



The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 20th MARCH 2022

Saturday 19th March

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

Sunday 20th March

St. Theresa's 9.30am Parishioners' Intentions
St. Columba's 11.00am Huw Williams RIP
12.30 Baptism - Rose Emma Blago

Monday 21st March

St. Theresa's Katie O'Hara's Intentions
St. Columba's 9.30am Stations of the Cross
10.00am D & M Comerford

Tuesday 22nd March

St. Theresa's 9.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
10.00am Felix's recovery
St. Columba's Parishioners' Intentions

Wednesday 23rd March

St. Theresa's Priests' Intentions
St. Columba's 9.30am Devotions to Our Lady
10.00am Parishioners' Intentions

Thursday 24th March

St. Theresa's People of Ukraine
St. Columba's Matthew Traynor

Friday 25th March – Annunciation of the Lord

St. Theresa's 9.30am Stations of the Cross
10.00am Susan Taylor RIP
St. Columba's Private Intention (NK)

Saturday 26th March – Solemnity of St Joseph

St. Theresa's 5.00pm Parishioners' Intentions
St. Columba's 10.00am Fr. Joe Comerford
6.30pm Edwin Edwards (A)

Sunday 27th March

St. Theresa's 9.30am Ruth O'Donnell RIP
St. Columba's 11.00am Phillip A Francis

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.

EASTER SERVICES:

HOLY THURSDAY 14th April

St Theresa's 5pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
St Columba's 6pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY 15th April

Walk of Witness
St Columba's 3pm Celebration of the Lord's passion
St Theresa's 3pm Celebration of the Lord's passion

EASTER VIGIL 16th April

St Theresa's 8pm
St Columba's 8pm

EASTER SUNDAY 17th April

Mass at usual times

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 24th April

St Columba's 2pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
2.45pm Mass

WELCOME

This week we welcome into our parish community Rose Emma Blago, who is to be baptised on Sunday. May Our Lord bless her and her family.

RECENTLY DEAD:

Please remember in your prayers, Mavis Gibson, Ben Knobben and Huw Williams, who died recently. May the Lord grant them Eternal Life and console their family and friends. Mavis' funeral will be held at 1.00pm on Tuesday 29 March at St Columba's.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Maria Magdalena Cumberford, Stewart Harrison, Norman Roddy, James Philip Conde, Judith Mary Whitlow

STREAMING OF MASS

Mass will be streamed from St Columba's this week at 11am.
www.facebook.com/thecatholicparishofstcolumbaandsttheresa

APF – MILL HILL MISSION Thank You & Appeal 26/27th March

This will take place next weekend at all Masses when we welcome Fr Dermot Byrne MHM to our parish. Thank you to all parishioners who already support this wonderful Association through the Red Boxes. If you have not yet thought of doing so, perhaps this thank you and appeal might persuade you to think about doing so. Please see the poster at the back of church for more details.

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.

COVID GUIDANCE UPDATE – March 2022

St Columba's Church

Following the advice the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales, and the removal by the Government on 24th February of the legal requirements relating to COVID -19 precautions, parishioners are politely requested to:

- Wear a face mask while in church (in line with Government guidance)
- Observe social distancing
- Continue to sanitize your hands on entry to church.
- Use the additional seating in the Iona Chapel if appropriate.
- Bear with the doors being open to maintain ventilation.
- Get tested if you have COVID-19 symptoms and stay at home if you test positive.

Holy Water will be available in stoups and parishioners will be allowed to kneel. However, please be respectful and avoid compromising social distance regarding those who are unable to kneel.

For any suggestions do not hesitate to contact or talk to the Priests.

Many thanks for your forbearance in helping to ensure that everyone feels both welcomed and safe at Mass.

