



The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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EASTER SUNDAY-17th APRIL 2022

EASTER VIGIL 16th April

St. Theresa's 8.00pm Priests Ints
St. Columba's 8.00pm The Parish

EASTER SUNDAY 17th April

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

Monday 18th April

St. Theresa's Private Int
St. Columba The People of Ukraine

Tuesday 19th April

St. Theresa's Susan McCaney
St. Columba's Thomas Byrne RIP

Wednesday 20th April

St. Theresa's People of Ukraine
St. Columba's 10.30am Private Int (NK)

Thursday 21st April

St. Theresa's Special Int
St. Columba's Priests' Ints.

Friday 22nd April

St. Theresa's 10.00am Sheila Hollis RIP
St. Columba's Parishioners' Ints

Saturday 23rd April

St. Theresa's 5.00pm Parishioners' Ints.
St. Columba's 6.30pm Phillip G Francis

Sunday 24th April – Divine Mercy Sunday

St. Theresa's 9.30am Kevin McCarthy
St. Columba's 11.00am Thomas Byrne RIP
Reconciliation 2.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
2.45pm Mass

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 (<https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena/>). You are invited to attend this service and receive the extraordinary graces from Our Lord.

THANK YOU

Fr William and Fr James would like to thank you all for helping with the services over Lent and Easter and for your prayers and good wishes.

Have a Happy and Holy Easter. God Bless

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, Thomas Byrne, who died recently. May the Lord grant him Eternal Life and console his family and friends.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Mary Teresa Kiernan, Noel Francis Evans, James Rogerson, Joyce May Ahern, Alice Harvey, James Rodgeron and Elizabeth Barlow.

STREAMING OF MASS

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

EASTER FLOWERS:

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

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.

ST COLUMBA'S SUNDAY COFFEE ROTA:

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).

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:

- Pray for the residents of Cleves Close Roman Drive Cavalier Drive Hadrian Drive
- 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.

200 CLUB:

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

EMPOWERING VULNERABLE CHILDREN (EVC) UGANDA - APPEAL 23/24 APRIL

This Charity provides a future through education for some of the poorest children in the world. Judi Fawcett, the Founder, will give a brief talk at all the Masses that weekend about their work. For further information about the Charity please visit their website at <http://www.evcuganda.org>

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK "God loves each of us as if there were only one of us." St Augustine

WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER: as the noise around us continues to get louder, be it the TV, news, traffic, family, work, etc it is sometimes a bit of a struggle to find that quiet that allows us space to be calm. We all need that breathing space to centre, refresh and move forward. But finding it can often be difficult. Sometimes we can find it in the most surprising places, the bus stop, chopping vegetables, waiting at the traffic lights. Snatch those moments when you can. And as Easter is nearly upon us, let us rejoice in those small moments and be glad for them. Take care all.

RESOURCES If food bills are a problem there are a number of web sites that may be helpful, www.supercook.com will suggest recipes that you can make using food you have in the house; www.stilltasty.com will help decide if different types of food are edible after their "use by" or "sell by" dates and www.westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk is the place to go to find out more about the local foodbank and how to access food stuffs.

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.

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
SVP AT ST COLUMBA'S AND ST THERESA'S

Some of the help your generous contributions have been able to be used for:

Foodbank donations in the last month have totalled 41kg. Thank you. All donations are gratefully received and remember if you get too much chocolate this weekend please feel free to donate to the foodbank!

Our collection of toiletries etc will be coming to an end this weekend. We have had an amazing 1,000 plus items donated. A record!! The person who accepted our first delivery at the shelter in Blacon said "I just can't believe how generous people have been. Please thank them very much"

We will be delivering Easter cards and a small gift to our housebound parishioners over this weekend. Many thanks to all who are helping with the distribution

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

Thank you to those who have already taken the envelopes from St Theresa's.

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.

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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:

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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 21st APRIL**

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