



# The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 6<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2022

### Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February – St Agatha V, M

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

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February

St. Theresa's 9.30am Parishioners' Intentions  
St. Columba's 11.00am Tony Kane RIP  
St. Columba's 12.30pm. Baptism Phoebe Eve Riddick

### Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February

St. Theresa's Irene Williams RIP  
St. Columba's Priests' Intentions

### Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February – St Josephine Bakita, V

*Special Day of Prayer for Victims of Trafficking*

St. Theresa's Priests' Intentions  
St. Columba's Parishioners' Intentions

### Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February

St. Theresa's Special Intention  
St. Columba's 10.30am Sean McCabe (A)

### Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February - St Scholastica, V

St. Theresa's Jenny Casey's Intentions  
St. Columba's Parishioners' Intentions

### Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February - World Day of Prayer for the Sick

St. Theresa's 10.00am Life & Work of School & Parish  
St. Columba's Bishop Mark –Anniversary of his ordination

### Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February

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

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Day of Special Prayer for Racial

#### Justice

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

### **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:**

Margaret Strong, Michael S Sanderson-Miller.

### **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](https://www.facebook.com/thecatholicparishofstcolumbaandsttheresa)

### **OFFERTORY:**

**St Columba's:** Loose plate: £79.01, Planned Giving: £109.10  
Average weekly SOs £677.00

**St Theresa's:** Loose plate and Planned Giving - £399.40  
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](mailto:stcolumbaschurch2016@outlook.com)

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.

### **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. Today's coffee is by Jane Hickson for World Scout Jamboree.

### **SYNOD 2021-2023**

#### **Communion Participation Mission**

Last Sunday saw the introduction of a four week period in the parish for deepening our reflection on the Synod. We continue this week by reflecting on Communion, the first of the Synod themes.

Please refer to the Newsletter insert this week to discover ways in which we might engage in reflecting. In the coming weeks we will think about:

Participation - 12/13 February  
Mission - 19/20 February

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.

#### **THANKS:**

The great coffee and cake sale on 30/1/22 for Meningitis Now made the magnificent sum of £157.61 including gift aid. My grateful thanks to everyone who made, bought and sold coffee and cakes. Cathy Murphy

#### **PRAYING TOGETHER:**

We pray for, Gayton Close, Denhall Close, Moorhouse Close, Venables Road, St Chad's road, Church Hall Close and Cedar Mews.

#### **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.

#### **HELLO:**

My name is Daniel and I work for Right To Life UK. You may remember us contacting you requesting your support for a variety of campaigns we've run to help protect the unborn and women facing crisis pregnancies, as well as previous requests to include them in your church's prayers. Right To Life UK has had a challenging and busy month, with the assisted suicide lobby attempting to hijack the Government's Health and Care Bill and force them to lay an assisted suicide bill before Parliament within a year of the Bill passing into law.

Fortunately, Lord Forsyth opted to not take the amendment to a vote last Wednesday when the Bill was discussed at Committee Stage. Nevertheless, this is likely not the end for this amendment. The Health and Care Bill will shortly move onto Report Stage where there is still the risk that Lord Forsyth will retable his amendment.

As such, we are asking as many of our supporters as possible to sign up to our Action Alerts, so they can effectively participate in our efforts to stop this amendment passing, and others like it. You can do so by visiting the following link: [www.righttolife.org.uk/#action-alerts](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/#action-alerts)

#### **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)

#### **FOUNDATION GOVERNORS:**

We are currently trying to recruit Foundation Governors for various schools in the local area as quite a few of our schools are now desperate for foundation governors. The Foundation category is required to be in the majority of two over all other governors combined and in some schools this is not the case thus removing the essential 'Catholicity' of the Board. Please see below a general paragraph for your newsletter if you would be so kind as to use it.

If you feel able to offer your services please contact Sue Blackwell, Governance Support Officer for the Diocese, via [sue.blackwell@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:sue.blackwell@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) or telephone 0151 652 9855. The required forms can also be downloaded from the diocesan website [www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org). Click on main Education heading and click on Foundation Governors from the dropdowns which will appear on the left hand side.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK** All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well. Julian of Norwich.

**WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER:** Listening to the news and reading the newspapers at the moment is far from an uplifting experience. Whether it be the aftermath of wars, famine, possible conflicts, wrong doings etc. They are important subjects but sometimes overpowering in their quantity. It reminded me that we need to look after ourselves. That may mean switching the news off or tuning to other forms of more positive media. It also reminded me of a recent blog that I had read by Wendy Mitchell. She was diagnosed with young onset dementia in 2014. She said, "simple delights are what make each day." That might be the robin in the garden, the snowdrops just popping through, the children's laughter going to school, a good book. The list is endless. Life is a balance. Keep safe and look after yourself.

**RESOURCES:**

Queen's Jubilee celebrations: 2-6 June. If you or your neighbourhood are thinking of putting on an event/ street party/ bunting etc. then Cheshire West and Chester Council has produced an application form for groups that want to hold their own events, [Event guidance and application form](#) email: [artswest@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:artswest@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)  
Applications to be made by mid April.

**LOST PROPERTY**

Two items of lost property have been found at St Columba's: a bracelet. If either of these belong to you, please contact Nuala in the Parish Office to arrange to collect. Thank you.

**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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