



The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING

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Saturday 20th November

St. Theresa's 5.00 pm Parishioners' Intentions
St. Columba's 6.30 pm Holy Souls

Sunday 21st November

St. Theresa's 9.30 am Gill Ryan RIP
St. Columba's 11.00 am Mark Traynor

Monday 22nd November

St. Theresa's Special Intention (GB)
St. Columba's Private Intention (SB)

Tuesday 23rd November

St. Theresa's Holy Souls
St. Columba's Priests' Intentions

Wednesday 24th November

St. Theresa's Kathleen Joy Borg RIP
St. Columba's 10.30 am Jimmy Carolan

Thursday 25th November

St. Theresa's Holy Souls
St. Columba's Parishioners' Intentions

Friday 26th November

St. Theresa's 10.00 am Lisa Pepper's Intentions
St. Columba's Holy Souls

Saturday 27th November

St. Theresa's 5.00 pm Jeffrey Parry RIP
St. Columba's 6.30 pm Frank & Gertrude Buddery

Sunday 28th November

St. Theresa's 9.30 am Parishioners' Intentions
St. Columba's 11.00 am Albert Hughes RIP

STREAMING OF MASS:

Mass will be streamed from St Theresa's this Sunday will be at 9.30a.m.

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HOLY SOULS:

During the month of November there will be a basket near the altar for you to put any November Dead Lists. There are envelopes available at the back of the church.

CONFESSIONS:

St Columba's : After the 10.30am Mass on Wednesday.

St Theresa's: After the 10am Mass on Friday.

WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS AND FUNERALS:

Please contact one of the Parish Offices to make your arrangements.

LATELY DEAD

Please pray for Berta Bartonand and Madeline (Maddy) Chambers who died recently. May the Lord grant them Eternal Life and console their family and friends.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Peter James Fynn, Mary Frances Harrison, Ann White, Hilary Watmough, Margery Evans, James Alexander Fletcher, Annie Keegan, Fr Edward McCann, Liliana Gittins, Jefferey Samuel Parry, Paolo Florio.

ADVENT – Begins 28 November

CONFESSION:

St Columba's : From 6pm before the 6.30pm Saturday evening Mass and after the 10.30am Mass on Wednesday.

St Theresa's: From 4.30pm before the 5pm Saturday evening and after the 10am Mass on Friday.

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING:

From the 28th November, at Sunday morning Masses singing by the congregation is allowed, face coverings must be worn and hymn books can be used at these Masses only.

For Advent Conferences please see the newsletter.

Christmas Mass times to follow soon.

THE PRAYER OF THE SYNOD:

Adsumus Sancte Spiritus: We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

PIETY STALL AT ST COLUMBA'S:

The piety stall is now fully open, and we have Christmas cards, calendars & a limited number of diaries ready for sale. If you require something else, please let us know. Please wear masks and keep a safe distance.

PIETY STALL AT ST THERESA'S:

If anyone would like to look in the piety stall, please see Carole Ingram on a Sunday morning or Elizabeth Mair or Eileen Irwin on a Saturday evening.

OFFERTORY:

St. Columba's: Loose plate; £180.77; Planned Giving ££119.50 and Average weekly SOs £677.00 Holy Souls, £175.00

St Theresa's: Loose plate £165.97; Average weekly SOs £149; Clergy Training and Education Fund £57.50

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

CHURCHES TOGETHER - PRAYING TOGETHER:

This week we pray for:

- Pray for the residents of Cotebrook Drive, Oulton Avenue, Rushton Drive, Maitland Way, Canberra Way, Roebourne Rise & Melbourne Road.
- For our churches open on Saturdays and the fellowship enjoyed there.
- For all who use and maintain the web sites.

ADVENT SUNDAY READINGS:

The talks on the readings for the Sundays of Advent continue on Thursday at 2.30 p.m. when we will be looking at the readings for the First Sunday.

CARITAS AT CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Bishop Mark has written to encourage us to take an extra collection on the weekend of 27/28 November to support those who have experienced increased hardship and poverty during this difficult year.

ST COLUMBA'S COFFEE ROTA:

If you would like to volunteer to join the rota and raise money for your cause, please contact Margaret Curtis [01244 318424](tel:01244318424).

THE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, CHESTER PRESENTS MATILDA JR. THE MUSICAL:

You are warmly invited to come and see our school show **THIS WEEK** on Tuesday 23rd, Wednesday 24th or Thursday 25th November 2021 in the school hall. Refreshments will be served from 7pm and the show will begin at 7.30pm. Tickets are priced at £6.50 each and can be purchased from the school office on 01244 952788. Posters will on show at both churches.

