



# The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2022

### Saturday 26th March

St. Theresa's 5.00pm Parishioners' Intentions  
St. Columba's 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  
12.30 Baptisms – Nuala Rose Harrison & Arthur Stewart Harrison

### Monday 28th March

St. Theresa's Priests' Intentions  
St. Columba's 9.30am Stations of the Cross  
For the crises facing the world today  
10.00am Veronica Comerford (A)

### Tuesday 29th March

St. Theresa's 9.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
10.00am Peace in the World.  
St. Columba's Parishioners' Intentions

### Wednesday 30th March

St. Theresa's People of Ukraine  
St. Columba's 9.30am Devotions to Our Lady  
10.00am James Traynor (RIP)

### Thursday 31st March

St. Theresa's Sheila Hollis  
St. Columba's Priests' Intentions

### Friday 1st April

St. Theresa's 9.30am Stations of the Cross  
10.00am Mae Dunne's Intentions  
St. Columba's People of Ukraine

### Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

St. Theresa's 5.00pm Parishioners' Intentions  
St. Columba's 6.30pm Ben Knobben (RIP)

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

St. Theresa's 9.30am Pepe Magaway RIP  
St. Columba's 11.00am Fr Joe Comerford

**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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> April

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

### EASTER SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> April

Mass at usual times

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> April

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

## WELCOME

This week we welcome into our parish community sister and brother, Nuala Rose and Arthur Stewart Harrison, who are to be baptised today. May Our Lord bless them both and all their 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<sup>th</sup> March at St Columba's. A Memorial and Thanksgiving service for Huw Williams will take place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 1.00p.m. at St Columba's. The Williams family would like to thank everyone for their expressions of sympathy, kindness and support during this very difficult time. They thank you for your prayers and ask you to remember them in the time to come.

## ANNIVERSARIES:

Veronica Comerford, Albert Edwin Morrish, Charles Woods, Peter Connolly.

## STREAMING OF MASS

Mass will be streamed from St Theresa's this week at 9.30a.m. [www.facebook.com/thecatholicparishofstcolumbaandsttheresa](http://www.facebook.com/thecatholicparishofstcolumbaandsttheresa)

## APF – MILL HILL MISSION Thank You & Appeal 26/27<sup>th</sup> March:

This will take place this 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 - £186.22; Planned Giving £122.50; Average weekly SOs- £677

**St Theresa's:** Loose plate and Planned Giving: £174.00

Average weekly SOs £149.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

### PRAYING TOGETHER:

We pray for:

- The residents of Broadway West, Totland Grove, Derwent Road, Durham Road, Canterbury Road, Lichfield Road and Warwick Road.
- The Zoo and all who work there.
- A deeper awareness of our environment.

### THE BETHLEHEM NATIVITY GROUP:

A missionary from Bethlehem, The Holy Land will visit St Columba's and St Theresa's on the weekend **2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> 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"

### WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER:

"Carpe diem" or "seize the day", a phrase made more prominent by the 1989 film Dead Poets Society with Robin Williams. None of us know what tomorrow will bring, which is maybe a good thing. But today is the "present", a gift, share your love and joy, and particularly with mothers, guardians', carers, aunts, grandmothers etc this Mothering Sunday. And remember those who are no longer with us. In Ukraine one shop gave out a single flower to people shopping, a symbol of hope and kindness, like the bells of St Sophia's Cathedral, Kyiv, continuing to toll. Let us also continue to pray for peace around the world and for all refugees.

### RESOURCES:

Exam stress, students within our community will be taking exams over the coming months, and some will be taking exams for the first time due to the pandemic. It can be a stressful time. Web sites and information on reducing stress and how to manage revision are available for example, [NHS](#), [Young Minds](#), & [British Red Cross](#) etc.

## SYNOD QUESTION: WHAT CHANGES NEED TO BE MADE IN OUR PARISH

The responses have been collected and re-ordered by the sub group of the Pastoral Council which has been planning the parish involvement in the Synod. They will be presented to a meeting of the full Pastoral Council in late April then shared with the whole parish in early May by means of a written summary and an invitation to one of several meetings to which all parishioners will be invited.

Pauline Rourke

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"The sun himself is weak when he first rises and gathers strength and courage as the day gets on." Charles Dickens

### WANTED PHOTOS ON THE THEME OF EASTER:

Following on from the success of "Little Donkey" which was sung so beautifully by our Little Choir at Christmas (the video is still available to view on the parish Facebook page) the girls have decided to record an Easter Alleluia. They thought it would be really lovely if our parish community could provide photos on the theme of "what Easter means you" to illustrate their singing. This could be a good opportunity for parents, grandparents and guardians to discuss Easter themes with their children and then take a photo to represent their thoughts. If you would like to take part, please send your photos to Mark Traynor at [marktraynor96@gmail.com](mailto:marktraynor96@gmail.com) by Monday 11th April 2022.

### VACANCIES AT THE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:

1. **School Premises Manager** - 37 hours per week, Grade 9. Deadline for applications will be 25<sup>th</sup> March 12p.m. with a view to interviewing 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022. The successful candidate will start April 2022.
2. **Teacher of Mathematics** – Permanent, full-time, MPS. The vacancy would suit an Early Careers Teacher. Closing date for applications is 9a.m. on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022. Interviews will be held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> 2022.
3. **Curriculum Leader of Learning for Mathematics** – Full time, MPS/UPS+TLR1b. The deadline for application form will be 9a.m. on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022. Interviews will be held on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

For further details and application forms, please visit our website [www.christofidelis.org.uk](http://www.christofidelis.org.uk) under recruitment or contact Mrs Mallon, Head's PA on 01244 267870 or [mallonk@christofidelis.org.uk](mailto:mallonk@christofidelis.org.uk)

### TEA COFFEE AND HOT CROSS BUNS FOR EASTER:

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

### 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:

This will be compiled by Harry Sweeney

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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

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**THANK YOU:**

Thank you to all helped with and supported last Sunday's after mass tea and coffee at St Columba's. We raised a total of £109.47 for CAFOD.

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES:**

Planned Giving envelopes for St Columba's, for the year beginning in April, will be available to collect from the table in the back porch this weekend. Any questions or for more information please contact Kevin Keegan: [k1bfb@hotmail.com](mailto:k1bfb@hotmail.com)

**ST COLUMBA'S SUNDAY COFFEE ROTA**

27<sup>th</sup> Mar - Sue McCarthy for SVP

3<sup>rd</sup> 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.