



The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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PALM SUNDAY

10th April 2022

Saturday 9th April

St. Theresa's 5.00pm Sheila Carpenter RIP
St. Columba's 6.30pm Thomas Byrne RIP

Sunday 10th April

St. Theresa's 9.30am Parishioners' Intentions
St. Columba's 11.00am John & Julie Briody RIP

Monday 11th April

St. Theresa's Priests' Intentions
St. Columba's 9.30am Stations of the Cross
10.00am Private Intention (JC)

Tuesday 12th April

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

Wednesday 13th April

St. Theresa's People of Ukraine
St. Columba's 9.30am Devotions to Our Lady
10.00am Gladys Campbell

Thursday 14th – Holy Thursday

St. Theresa's 5pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
Followed by watching for one hour
St. Columba's 6pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
Followed by watching for one hour

Friday 15th April – Good Friday

St. Theresa's 2.30pm Stations of the Cross
3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
St. Columba's 2.30pm Stations of the Cross
3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Saturday 16th April – Holy Saturday

St. Theresa's 8.00pm Easter Vigil - Priests' Intentions
St. Columba's 8.00pm Easter Vigil - The Parish

Sunday 17th April – Easter Sunday

St. Theresa's 9.30am Parishioners' Intentions
St. Columba's 11.00am Mary & Mike Kiernan

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
Followed by watching for one hour
St Columba's 6pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
Followed by watching for one hour

GOOD FRIDAY 15th April

Walk of Witness
St Columba's 2.30pm Stations of the Cross
3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
St Theresa's 2.30pm Stations of the Cross
3.00pm 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

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.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Elizabeth Mary (Beryl) Chapman, Henry Arthur (Harry) Harrison, Lt. Stewart Harrison, John William Herbert, Angela Crowe, Mary Teresa Kiernan, Philomena Pellegrini, Anne Hogan, Angela Crowe, Daniel Joseph Keegan

STREAMING OF MASS

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

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.

EASTER FLOWERS:

Please put any donations you wish to give in an envelope in the offertory basket marked EASTER FLOWERS. Thank you.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 2022 at St Columba's on 24 April:

Programme: 2.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

2.15pm Recitation of the Chaplet

2.30pm Blessing and veneration of the Divine Mercy picture and Benediction

2.45pm Mass

The service on Divine Mercy Sunday is an opportunity to receive Our Lord's promises of specific, extraordinary graces on the Sunday after Easter. "The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion (on this day) will obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment" (St Faustina). There is a novena which is said in the 9 days before Divine Mercy Sunday (The Divine Mercy Novena of Chaplets | The Divine Mercy). You are invited to attend this service and receive the extraordinary graces from Our Lord.

OFFERTORY:

St Columba's: Loose plate - £236.28; Planned Giving £185.00; Average weekly SOs- £677

St Theresa's: Loose plate and Planned Giving: £196.04
Average weekly SOs £149.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

PRAYING TOGETHER:

We pray for:

- Pray for the residents of Essex Road, Deva Lane, Walnut Close, Boleyn Close, Tudor Green, Saxon Way and Patatine Close
- For the Library, Pavilion and recreational areas in our community. For all adults and children that they will be safe as they enjoy leisure time.

THE BETHLEHEM NATIVITY GROUP:

Would like to thank everyone for their support last weekend. £1322 was raised, this is a great support for Christian families in need.

200 CLUB:

The 200 club has recently paid for the new microphones at St Theresa's. Thank you to those who support this.

WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER:

It's sometimes difficult to know what to say when faced with some of the news these days: the wars, war crimes, inflation, utility price rises, significant covid rates, people assaulting others in public etc. Maybe, as Lent makes us do, we go back to the basics and remember what Pope Francis, in his message

for Lent, told us that 'Lent is a favourable time to seek out – and not to avoid – those in need, to reach out – and not to ignore – those who need a sympathetic ear and a good word, to visit – and not to abandon – those who are lonely'. Maybe, by saying that prayer, sending that card, having that chat with someone or putting that tin in the food collection box we can all help in many different ways. We become the positive force for change. What do you think?

RESOURCES:

Free exhibition in Chester Cathedral Constellations brings together outstanding works of contemporary mosaic by internationally recognised artists from across the UK and abroad, working at the very highest level. Exhibition runs March 21 @ 10:00 am - April 24 @ 6:00 pm.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Where there is discord, may we bring harmony. Where there is error, may we bring truth. Where there is doubt, may we bring faith. Where there is despair, may we bring hope. St Francis of Assisi

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 by Monday 11th April 2022.

ST COLUMBA'S SUNDAY COFFEE ROTA:

10th Apr - volunteers please

17th Apr - Easter Sunday

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](tel:01244318424).

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 this weekend. Any questions or for more information please contact Kevin Keegan: k1bfb@hotmail.com

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.

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 Eileen Irwin

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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 WEDNESDAY 13TH**

Website: www.sscolumbaandtheresa.co.uk

CAFOD Lent Appeal:

Thank you for giving to CAFOD's Lent appeal and for your continued support. The money donated in the envelopes amounted to £594.49. Your generous gifts will ensure that CAFOD's local experts, like Sr Antonia in Sierra Leone, can support families to make healthy food so that children can grow up big and strong.

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.

EMPOWERING VULNERABLE CHILDREN (EVC)

UGANDA APPEAL

EVC Uganda raises funds to provide desperately poor children with an education in a loving, caring and supportive environment. We will welcome the charity to present an appeal at all Masses on the weekend of 23/24 April. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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

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.

Poster will be displayed in both churches.

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).

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