



# The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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## 2<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY 2022

### Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 - Mary Mother of God

St. Theresa's 5.00pm Parishioners Ints'  
St. Columba's 6.30pm Lily James & Keith Smith

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

St. Theresa's 9.30am Michael Walker RIP  
St. Columba's 11.00am Anthony Comerford

### Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

St. Theresa's Helen Mary Jones RIP  
St. Columba's Parishioners' Intentions

### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January – St Elizabeth Ann Seton,

#### Religious

St. Theresa's Bridget Williams RIP  
St. Columba's Parishioners' Intentions

### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January - St John Neumann, Bishop

St. Theresa's Richard Haselwood RIP  
St. Columba's 10.30am Priests' Intentions

### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January - Epiphany of The Lord

St. Theresa's Kathleen Lawlor RIP  
St. Columba's Parishioners' Intentions

### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January

St. Theresa's 10.00am Brenda Sands RIP  
St. Columba's Priests' Intentions

### Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> January

St. Theresa's 5.00pm Tim Cook RIP  
St. Columba's 6.30pm Parishioners' Intentions

#### **CONFESSIONS:**

**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.

#### **WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS AND FUNERALS:**

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

#### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Genevieve Suzanne M Jones, Jean Barbara Mary Blake, Mackin, Kathleen Lawlor.

#### **CONGREGATIONAL SINGING:**

Singing at Sunday morning Masses by the congregation is allowed, face coverings must be worn, and hymn books can be used at these Masses only.

#### **COVID GUIDANCE:**

In line with Government guidance the Parish will be keeping the churches well ventilated, so everyone is encouraged to wrap up warm and also remember your face masks. Please don't forget to book in for your selected mass to ensure we can maintain appropriate social distancing and keep people safe.

#### **Christmas Message**

We the clergy of the parish would like to sincerely thank all parishioners for the cards and gifts we have received from you during this festive season. We are grateful. May the birth of Jesus Christ bring you peace and happiness.

We wish you a merry Christmas and a joyful New Year.

Thank you and God bless every one of you.

#### **ST.COLUMBA'S PARISH OFFICE:**

St Columba's Parish Office will be closed from 12 noon on Christmas Eve until 9.00am on Tuesday 4 January.

#### **PARISH ADMINISTRATION:**

Please note that Fr James will be away from 31<sup>st</sup> December until the beginning of February. We wish him a well deserved break.

#### **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).

#### **KEEP THE DATE FREE- Friday 28th January.**

A fish and chip supper with music will be held in St Columba's church hall to raise funds for Meningitis Now in memory of Richard Murphy and Helen Cadden who would have been 40 at this time .More details later. [Contact- c.murphy900@btinternet.com](mailto:c.murphy900@btinternet.com)

#### **OFFERTORY:**

**St. Columba's:** Loose plate and Planned Giving - to be notified. Average weekly SOs £677.00

**St Theresa's:** Loose plate and Planned Giving - to be notified. Average weekly SOs £149.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

## CHURCHES TOGETHER - PRAYING TOGETHER:

This week we pray for:

- Pray for the residents of Newhall Road, Winston Court, Arradon Court, Breton Close, Wealstone Lane, Well Lane, Bank Close and Newton Hall Drive, Hafod Close, Nevin Road, Penmon Close & Treborth Road.
- Orchard Manor, Wealstone and Crabwall Hall. For all those who live and work in these Homes.

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

“For last year’s words belong to last year’s language, and next year’s words await another voice. And to make an end is to make a beginning.” – T.S. Eliot

## WE’RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER:

Stuck for a New Year's resolution? I don't know if any of you saw before Christmas, ITV launched its annual volunteering campaign, One Million Minutes in a bid to get the nation involved in tackling loneliness and the mental health issues that may arise from feeling isolated. Since its start in 2015 nearly a quarter of a billion minutes had been pledged. With lots of people doing just a few hours. Every little bit helps. If you decide that volunteering might be for you, there are plenty of options available. Whatever time you may be able to give it will send out a positive ripple. I know our Church is still actively looking for volunteers to help in the [Church](#) Ministries, so whatever you decide and if you can give some time to volunteer, everyone involved will be grateful. Happy New Year.

## RESOURCES:

Cheshire West and Chester Council is working alongside partners and community groups to remind families of the support available to them over the upcoming winter holidays.

A full list of all the support available to families during the holidays can be found on the Council website. It includes information and advice ranging from where to find plenty of activities to keep little ones busy, library offers, and leisure offers, to mental health, financial and employment support. [Useful resources for the winter holidays](#)

## FOODBANK APPEAL:

Thank you for your continuing support for our foodbank. Our help in providing food for local families who need crisis support is ongoing. Items in short supply at the moment are tinned meats, UHT milk, UHT juice, tinned desserts, instant custard, treats (small bags of sweets/chocolates), small jars of instant coffee, jams and spreads, instant mash, tinned potatoes, pasta sauce, biscuits. We have plenty of beans and pasta in the warehouse. Please leave your donations at local supermarkets or at other collection points mentioned on the website [www.westcheshirefoodbank.org.uk](http://www.westcheshirefoodbank.org.uk). Thank you.

## MARY’S MEALS:

A simple solution to world hunger. It costs just £15.90 to feed a child with Mary’s Meals for an entire school year. And until 31 January 2022, thanks to Double the Love, donations are being matched by a generous group of supporters, up to £1.6million. This means that you can transform the lives of two children by sending our £15.90 gift card, [info@marysmeals.org](mailto:info@marysmeals.org)

## CAFOD – AFGHANISTAN CRISIS APPEAL:

CAFOD is combining efforts with the DEC to launch the Afghanistan Crisis Appeal. In Afghanistan, 8 million people are on the brink of famine because of drought, collapsing economy, food shortages, conflict, and COVID. CAFOD is supporting sister Caritas agencies to reach communities most in need with food, clean water, and fuel. During Advent, when we open ourselves to the needs of others, let’s do all that we can to save lives. You can donate on the CAFOD website: [cafod.org.uk/AfghanistanAppeal](http://cafod.org.uk/AfghanistanAppeal) and please pray for the people of Afghanistan.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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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