



The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 13TH FEBRUARY 2022

Saturday 12th February

St. Theresa's	5.00p.m.	Maria Spicer
St. Columba's	6.30p.m.	Parishioners' Intentions

Sunday 13th February

Day of Special Prayer for Racial Justice

St. Theresa's	9.30a.m.	Parishioners' Intentions
St. Columba's	11.00a.m.	Alberta Roach

Monday 14th February – Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Patrons of

Europe

St. Theresa's	Private Intention
St. Columba's	Margery Whatmough (A)

Tuesday 15th February

St. Theresa's	Priests' Intentions
St. Columba's	Patricia Duggan (A)

Wednesday 16th February

St. Theresa's	Special Intention
St. Columba's	10.30a.m. John Timson

Thursday 17th February

St. Theresa's	Priests' Intentions
St. Columba's	"In Thanksgiving" (A & L. P)

Friday 18th February -

St. Theresa's	10.00a.m. Kath Holden RIP
St. Columba's	Parishioners' Intentions

Saturday 19th February

St. Theresa's	5.00p.m. James Kirkham RIP
St. Columba's	6.30p.m. Ron Williams (A)

Sunday 20th February

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

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.

BAPTISMS:

We welcome into God's family Harrison Andrew Williams and his brother Oliver Charles Williams and Phoebe Eve Riddick who were all recently baptised at St Columba's church. May God bless them and their families. Welcome.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Frank Seago, Martin Leigh, Lt. Lynda Taylor, Jean Baker, David Joseph Whitby, Albert Ronald Williams, Eirlys Nolan.

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.
www.facebook.com/thecatholicparishofstcolumbaandsttheresa

OFFERTORY:

St Columba's: Loose plate: £124.90, Planned Giving: £214.38
Average weekly SOs £677.00

St Theresa's: Loose plate and Planned Giving: £202.14
Average weekly SOs £149.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

PARISH OFFICES - EMAIL ADDRESSES

Please note these email addresses:

St Columba's - stcolumbaschurch2016@outlook.com

St Theresa's - 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.

CHURCHES TOGETHER LENTEN LUNCH:

Soups and sandwiches will be served at Upton United Reformed Church, Heath Road on Thursday 3rd March at 12-1p.m. to raise money for Hospice of the Good Shepherd.

SYNOD 2021-2023

Communion Participation Mission

'Participation' is the Synod theme we reflect on this week. Following discussions with parishioners after last Sunday's Address on Communion, the 'Walking Together' prompt sheet included with the Newsletter this week includes some alterations to help our reflection and make it easier to voice our thoughts.

Can we talk about any topic?

Pope Francis says "what is under discussion at synodal gatherings are not the traditional truths of Christian doctrine. The Synod is concerned mainly with how teaching can be lived and applied in the changing contexts of our time." Therefore, all topics can be raised but it is important to realise that not all will form part of the ongoing discussion.

Please continue to refer to the Newsletter inserts each week to help you engage and reflect. Next Sunday we will think about the third Synod theme of Mission.

On Monday 21st February at 6.30 pm

all are invited to join an hour of prayer and shared reflection on all the Synod themes.

There will be tea and coffee in the hall afterwards so discussions and sharing of thoughts can continue

Please continue to 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.

PRAYING TOGETHER:

We pray for:

- The residents of Shepherds Lane, Thornton Drive, The Beeches, Windermere Avenue, The Glen, Jonathan's Way, Sumner Road, Fisher Road and Graham Road.
- The Growth Action Planning in our churches, Commitment for Life, Vision4Life and Fresh Expressions.

ST COLUMBA'S SUNDAY COFFEE ROTA:

13th Feb - Elizabeth and Margaret CWL

20th Feb - Volunteers please

27th Feb - Sue McCarthy for SVP

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.

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.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Be the change you wish to see in the world - Mahatma Gandhi

NANNY FOR HIRE:

If you require a nanny, I'm looking for work. My name is Nona and my phone no. is 07466918541, email: ifeglo4mary@gmail.com

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE C.I.O.:

1st Meeting of C.W.L. 2022 will be on **Monday 14th February** at 2p.m. in the Newman room at St. Columba's, Chester.

WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER: An after-dinner quiz the other night was, "What superhero power would you most wish to possess and why?" We had the usual's, invisibility, travel in time, fly etc. But when you think about it, we are all superheroes with gifts and powers, our minds and talents are incredible things. What we do with them can be transformational. So, while we may not be able to fly unaided, we can embrace kindness; practice compassion; stand up for justice; listen with our whole heart; work for the common good; smile...The list is endless. What will you do with your superpower?

LENT REFLECTIONS:

Lent is a precious time in the Church's year as we reflect, take stock, and look both inwardly at our own lives, and out into the World seeing everyone as our neighbour. In these recent times of struggle, we especially look to the sacrifice on the Cross as our inspiration, acknowledging those making their own sacrifice in the care of others, and remembering those we have lost.

Each Friday during Lent, Missio invites you to join us, and speakers from our partners the Mill Hill Missionaries and the wider Catholic community, for a short time of prayer and reflection. The events should last around 20 minutes and will be live-streamed via YouTube. Recordings of the liturgies will be available to view on Missio's YouTube channel shortly after they have taken place.

Live Stream Lent Reflections, Fridays, 10.30am

Join us live every Friday on Missio's YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/MissioUK>

We look forward to sharing with you and praying together during Lent.

FOODBANK APPEAL – COLLECTIONS HAVE RESUMED IN BOTH CHURCHES:

Thank you once again for your generous donations. Unfortunately, during these worrying times more and more people are having to use the foodbank and your contributions are needed more than ever. 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, but all contributions are gratefully received including small jars of coffee, instant mash, tinned potatoes and vegetables, jams and spread and tinned desserts. For more info please visit the website <https://westcheshire.foodbank.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: 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 to arrange booking.

NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

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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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