



# The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 30th JANUARY 2022

### Saturday 29th January – Blessed Virgin Mary

St. Theresa's 5.00pm Parishioners' Intentions  
St. Columba's 6.30pm Kathleen Maguire

### Sunday 30th January

St. Theresa's 9.30am Alison Carbet RIP  
St. Columba's 11.00am The Parish

### Monday 31st January – St John Bosco, P

St. Theresa's Katherine Gannon RIP  
St. Columba's Elizabeth Allingham (A)

### Tuesday 1st February

St. Theresa's Deceased of the Bradshaw & Millington families  
St. Columba's The Murphy family

### Wednesday 2nd February – The Presentation of the Lord

St. Theresa's All Souls  
St. Columba's 10.30am Reg Paxton RIP

### Thursday 3rd February - St Werburgh, V

St. Theresa's Constance & Joseph Reynolds  
St. Columba's Priests' Intentions

### Friday 4th February

St. Theresa's 10.00am Richard Murphy RIP  
St. Columba's Richard Murphy RIP

### Saturday 5th February – St Agatha V, M

St. Theresa's 5.00pm Ruth O'Donnell RIP  
St. Columba's 6.30pm Christine Manley RIP

### Sunday 6th February

St. Theresa's 9.30am Parishioners' Intentions  
St. Columba's 11.00am Tony Kane RIP

### **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.

### **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:**

Elizabeth (Betty) Allingham and Terry Keogh

### **FIRST FORGIVENESS:**

On Saturday this weekend, 27 children from St Columba's received the Sacrament of First Forgiveness in a special service of celebration. We congratulate them all and pray for the children and their families as they now continue with their preparation for First Holy Communion.

### **COVID GUIDANCE UPDATE FEBRUARY 2022**

The Catholic Bishop's Conference of England and Wales has issued updated Covid guidance which includes the following information: "The main mitigation against serious health issues arising from Covid infection is to be fully vaccinated .... Any people displaying symptoms of Covid-19 should stay at home... Those attending an act of worship may continue to wear a face covering (both nose and mouth) whilst in the church building.... There is no need for formal social distancing in church buildings, although those present should be sensitive to the needs of others around them. Churches should continue to ensure there is good ventilation".

In order for us all to feel secure as well as to be secure we request that you:

- continue to wear a mask on church premises
- maintain social distancing by observing the spacing on the benches
- do not kneel during Mass
- use the additional seating in the Iona Chapel if appropriate.
- bear with the doors being open to maintain ventilation.
- wait for the stewards to direct you to receive Holy Communion.

Many thanks for your forbearance. We are trying to ensure that everyone feels both welcomed and safe at Mass.

### **STREAMING OF MASS**

Mass will be streamed from St Theresa's this week at 9.30am.  
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### **PARISH OFFICES - EMAIL ADDRESSES**

In October 2021 we introduced a single email address - [admin@sscolumbaandtheresa.co.uk](mailto:admin@sscolumbaandtheresa.co.uk) - for the two Parish Offices. However, after a three-month trial this has not been as useful as we had hoped. Consequently, it has been decided to no longer use this joint email address and instead to revert to the previous individual addresses for

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St Theresa's - [st.theresas@btinternet.com](mailto:st.theresas@btinternet.com).

For general parish matters please send email to both addresses. For matters specific to either St Columba's or St Theresa's please use the single relevant email address for Nuala or Eileen. Please continue to use the parish priest or app for Fr William and Fr James. Thank you very much.

### **SYNOD 2021-2023:**

This Sunday marks the beginning of a four week period in the parish for deepening our reflection on the Synod. There will be an Introductory Address before the Blessing at all Masses. At Masses on the following Sundays, to help with our reflections, there will be an Address on the three Synod Themes: 5/6 February – Communion 12/13 February – Participation 19/20 February - Mission Please pray for our participation in 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.

### **ST. COLUMBA'S COFFEE ROTA:**

If you would like to volunteer and join the rota to raise money for your cause, write your name on the rota in the hall, book online here: <https://forms.gle/4iFKLHxzPViEYvDQ6> or contact Margaret Curtis on 01244 318424.

The following coffee mornings are being provided by the following, please support these wonderful causes:  
30th Jan - Sue McCarthy & Sue Carr for Menigitis UK  
6th Feb - Jane Hickson for World Scout Jamboree

### **OFFERTORY:**

**St. Columba's:** Loose plate: £TBN Planned Giving: £TBN Average weekly SOs £677.00

**St Theresa's:** Loose plate and Planned Giving - £216.45 Average weekly SOs £149.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

### **WHITE FLOWER APPEAL:**

SPUC would like to thank everyone from St Columba and St Theresa who gave generously to the White Flower Appeal, which raised £165. Please pray that the Peers in the House of Lords will oppose the assisted suicide amendment and that life will be valued from conception to natural death.

### **RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND - SPECIAL COLLECTION:**

Thank you for the £200.31 collected in church at St Columba's. We are aware that some parishioners have donated directly and/or online. It is still possible to do this at - [www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund)  
An electronic version of a leaflet about the Fund is available at [www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund) and this also explains how you can donate to the Fund by Standing Order or Cheque (please make payable to Retired Priests' Fund) and how to Gift Aid donations made using these methods.

### **CHURCHES TOGETHER UPTON:**

Churches Together in Upton will be holding their 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday service on Sunday 30th January at 4.30pm in Upton URC.

### **CHURCHES TOGETHER - PRAYING TOGETHER:**

This week we pray for:

- Pray for the residents of Whitton Drive, Sutton Drive, Bidston Close, Greenfield Lane, Rhuddlan Road, Carmel Close, Rose Close & Stamford Road.
- For Sunshine Tots, Praise & Play and for all the leaders. For young families.

### **BISHOP'S RETREAT DAY FOR RCIA CANDIDATES:**

We are considering whether to move the planned Retreat Day for RCIA candidates from across the Diocese due to take place on Saturday 19th February to an online reflection with the Bishop.

### **FOODBANK APPEAL - COLLECTIONS HAVE RESUMED IN BOTH CHURCHES:**

Thanks for your continued support. There are donation points in the front porch of both Churches.

Items most needed at present are tinned meats and fish, UHT milk and juice, small jars of coffee, instant mash, tinned potatoes and vegetables, jams and spread and tinned desserts. There are plenty of baked beans and pasta in the warehouse at present.

For more info please visit the website <http://www.westcheshirefoodbank.org.uk>.

### **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. When counted I will return it to your house. Thank you, Margaret Curtis, 01244-318424.

### **DIOCESE VACANCIES:**

A vacancy for a Clergy Welfare Officer and an Individual Giving and Legacy Fundraiser has arisen within the Diocese see - <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies> completed applications to be sent to Pauline McCulloch [recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

**Thought for the week:** As we work to create light for others, we naturally light our own way. - Mary Anne Radmacher

**We're all in this together** Have you ever passed something regularly, then someone points out to you an interesting feature or such like, and you have that kind of light bulb moment, looking at the feature afresh and wondering how you have managed to miss it for all those years? Walking down on the Countess of Chester Health Park the other day, someone pointed out to me three poles each adorned with different parts of a bird's carved body. When viewed through the view finder, also carved, the three parts miraculously come together to make a whole. It's beautiful. Maybe, as the poem by Willima Henry Davies is trying to teach me something too, "A poor life this is if, full of care, we have no time to stand and stare." Enjoy your mindfulness walks, see what you can spot.

### **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: [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:**

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