



The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – 1st MAY 2022

Saturday 30th April

St. Theresa's 5.00pm Michael Berry RIP
St. Columba's 6.30pm Frank Stone (Jnr.) A

Sunday 1st May – St Joseph the Worker

St. Theresa's 9.30am Parishioners' Intentions
St. Columba's 11.00am Thomas Michael Byrne RIP

Monday 2nd May - St Athanasius, B, D

St. Theresa's Priests' Intentions
St. Columba 10.30am Parishioners' Intentions

Tuesday 3rd May– Sts. Phillip & James, Apostles

St. Theresa's Private Intention
St. Columba's Priests' Intentions

Wednesday 4th May – English Martyrs

St. Theresa's People of Ukraine
St. Columba's 9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
& Devotions to Our Lady
St. Columba's 10.30am Michael Booth, RIP

Thursday 5th May

St. Theresa's Priests' Intentions
St. Columba's Oscar & Lastenia Payne RIP

Friday 6th May

St. Theresa's 9.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
& Devotions to Our Lady
10.00am Private Intention
St. Columba's Private Intention (KK)

Saturday 7th May

St. Theresa's 5.00pm Parishioners' Intentions
St Columba's 11.00am First Holy Communion Mass
St Columba's. 12.30pm CWL Annual Mass
St. Columba's 6.30pm Mark Allen

Sunday 8th May – Vocations Sunday

St. Theresa's 9.30am Margaret Merriman RIP
St. Columba's 11.00am The Parish

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 William James Hinde and Sheila Gilfoyle who died recently. May the Lord grant them Eternal Life and console their families and friends.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Hilda Gerrard, David John McGlown, Maureen Birukowska

STREAMING OF MASS

Mass will be streamed from St Columba's this week at 11.00am.
www.facebook.com/thecatholicparishofstcolumbaandsttheresa

OFFERTORY:

St Columba's: Loose plate - £149.47, Planned Giving- £270.50
Average weekly SOs - £677.00

St Theresa's: Loose plate and Planned Giving: £286.68
Average weekly SOs £161.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

FRIDAY MASS:

When the weather is warmer, the Friday morning Mass will be held in the garden at St Theresa's. All welcome.

PRAYING TOGETHER:

We pray for:

- the residents of Arley Close, Lincoln Drive, Grasmere Road, Milton Road, Mostyn Place, Crabwell Place, Byron Close and Thomas Close
- the elderly and housebound.
- all who prepare the food and for those who come and enjoy the fellowship enjoyed at church meals.

SYNOD 2023: CHANGES TO BE MADE TO OUR PARISH:

A summary of the responses from parishioners is available in the church porch and will also be available on the website. We hope that you will read through the summary before you come to one of the parish meetings at which we will discuss the suggestions you made for changes in the parish, begin to develop a plan to put them into action and identify parishioners who would be willing to take part. The meetings are listed below – *please note the change of date for the meeting to be held at St Theresa's:*

Tuesday 10 May, St Columba's Hall, 7.00pm

Tuesday 17 May, St Theresa's Social Centre, 7.00 pm

Thursday 19 May, St Columba's Hall, 2.30 pm

Pauline Rourke/Ann McCarthy (chairs Pastoral Council)

EMPOWERING VULNERABLE CHILDREN UGANDA

Judi and Ted Fawcett, the Charity trustees who made appeals at mass last week have sent their grateful thanks for the warm welcome received and the generosity of the parish. Donations in church and online so far have totalled **£1384.55**. To read more about their work, please look at their website <http://www.evcuganda.org>.

ST.COLUMBA'S COFFEE ROTA:

1st May Chris & Elizabeth Nichols for The Parish
8th & 15th May Volunteers Needed

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: 01244 318424

Donation to the Hospice of the Good Shepherd

Thank you to Myra Bowyer who sold handmade crafts after the 11am Mass, 3rd April and raised £58.55 for the Hospice. The thank you letter is at the back of the church.

ZOOM ROSARY FOR MAY:

Fr William has asked if we could resume the Zoom rosary for May. The first rosary will be at 8.00pm Tuesday 3rd May. If you would like to join us, please email marktraynor96@gmail.com before 7.30pm on Tuesday.

