



# The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 13<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2022

### Saturday 12th March

St. Theresa's 5.00pm Parishioners' Ints.  
St. Columba's 6.30pm Frank Watts

### Sunday 13th March

St. Theresa's 9.30am Kazia Krawiec RIP  
St. Columba's 11.00am Joseph Keating (A)

### Monday 14th March

St. Theresa's Priests' Ints  
St. Columba's 9.30am Stations of the Cross  
10.00am Private Int. (CEC)

### Tuesday 15th March

St. Theresa's 9.30am Adoration of the Blessed  
10.00am Sacrament  
Private Int.  
Anne Meredith

St. Columba's

### Wednesday 16th March

St. Theresa's Priests' Ints  
St. Columba's 9.30am Devotions to Our Lady  
10.00am Aquiles Paras (A)

### Thursday 17th March – St Patrick

St. Theresa's People of Ukraine  
St. Columba's Priests Ints.

### Friday 18th March

St. Theresa's 9.30am Stations of the Cross  
10.00am Kevin McCarthy  
St. Columba's Parishioners' Ints.

### Saturday 19th March- St Joseph

St. Theresa's 5.00pm Ruth 'Donnell RIP  
St. Columba's 6.30pm The Parish

### Sunday 20th March

St. Theresa's 9.30am Parishioners' Ints.  
St. Columba's 11.00am Huw Williams

**Please note the extra services and Masses during the Lenten season.**

### CONFESSIONS:

**There will be Confessions after every weekday Mass until 11.30am. at both churches.**

**St Columba's:** From 6pm before the 6.30pm Saturday evening Mass.

**St Theresa's:** From 4.30pm before 5pm Saturday evening Mass.

### WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS AND FUNERALS:

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

### RECENTLY DEAD

Please remember in your prayers, Huw Williams, who died recently. May the Lord grant him Eternal Life and console his family and friends.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

John James Tully, Doreen Brenda Grainger, Jean Alice Hickman, Michael Byrne, Charles Buckley.

### STREAMING OF MASS

Mass will be streamed from St Theresa's this week at 9am.  
[www.facebook.com/thecatholicparishofstcolumbaandsttheresa](https://www.facebook.com/thecatholicparishofstcolumbaandsttheresa)

### OFFERTORY:

#### St Columba's: TBA

Wednesday morning Badminton £150

Wednesday Tai Chi. £60

**St Theresa's:** Loose plate and Planned Giving: £206.31

Average weekly SOs £149.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

### NEWSLETTER EDITORS WANTED:

If you are interested in joining our group of newsletters editors, please contact the church secretaries. Training will be provided. Thank you.

### EASTER LILIES:

As in previous years, if anyone would like to donate a Lily in memory of a deceased family or friend, please place £1 – in an envelope with the deceased's name on – in any of the baskets around church. The list of names will be on the Altar at all Masses during Lent.

### CAFOD Family Fast Day – Lent Appeal 11<sup>th</sup> March

This Family Fast Day, we remember that there are many people who need our love and support all around the world. Children experiencing malnutrition, like Amie's daughter Lombeh did in Sierra Leone, or as we are seeing now in Ukraine, families affected by conflict. Your small act of love can make big things happen. Donations to CAFOD this Lent will reach families around the world, enabling local experts to provide support to families in times of need or conflict. You can donate in church using a CAFOD envelope or by visiting the CAFOD website:

[cafod.org.uk/lent](http://cafod.org.uk/lent)

### 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.

## SYNOD 2021-2023

### RESPONSE TO THE SYNOD CONSULTATION:

Thank you to all who participated in the recent consultation. There were 205 replies in total from the consultation during Masses and from forms and cards completed previously. The results have been sent to Bishop Mark who is reading all the submissions from parishes alongside individual replies that have been sent in by parishioners throughout the diocese.

The process of consultation is now being followed by a process of discernment in which “the Bishops are called to discern what the Spirit is saying to the Church, not by themselves but by listening to the People of God”. Bishop

Mark will offer his discernment and reflection (after reading all the responses he has received) at the Cathedral on 3rd April. This discernment will also be sent to Bishops Conference of England and Wales in readiness for the plenary assembly of the bishops in Cardiff 2nd – 6th May. The outcome of the discernment of the Bishops Conference will go to the Vatican to be part of the world wide discernment with Pope Francis.