OFFERTORY:

Loose plate - £223.05; Planned Giving £153.00; Average weekly SOs- £677

Week ending 13 March: Loose plate - £203.6; 5 Planned Giving £89.50; Average weekly SOs- £677

St Theresa's: Loose plate and Planned Giving: £224.74
Average weekly SOs £149.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

MASS FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE:

Mass will be celebrated for the People of Ukraine on behalf of members of the Newman Association by the Association Chaplain Fr. Pat Kilgarriff from St George's Worcester at 10 a.m. on Tuesday next 22nd March. The live streaming of the Mass is available to all at

<https://www.churchservices.tv/worcester>

PRAYING TOGETHER:

We pray for:

- the residents of Newton Park Road, Kennedy Close, Sandon Road, Harthill Road, The Parade, Tomlin's Terrace and Carlisle Road.
- Upton Village Surgery.
- Doctors, Nurses, Health Visitors and Social Workers in our community.

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.

ST COLUMBA'S SUNDAY COFFEE ROTA

20th Mar - Jane Nash & Sue Carr for CAFOD

27th Mar - Sue McCarthy for SVP

3rd Apr - Myra Bowyer for Hospice of the Good Shepherd

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 or contact Margaret Curtis on 01244 318424.

TEA COFFEE AND HOT CROSS BUNS FOR EASTER:

At Upton United Reformed Church Hall in Heath Road (next to the Wheatsheaf) on Maundy Thursday 14th April 10 a.m., to 12 noon, in support of local and national charities.

RED MISSION BOXES NEW PROCEDURE:

ST COLUMBA'S - 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. Many thanks for your support with this.

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>

STELLA MARIS WEBINAR:

On the one-year anniversary of the Ever Given ship getting stuck in the Suez Canal, Catholic charity Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea) is hosting a webinar about modernisation in the shipping industry. It will look at the history of the container ship, the rise of the ultra-large container vessels, and explore what impact modernisation of the shipping industry has had on seafarers around the world. Please register now at www.stellamaris.org.uk/modernisation to join online on **23 March at 7.30pm** to hear how shipping has changed in the last century, the impact this is having on seafarers today, and the important role Stella Maris has in supporting them.

FRAUD PREVENTION AND AWARENESS:

Take Five over Tea aims to encourage families to sit down with parents/grandparents and anyone else they think may be vulnerable to financial fraud whether in their own home, or online, and then discuss the advice provided. A full PDF leaflet can be downloaded from Take Five at: [Take-Five-Over-Tea-Loved-Ones_2021_FINAL.pdf](https://www.takefive-stopfraud.org.uk) (takefive=stopfraud.org.uk)

Thought for the week: with the winter Olympics having just finished this seems like a good thought for the week, “Winning doesn't always mean being first. Winning means you're doing better than you've done before” Bonnie Blair, Speed Skater.

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:

This will be compiled by Rebecca Vaughan

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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 a.m. on THURSDAY

Website: www.sscolumbaandtheresa.co.uk

THE BETHLEHEM NATIVITY GROUP:

A missionary from Bethlehem, The Holy Land will visit St Columba's and St Theresa's on the weekend 2nd - 3rd April to briefly talk about the Holy Land and sell religious articles made out of Olive Wood from the Holy Land to help and support the poor Christian families, any help you could give to them it will be highly appreciated" (when you help the poor you help our Lord"

NEWSLETTER EDITORS WANTED:

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

Resources If you are struggling financially, Citizens Advice have a helpful page on their web site relating to [getting help with bills](#). Looking at aspects of debt, utility bills, grants available etc. [Age UK](#) also have pages on money and legal matters

We're all in this together: Walking out on Monday morning to bright blue skies, the sun shining down, crisp ground, spring flowers showing us their beauty and the birds singing made me so happy. Any one of those things by itself would have been lovely but to come together was even better. We have that hope, joy and assured future. We are fortunate. The Ukrainian people have had that taken away from them. However, what is clear in news interviews is their absolute resolve, unity and love for their Country and the maintenance of wider democracy. What would we do if we were in their shoes? Let us pray for all who continue to seek a peaceful outcome in these troubled times

CHESTER LADIES CHOIR SPRING CONCERT:

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

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

CATHOLIC POST:

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