



# The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - 24th APRIL 2022

### Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

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

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April – Divine Mercy Sunday

St. Theresa's	9.30am	Kevin McCarthy RIP
St. Columba's	11.00am	Thomas Byrne RIP
<b>Divine Mercy</b>		
St. Columba's	2.00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	2.15pm	Recitation of the Chaplet
	2.30pm	Veneration & Benediction
	2.24pm	Mass

### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April

St. Theresa's		Priests' Intentions
St. Columba		Susan Watts RIP

### Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April – St George

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

### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April

St. Theresa's		People of Ukraine
St. Columba's	10.00am	Devotions to Our Lady
St. Columba's	10.30am	Private Intention (JC)

### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April – St Peter Chanel, Priest, Martyr

St. Theresa's		Priests' Intentions
St. Columba's		Carmel & Jerome Harrington

### Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April - St Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor

St. Theresa's	10.00am	Susan McCaney RIP
St. Columba's		Parishioners' Intentions

### Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April

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

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May

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

## 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:

Joyce Mary Ahern, Alice Harvey, John Graham Holland, Hilda Gerrard, Jeanne Redfern, Lelia Ann Thompson, Elizabeth Barlow, Paul Michael Marsh, Mary Ada Florence Roberts, John Bernard Duggie, Kathleen Curry, Dorothy Tildesley.

## STREAMING OF MASS

Mass will be streamed from St Columba's this week at 11.00am.

[www.facebook.com/thecatholicparishofstcolumbaandsttheresa](https://www.facebook.com/thecatholicparishofstcolumbaandsttheresa)

## OFFERTORY:

### St Columba's:

**Easter Sunday:** Loose plate - £351.36; Planned Giving £184.00;  
Average weekly SOs- £677.00  
Thursday Evening Badminton - £155.00  
Wednesday Afternoon Tai Chi - £70.00

**St Theresa's:** Loose plate and Planned Giving: £404.78

Average weekly SOs £149.

If the lost money that was dropped in church in September is not claimed by the end of April, we will bank it as a donation.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

## EASTER FLOWERS:

Thank you for your continued support and generosity. Funds have been used for this Easter and some is left over for the year ahead.

## 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 Abbots Park, Milbourne Close, Neston Drive, Owen Close, Shelley Road, Alderley Place, Chaucer Close and Browning Close.
- For Sewing Groups.

## EMPOWERING VULNERABLE CHILDREN (EVC)

### UGANDA - APPEAL 23/24 APRIL:

This weekend we welcome Judi Fawcett, Founder of the charity, who will give a brief talk at all Masses about their work. For further information about the Charity please visit their website at

<http://www.evcuganda.org>

## 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](mailto:k1bfb@hotmail.com)

### SYNOD DISCERNMENT 2023:

Now that the discernment of Bishop Mark has been published it is in order that our parish response be made public. Copies of the documents listed below are available in the porch. They are also available on the website.

- The parish response to the Synod which was sent to Bishop Mark.
- The Diocesan Report of the Synodal Responses
- The Episcopal Discernment of Bishop Mark

A Pastoral Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 27 April to consider the responses to the question on changes which could be made in our parish.

All parishioners are invited to attend one of the following 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:

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

**Thursday 12 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)

### ST.COLUMBA'S COFFEE ROTA:

24<sup>th</sup> April Jane Hickson World Scout Jamboree

1<sup>st</sup> May Chris & Elizabeth The Parish

8th 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

Thank-you for those that supported Myra Bowyer's Craft Stall on 3<sup>rd</sup> April. She raised £58.55 for the Hospice of the Good Shepherd.

**Thought for the week:** The great gift of Easter is hope. Basil Hume

**We're all in this together:** Walking with a friend the other day, she commented on how lovely it was to smell the new mown grass, a sign of spring and new beginnings and then she started to talk about the smell of the sea and how much she loved it too. Both smells I love and they bring back good memories. The new mown grass transports me back to watching the lambs jumping and bounding around in the field behind my house. I loved to watch them, it was such a joy and the sea, well, reminds me of great holidays and fresh air. What smells do you like and why? baking bread, or a perfume or aftershave a relative would wear etc. Do they transport you to a different place? A good place, I hope. These travels in time can be good for you, brighten your day and bring a smile to your face. Enjoy your travels.

**Resources Platform for life** offer counselling and play therapy sessions to low-income families (parents, young people and children) struggling with mental health issues who live in Blacon or Lache. They are local so you won't have to travel to access the service and all their sessions are delivered for free. Criteria apply and referral will, for example, be by school or GP. See the website above for details.

### LOURDES BY JUMBULANCE:

Chester Across Group will leave for Lourdes from St Columba's, Chester on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> and return on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:tonymurphyefc2002@yahoo.co.uk), [www.across.org.uk](http://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](http://www.csan.org.uk)

### SVP AT ST COLUMBA'S AND ST THERESA'S

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

### 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.

### 21<sup>ST</sup> 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](mailto:chesterguides21st@outlook.com), or register your daughter online at [www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus](http://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.

### 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 Muriel Green

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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 28th APRIL**

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