



The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 6th MARCH 2022

Saturday 5th March

St. Theresa's 5.00pm Tim Cook RIP
St. Columba's 6.30pm Frank Watts

Sunday 6th March

St. Theresa's 9.30am Parishioners' Ints.
St. Columba's 11.00am The Gratrick Family

Monday 7th March -Sts Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs

St. Theresa's Priests' Ints
St. Columba's 9.30am Stations of the Cross
10.00am Felicity Gratrick

Tuesday 8th March – St John of God, Religious

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

St. Columba's Parishioners Ints

Wednesday 9th March -St Francis of Rome

St. Columba's 9.30am Devotions to Our Lady
10.00am June Dodds

St. Theresa's Peter Wynne's Ints
2.00pm Funeral Service for George Thomas Noden

Thursday 10th March

St. Theresa's Priests' Ints
St. Columba's Lucienne Francis

Friday 11th March

St. Theresa's 9.30am Stations of the Cross
10.00am Jenny Casey's Ints
St. Columba's Priests' Ints.

Saturday 12th March

St. Theresa's 5.00pm Parishioners' Ints
St. Columba's 6.30pm The Parish

Sunday 13th March

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

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

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:

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 the 5pm Saturday evening

WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS AND FUNERALS:

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

ANNIVERSARIES:

James John McCafferty, Catherine Kodicek, Agnes Jones, Trevor Lightbown, Christine Elizabeth Scanlan, Kevin McCarthy

STREAMING OF MASS

Mass will be streamed from St Theresa's this week at 9am.
www.facebook.com/thecatholicparishofstcolumbaandsttheresa

COVID GUIDANCE UPDATE

On 24th February, the government removed all remaining domestic COVID restrictions in England. However, there are still steps we can take as a community to reduce the risk of catching and spreading COVID-19:

- Formal social distancing is no longer required in Church. However, we urge our parishioners to continue to be sensitive to the needs and concerns of others especially the most vulnerable. Papers are available in the porch with "Do not sit here" written on them, to be used by those who need social distancing.
- The government is advising to continue wearing a face covering in crowded, enclosed spaces.
- Get tested if you have COVID-19 Symptoms, and stay at home if positive.
- Continue to sanitise 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.
- Holy Water will be available in stoops

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

OFFERTORY:

St Columba's: Loose plate: £236.65, Planned Giving: £103.00
Average weekly SOs £677.00

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.

SYNOD 2021-2023

Communion Participation Mission

As this phase of our reflection on the Synod draws to a close, at Masses this Sunday there will be another opportunity to reflect and record our thoughts, comments and ideas, for inclusion in the parish's submission to Bishop Mark.

Pope Francis invites the entire Church to reflect on the themes of the Synod. Everyone, especially those who for various reasons find themselves on the margins, is being offered the opportunity to express themselves and be heard; *we can think about any topic*, all topics can be raised, although it is important to realise that not all will form part of the ongoing discussion.

Thank you for your participation in this time of reflection in the parish; we pray that we have been inspired to understand what God expects of us, the Church, in this third millennium and that together, in faith, hope and love, we can be that Church.

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 Cleaver Rd. Downham Place. Stratford Rd. Walton Place.
- Pax Christi, Saving to Share, Mission Groups, Christian Aid, CAFOD and Traidcraft.
- Our mission in the wider church.

ST COLUMBA'S SUNDAY COFFEE ROTA:

6th Mar - Anne & Sharon for the Church Garden

13th Mar - volunteers please

20th Mar - volunteers please

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).

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.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

“My plans for you are for peace, not for disaster; To give you a future, a future filled with hope.” (Jer 29:11)

WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER:

Can you imagine waking up and realising that your son, brother, father, friends were being called to take arms, that you were going to have to flee to safety with just whatever you could carry and that you may not have a home to return to, or if you will have the ability to return at all? In the 21st century it's hard to imagine. But this is what's happening in the Ukraine today. War impacts many in very many different ways. In this time of Lent may we all through prayer, fasting and almsgiving be sensitive to our neighbours both at home and abroad and to those courageous Russians who are fighting for peace. May God's plan for peace triumph; may God bring forth a new future filled with hope. May God bless everyone who is working for peace. Amen.

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Lent Appeal 11th 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

COLLECTION OF ITEMS FOR HOMELESS:

The SVP 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 but all donations will be gratefully received and put to good use.

Collection boxes are in both porches. 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

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 Alison Wrigglesworth
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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

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.

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.

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.

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>

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

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