Members of the Pastoral Council are analysing the results of the consultation on the needs of our parish. It is anticipated that these will be shared with parishioners after Easter and will include an open meeting(s) to which all parishioners will be invited.

(“Discernment involves reflection and engages both the heart and head in seeking and finding the will of God. God guides the individual to help them arrive at the best decision”).

Please continue to pray for the Synod and for our participation, walking together along the way, united in Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life.

### 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 Kelvin Grove, Western Approach, Thirlmere Road, Hatton Road, Pulford Road, Leaside Road and Fernhill Road.
- For a greater compassion for those who feel marginalised in our society.
- For a deeper unity between the churches.

### ST COLUMBA'S SUNDAY COFFEE ROTA:

13th Mar - volunteers please

20th Mar - volunteers please

27<sup>th</sup> Mar - 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](tel:01244318424).

### RED MISSION BOXES, ST COLUMBA'S - NEW PROCEDURE:

If you have a Red Mission box, please leave it in the sacristy and when Margaret has counted it, your new box will be ready for collection in the rear porch - please only take the box with your name on. Thank you, Margaret Curtis, [01244 318424](tel:01244318424).

**ST THERESA'S** – Please leave your red box in the sacristy to be counted. Thank you.

### FOODBANK APPEAL – COLLECTIONS HAVE RESUMED IN BOTH CHURCHES:

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>

### SVP AT ST.COLUMBA'S & ST. THERESA'S:

Thank you to all for your generous donations and contributions of time and money at our coffee morning on Sunday 27th Feb. We raised £171.22. Thank you.

We will be collecting toiletries, underwear and socks for distribution by Chester Aid to the Homeless. Please feel free to re-gift any Christmas gifts that could be put to good use. Particularly needed are disposable razors. Red Collection boxes are in both porches. We took 26kg of food to the food bank in January and 52kg in February. Your generous donations are much appreciated.

### CONFIRMATION PRAYER SPONSORS:

A big heartfelt thank you to all our parishioners who prayed for a Confirmation candidate during their Confirmation preparation. Your prayers were very much appreciated, and the candidates were happily surprised and grateful to receive your cards and presents.

**Thought for the week** “It is during our darkest moments that we must focus on the light.” Aristotle Onassis

**We're all in this together:** At the moment its difficult not to see, hear or read news items about the war in Ukraine. It can sometimes seem so overwhelming that we can feel hopeless and at a loss as to what to do. There are things that we can do. If able to, we can give to the aid agencies who are working with the refugees; there have been local collections for medicines, nappies, and baby formula etc; we can ask our MPs to ensure the refugees are welcomed into the county and given the necessary visas and we can welcome those that come to Chester. Prices of goods may well go up in the shops, so those in our community may also need support and our food banks at the Church are again open to take donations. We can also continue to pray for those who are working for peace and those who are affected by the war and again for the courageous Russians who are protesting against the war. Every little helps, that one drop will send out ripples of hope.

**Resources:** Many children will be seeing and hearing about the war, [UNICEF](https://www.unicef.org/) have web details about how to talk to children about war and conflict as do [Save the Children](https://www.savethechildren.org/).

### NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Muriel Green

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Compiler by 9.00 a.m. on THURSDAY

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**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.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:**

Thank you to the ladies of St Columba who came to support and take part in the World day of Prayer. The prayers and hymns were fitting for the situation in Ukraine and we were all aware of that.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE CIO:**

The next meeting will be held on Monday March 14th at 2 pm in the Newman Room, at St Columba's Church, Plas Newton, Chester.

**BOW TIES & BOAS:**

A celebration of 100 years of music making in Chester. Chester Male Voice Choir & Handbags in Harmony are giving a concert in St. Columba's Church Friday 8th April 7.30pm Tickets £12 each. Please contact Sue Carr 07553114531

**CHESTER LADIES CHOIR SPRING CONCERT:**

The Ladies Choir are giving a concert in St. Columba's Church Hall, Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 7.30p.m. Wine and soft drinks available. Tickets £12 each from - [www.jumblebee.co.uk/chesterladieschoirnewbeginnings](http://www.jumblebee.co.uk/chesterladieschoirnewbeginnings)

**CATHOLIC POST:**

There are copies of the Catholic post newspaper available at the back of church.

**CHESTER 10K ROAD CLOSURES:**

This Sunday between 8.30 and 11.30 a.m.