LIGHT UP THE DARK AT CHRISTMAS:

The children at St Werburgh's and St Columba's School are hoping to light up the windows of their classroom's at night. By paying a minimum donation of £1, a candle will be lit along with your special message, memory or prayer for a loved one. All proceeds will go to The Hospice of the Good Shepherd in Backford.

A poster will be on display in both churches with full details how to donate.

MINISTRY IN THE PARISH FORMS:

If you haven't already done so please return your form. It can be handed in to one of the stewards or put in the Offertory basket. Thank you.

World Gifts from CAFOD:

World gifts are a range of virtual charity gifts that will delight people you give them to and help transform the lives of families living in poverty. Gifts range from a "Keep Clean Kit" for £6.00, an "Energy Saving Stove" for £9.00, "Emergency Shelter" for £40.00 through to a "Marvellous Moo Cow" for £150. Catalogues are available in the church porches.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

Saturday 11th December Senior Parishoners Christmas in St Columba's Church Hall starting at 2 p.m. Friday 17th December Carol Service at St Theresa's starting at 7 p.m. with mulled wine and mince pies in the Parish Centre afterwards. These are both subject to any Covid restrictions that might be in place at the time.

SHREWSBURY LOURDES HOSPITALITY:

12th December 2021 - Mass to Celebrate 70 years of the Lourdes pilgrimage - 3pm - St Vincent's, Tatton Street, Knutsford, WA16 6HR celebrated by Bishop Mark followed by refreshments in the parish centre. Please note there will be **Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality Meeting** before the Mass at 1.30pm. All details of events and how to join Zoom meeting can be found on the website: www.teamshrewsbury.co.uk

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away. Pablo Picasso

[Natural Health Service](#) The programme is made up of health-promoting, enjoyable group activities within some of Cheshire West & Chester's wonderful green spaces. Sessions are targeted at both adults and children and designed to be welcoming to complete beginners. Health walks; healthy conservation; gardening for all; Tai Chi; mindful contact with nature etc. Variety of locations throughout CWAC, Huntington, Whitby Park, Marbry, Neston... To find out more, check the link above or contact Clare Olver, on clare.olver@merseyforest.org.uk

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH & HALL BOOKINGS

To arrange meetings etc. in either the Church, Newman Room or the Iona Chapel, please book through Nuala Keegan, Church Office, 01244 624019,

Email: admin@sscolumbaandtheresa.co.uk

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 Amy O'Donnell

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Please include a phone number in case of queries, and Please ensure that items are emailed or phoned to the compiler by 9.00 am on THURSDAY

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WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER:

As Advent is just a week away, I'm sure you will have seen a multitude of styles and types of advent calendars around, from the traditional, to chocolate, beer, cheese, socks etc. But what was the purpose of the advent calendar? Advent reminds Christians of the sacred meaning of Christmas. Despite the secular preparations taking place, e.g., buying presents and going to parties, Advent & the calendar reminds Christians to remember and prepare for the birth of Jesus. Maybe this year we could do a reverse Advent calendar and provide a gift for someone, maybe a jar of homemade jam, a smile & a compliment, buy from a local shop, provide an item of food for the Food Bank, a phone call to a family member or friend; a post card to someone you haven't seen for a while. All actions add to the anticipation of and preparation for Christmas and kindness lives on. Have a think about what you might be able to do.

RESOURCES:**28TH NOVEMBER - CRAFT SALES:**

Myra Bowyer will be selling Christmas cards and crafts after 11:00 Mass in St Columba's Hall, proceeds to the Hospice of the Good Shepherd.

CHESTER MALE VOICE CHOIR:

Christmas Concert in St. Columba's Church Friday 3rd December at 7.30pm. Tickets £12 each. Available from Sue Carr tel.07553114531 or in Hall Sunday morning after Mass. Or Nula or Eileen in the Church Offices. Payment required when ordering please

RED MISSION BOXES, ST COLUMBA'S:

If you have a Red Mission box for collection, here's the ongoing Covid process: DON'T TAKE IT TO CHURCH, ring me and leave a message on my answer machine. I'll call back and arrange to collect from your home when convenient.

A PRAYER FOR CLIMATE:

Loving God, We praise your name with all you have created. You are present in the whole universe, And in the smallest of creatures. We acknowledge the responsibilities you have placed upon us As stewards of your creation. May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 as they Seek to embrace the changes needed to foster a more sustainable society. Instill in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the poorest and most vulnerable, and commit their nations to the care of Our Common Home. We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

PARISH ADMINISTRATION:

During Fr William's absence until the end of November, please contact Fr James.
Please note the new parish email addresses above.
St Columba's Parish Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9.00am – 12.00 and Wednesday 2.00 – 5.00pm until 15th December.