



The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

3rd April 2022

Saturday 2nd April

St. Theresa's 5.00pm Parishioners' Intentions
St. Columba's 6.30pm Ben Knobben RIP

Sunday 3rd April

St. Theresa's 9.30am Pepe Magaway RIP
St. Columba's 11.00am Fr Joe Comerford

Monday 4th April - St Isidore B, D

St. Theresa's Priests' Intentions
St. Columba's 9.30am Stations of the Cross
10.00am Parishioners' Intentions

Tuesday 5th April

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

Wednesday 6th April

St. Theresa's People of Ukraine
St. Columba's 9.30am Devotions to Our Lady
10.00am Brigit Bennett RIP

Thursday 7th April – St John Baptist de la Salle, Priest

St. Theresa's Priests' Intentions
St. Columba's People of Ukraine
St. Columba's 2.00pm Celebration & Thanksgiving service
for Huw Williams

Friday 8th April

St. Theresa's 9.30am Stations of the Cross
10.00am Kevin McCarthy RIP
St. Columba's Veronica Comerford RIP

Saturday 9th April

St. Theresa's 5.00pm Sheila Carpenter RIP
St. Columba's 6.30pm The Parish

Sunday 10th April – Passion Sunday

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

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
St Columba's 6pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY 15th April

Walk of Witness
St Columba's 3pm Celebration of the Lord's passion
St Theresa's 3pm 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.

A Celebration and Thanksgiving service for Huw Williams will take place on Thursday 7th April at 2.00p.m. at St Columba's. The Williams family would like to thank everyone for their expressions of sympathy, kindness and support during this very difficult time. They thank you for your prayers and ask you to remember them in the time to come.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Veronica Comerford, Albert Edwin Morrish, Charles Woods, Peter Connolly, Sandra Mary Erskine, John (Jack) George Cross, David Carty, Philomena Pellegrini.

STREAMING OF MASS

Mass will be streamed from St Theresa's this week at 9.30a.m.
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.

OFFERTORY:

Loose plate - £209.65; Planned Giving £109.00; Average weekly SOs- £677

St Theresa's: Loose plate and Planned Giving: £154.91

Average weekly SOs £149.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

PRAYING TOGETHER:

We pray for:

- The residents of Kingsway, Dickson's Drive, Brookfield Drive, Exeter Place, Burns Way, Masefield Drive, Aragon Green and Brentwood Place
- For Worship Groups and all who plan services.
- For our worship that it is vibrant, spiritual and prayerful.

THE BETHLEHEM NATIVITY GROUP:

We welcome a missionary from Bethlehem, The Holy Land visiting us this weekend to briefly talk about the Holy Land and sell religious articles made out of Olive Wood from the Holy Land to help and support the poor Christian families, any help you could give to them it will be highly appreciated" (when you help the poor you help our Lord")

PARISH VISITOR:

The Spiritan Provincial Superior of the British Province will be with us at our Masses this weekend. We warmly welcome him to St Columba and St Theresa's Parish.

WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER:

How are the Lenten promises coming along. Have you managed to keep away from those biscuits or chocolates? or spend those 5 minutes in prayerfulness? Or do that act of kindness a day. Whatever you chose to ready yourself for Easter, do you feel it's working? I was listening to an orchestra in Kharkiv playing in their metro station so that they were safe. The music was soothing and beautiful. One of the ladies listening said that "these are the rays that help the soul to survive". Such beautiful words in such a difficult situation. Do our Lenten promises provide the nourishment that will allow our soul to survive?

RESOURCES:

What will the world look like in 25 years' time? That's the question being asked in an exciting new competition from Cheshire Museums and Libraries. The art and writing competition is open for young people aged between 4 and 16. Closing date 4 June. For terms and conditions and entry information, visit: westcheshiremuseums.co.uk/festival-for-the-future-schools-competition.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Thought for the week "Spring adds new life and new joy to all that is." Jessica Harrleson

MAUNDY THURSDAY:

There will be a "Watching Hour" in both churches at the end of Mass on Maundy Thursday evening.

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:

3rd Apr - Myra Bowyer for Hospice of the Good Shepherd

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).

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).

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES:

Planned Giving envelopes for St Columba's, for the year beginning in April, will be 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

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.

CARITAS APRIL 2022 NEWSLETTER:

The newsletter will be displayed on the notice boards 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 Amy O'Donnell

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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

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.

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