MISSIO THANKSGIVING MASS – 11th MAY:

A Thanksgiving Mass with Bishop Mark Davies, to thank God for all those who are praying and supporting the Red Boxes and the work of Missio, will be celebrated at St Michael and All Angels Church, New Hey Road, Woodchurch, Birkenhead CH49 5LE on Wednesday 11th May at 7pm. All are welcome including Missio Secretaries, Benefactors, Red Box holders and anyone interested in the mission of the Church.

Missio and Red Mission Box Annual Results 2021

Thank you, St Columba's & St Teresa's, you raised £758.22 through Red Mission box donations and individuals giving. The Missio thank you poster in the back of the church.

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 box in the sacristy to be counted.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES:

Planned Giving envelopes for St Columba's, for the year beginning in April, are available to collect from the table in the back porch. Any questions or for more information please contact Kevin Keegan: k1bfb@hotmail.com

FREE ROSARIES

Why not consider praying the Rosary every day or at least a decade of this most powerful and life-changing of prayers. If you are unfamiliar with the Rosary, the Catenian Association have left **free** adult Rosaries and 'How to Pray the Rosary' cards at the back of both churches, together with small children's Rosaries if you want to pray the Rosary as a family. *Please only take a free Rosary if you do not own one yourself.*

Thought for the week with students going back into schools and colleges and the exam and SATs season coming up, "believe in yourself, you can do it".

We're all in this together What beautiful weather we have had over this Easter period. Hope you were all able to make the most of it. Our garden got a bit of some much-needed TLC. However, with a hay fever sufferer in the family, we are back to juggling drying clothes inside and outside and closing windows. No fun as a sufferer. Maybe, like the garden, we all need a bit of TLC in whatever form it may take and however

we can take it. We nurture our plants, so why not our souls? So be kind to yourself and have a good week.

Resources: The [Cheshire Foodbank](#) has a new edition of its pop up recipe cook book available on its web site, which looks at cooking cheap nutritious meals.

LOURDES BY JUMBULANCE:

Chester Across Group will leave for Lourdes from St Columba's, Chester on Thursday 14th and return on Saturday 23rd July. We travel overland by a Jumbulance – literally a Jumbo Ambulance. It has seven beds, spacious/reclining seats, an accessible toilet and a kitchen, so we can care for several sick and disabled people. We stay in the four star Meditteranne Hotel, which has adapted bedrooms, hospital beds and accessible showers.

There are vacancies for a Doctor, nurses, helpers and sick and disabled people. There may be some COVID risks to take into account but please do enquire. The cost is £950. Nurses and younger helpers pay half. However, we have fund raised to provide financial help where necessary.

For further information, please contact Tony Murphy on 07881-656-974 or email tonymurphyefc2002@yahoo.co.uk, www.across.org.uk and search for Bev's story.

GHANA TRICYCLE PROJECT:

Thank you to all those who have donated to this, there are photos and letters from the recipients of the tricycles in both churches.

CARITAS – Poverty Challenge: See, Judge, Act

Following the pandemic, many households now also face new hardships as prices rise. Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN), the Catholic agency addressing poverty and injustice in England and Wales, has released a free new booklet to increase awareness of Catholic Social Teaching on poverty, and to inform local responses. Please take a moment to read and encourage groups and individuals to engage with it. Download from www.csan.org.uk

GARDENING AT ST COLUMBA'S

Thank you to Anne Glover who has transformed the flower beds outside the front of church and the hall. Well done!

CHESTER HALF MARATHON – 15 MAY:

The half marathon takes place on Sunday 15 May and some roads around Blacon will be closed. Please check the route to see if this will affect you if you go to Mass at St Theresa's on a Sunday morning.

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 5th MAY**

Website: www.sscolumbaandtheresa.co.uk

21ST CHESTER GUIDES:

21st Chester Guides is reopening at St Columba's Church Hall on Tuesday 3rd May. Meeting Tuesdays 7.30 to 9pm. We welcome new members, girls aged 10 to 14 years. You can enquire via email chesterguides21st@outlook.com, or register your daughter online at www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus. If you wish to speak to a leader, please call Helen on 07828412802. We are also keen to find leaders to reopen the brownie unit. Anyone interested in volunteering is also welcome to contact us in the same way.

APPEAL FOR PRE-LOVED CHILDREN'S BIKES:

The SVP are currently supporting a refugee family who have been housed in our area. The children (a 12yr old girl and 2 boys aged 8 &9) would love to have bikes again. If you have anything suitable, maybe hiding in a shed, please contact Sue McCarthy or Mark Traynor on 07815791213. Thank you.