



The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

9th JANUARY 2022

Saturday 8th January 2022

St. Theresa's 5.00pm Tim Cooke RIP

St. Columba's 6.30pm Frank Jeffes RIP

Sunday 9th January

St. Theresa's 9.30am Parishioners' Intentions

St. Columba's 11.00am 'For those who don't have anyone to request Mass for them'

Monday 10th January

St. Theresa's Phil Powell RIP

St. Columba's Christine Harrison RIP

Tuesday 11th January

St. Theresa's Stewart Harrison RIP

St. Columba's Parishioners' Intentions

Wednesday 12th January - St Aelred of Rievaulx Ab.

St. Theresa's Florence Southall RIP

St. Columba's 10.30am Tom & Lyn Coyle

Thursday 13th January - St Hilary B, D

St. Theresa's Agnes Jones RIP

St. Columba's Parishioners' Intentions

Friday 14th January

St. Theresa's 10.00am Graham George RIP

St. Columba's Joan Bullough (A)

Saturday 15th January – Blessed Virgin Mary

St. Theresa's 5.00pm Joyce family Intentions

St. Columba's 6.30pm Deceased members of the Gordon family

Sunday 16th January

St. Theresa's 9.30am Mae Dunne's Intentions

St. Columba's 11.00am Antonio Patino Pan (A)

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:

Klepalo (Chris) Czeslawa, Francina Anna J wright, Catherine (Cath) Bond, Antonio Patino Pan, Elizabeth McGovern.

LATELY DEAD:

Please pray for Irene Williams and Ruth O'Donnell who died recently. May the Lord grant them Eternal Rest and console their families. Irene's funeral is on Monday 17 January at 10.45am at St Theresa's. Ruth's funeral is on Thursday 20 January at 12 noon at St Theresa's.

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 UPDATE

The omicron variant has very high levels of transmissibility so we are re-instating the request not to kneel at Mass and not to use the benches which are taped off. This will maintain good social distancing and help all to remain safe. We also ask you to bear with the church doors being open and not to close them – it is important to maintain good ventilation. Thank you all.

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.

PARISH ADMINISTRATION:

Please note that Fr James will be away from 31st December until the beginning of February.

200 CLUB:

The winners of the Big Draw are:- £100 G Gilhooley (no.74) £50 A. McCarthy (no.72) and £25 M Price (no.90) The new envelopes are available at the back of St Theresa's church. Anyone wishing to join please contact St Theresa's parish office 01244 371660 or e mail

admin@sscolumbaandtheresa.co.uk Many thanks for your support.

ST COLUMBA'S COFFEE ROTA:

If you would like to volunteer to join the rota and raise money for your cause, you can write your name on the rota in the hall, or book online here:

<https://forms.gle/4iFKLHxzPViEYvDQ6> or contact Margaret Curtis on [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: £274.30

Planned Giving: £229.50

St Theresa's: Loose plate and Planned Giving - £235.90

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 Newton Lane, Appleton Road, Handforth Road, Dinas Close, Tregle Close, Caernarfon Grove, Conway Grove & Beaumaris Grove.
- For the Archive Group, Social Committees and fundraising groups.
- For the fellowship and sharing at social gatherings.

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL - 15/16 JANUARY 2022:

There will be a White Flower Appeal next weekend.

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](tel:01244318424).

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

'Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good, put together, that overwhelm the world.' Desmond Tutu.

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](#) Ministeries, so whatever you decide and

if you can give some time to volunteer, everyone involved will be grateful. Happy New Year.

RESOURCES:

If you think you will struggle or are struggling with your energy bills, it might be worth taking a look at the following sites, [Citizens Advice](#), & [Cheshire West and Chester Council](#) both have information and advice and signpost to where you can get support and [Age UK](#) have a guide on "Save energy, pay less" which may also help.

LOST AND FOUND:

A pair of glasses in a brown leather patchwork case have been found at St Columba's. They are being stored in the lost property box in the Parish Office. Please contact Nuala to arrange to collect.

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. 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

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 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

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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