be **THIS Monday 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **WHITE FLOWER APPEAL:**

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal **this weekend of 12<sup>th</sup> /13<sup>th</sup> January** at St. Columba's and **next weekend 20<sup>th</sup> January** at St Theresa'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.

### **CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION:**

The CHS Parents' Association invite you to a Family Bingo Night on **Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> of January** 7 pm at the Catholic High School. A bar will be open. Adults and children welcome. Thank you in advance for your support.

### **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY:**

This takes place from **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January**. The theme this year is Only Justice. There is a service at URC Blacon on **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January** at 10.30am and services will be held at Upton URC led by the three churches in turn. All sessions at URC Upton at 2.30pm, apart from the special Sunday Unity service which will be held at 4.30pm. If anyone is able to lead the sessions on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> or Friday 25<sup>th</sup>** for St Columba's please contact Stella Lunney on 01244 313872 or email [stellalunney@tiscali.co.uk](mailto: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.

### **CCRS**

The next module – a choice of: *Religious Education in the classroom* or Introduction to Liturgy, for the Catholic Certificate of Religious Studies begins on **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2019** at Our Lady's, Ellesmere Port, CH65 8BY 10:00 – 3:30pm with the second on **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019**. You may start the course (comprising 8 modules) at the beginning of any module – registration forms and details are on the website at

[www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/education/ccrs](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/education/ccrs). A non-certificate option is also available (no essays!) Particularly aimed at Teachers, Catechists and those who wish to learn more about the Catholic Faith. For more information please contact [ccrs@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:ccrs@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

### **FIRST FORGIVENESS MEETING (St. Columba's):**

A reminder that the Parents' Meeting to discuss this sacrament will take place tomorrow, **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January** at 7.00pm in St. Werburgh's and St. Columba's School. The First Forgiveness Celebration for the children will be on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January** at 10.00am here at St. Columba's church.

### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS' AND READERS' ROTA:**

**(St. Columba's)** It is getting near the time for preparing the new Rota from beginning of February - if you know you are going to be away, it would be helpful if you could let Carol know asap. Many thanks for your co-operation.

### **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 **Alison Wrigglesworth**

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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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