



The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 15TH MAY 2022

Saturday 14th May

St. Theresa's 5.00pm

St. Columba's 6.30pm

Thanksgiving (MK)

Sheila Innes RIP

Sunday 15th May

St. Theresa's 9.30am

St. Columba's 11.00am

Parishioners' Intentions

The Parish

Monday 16th May

St. Theresa's

St. Columba's 10.30am

Priests' Intentions

Michael Thornber RIP

St Columba's

Tuesday 17th May

St. Theresa's

St. Columba's

Private Intention (GG)

Peter Whitby

Wednesday 18th May

St. Theresa's

St. Columba's 9.30am

St. Columba's 10.30am

People of Ukraine

NO DEVOTIONS

NO MASS

Funeral (Service. 11.00 a.m.)

Michael Thornber RIP

Thursday 19th May

St. Theresa's

St. Columba's

Gladwen Rowena Nicholson RIP

Frank Shanley

Friday 20th May

St. Theresa's 9.00am

10.00am

St. Columba's

Exposition of the Blessed

Sacrament & Devotions

to Our Lady

Cheryl Ann Jones RIP

Canon Zbigniew

Swoboda

Saturday 21st May

St. Theresa's 5.00pm

St. Columba's 6.30pm

Frank & Mary Lally RIP

The Parish

Sunday 22nd May

St. Theresa's 9.30am

St. Columba's 11.00am

Parishioners' Intentions

Michael Thornber

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, Sheila Gilfoyle, Michael Thornber and Carol Anne Murray who died recently. May the Lord grant them Eternal Life and console their families and friends.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Mary Suzanne Roberts, Denzel Gordon, Michael Francis Donovan, Mary Sherman, Jane Whelan and Anita Roberts.

STREAMING OF MASS

Mass will be streamed from St Columba's at 11.30am. until further notice

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OFFERTORY:

St Columba's: Loose plate - £221.03 Planned Giving- £197.50

Candles - £318.14 - Average weekly SOs - £677.00

St Theresa's: Loose plate and Planned Giving: £248.99

Average weekly SOs £161.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

PRAYING TOGETHER:

We pray for:

- Pray for the residents of Newry Park, Grange Road, Eversley Park, Donne Place, Kipling Road, Wordsworth Crescent, Wordsworth Mews and Wordsworth Square.
- For vocations to the ministry, Foundations for Ministry and those in current training.
- For all lay people in the varied ministries in our Churches.

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 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)

IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH OTHER CHURCHES:

Sixteen people mentioned this in their responses to the Synod. Here's an opportunity to do just that with two of our local Upton churches. Churches Together in Upton is holding a "Fifth Sunday Service" at Holy Ascension C of E Church in Church Lane on **Sunday 29th May** at 4.30 p.m. Please come along and join in, you

will be very welcome. More information from David Savage 380626.

ZOOM ROSARY FOR MAY:

There is a parish zoom rosary Tuesday 17th May at 6.00pm (and every Tuesday for the rest of May). If you would like to join us please email marktraynor96@gmail.com before 5.30pm and I will send you the link.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:

Now that all Covid restrictions have been eased, it is wonderful that once again we can return to Lourdes. Our Diocesan Pilgrimage will take place from **29th July – 4th August** by air and **28th July – 5th August** overland. Prices start from as little as £440 which includes travel, full board accommodation and full pilgrimage programme. Further details and booking forms are available to download from the Pilgrimage Website www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk or from the Pilgrimage Office, Curial Offices, 2 Park Rd South, Prenton, Wirral, CH43 4 UX.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Lord, renew my energy when I feel tired and weak. Psalm 103:5

WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER:

Walking down the road the other day, early in the morning, I kept getting wafts of different scents from the bushes and flowers I was passing. At one point, the smell was so arresting I had to stop and go back for a second go! It was gorgeous. Free pleasures easily obtained are life affirming and bring a smile to my face. They can set you for the day. Bit like a smiley hello from a fellow walker. With wars continuing and the pressure of price rises etc not abating, then smiles and free pleasures all help get us through the days. You take care and look after yourself.

RESOURCES:

[Ramblers wellbeing walks Cheshire West and Chester](#) weekly wellbeing walks take place across the local area including Blacon (start from Holy Trinity Church Tue 9.30); Grosvenor Park (St Johns Church Tue 11am) Lache (community centre, Wed 9.30) and Countess of Chester Country Park (friendly bench Fri, 1pm). All easy grade, circular walks. Step out and have a chat in the fresh air in National Walking Month!

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - 15-21 May:

Turn hunger into hope at <https://caweek.org>
It's the annual Christian Aid Week this coming week. You may see national publicity about CA's work. Envelopes are available at the back of both churches if anyone wishes to donate. The envelopes can be returned via the normal Offertory baskets in either church, or via Ann McCarthy (St. Theresa's). If anyone would like to collect from friends or near neighbours that would be doubly welcome. Thank you for your support.

CHESTER HALF MARATHON – 15 MAY:

The half marathon takes place on **Sunday 15th 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 COFFEE ROTA:

15th May - Sue McCarthy for SVP
22nd May - Ann Whitby & Sue Carr for EVCUganda.
29th May - Jane Nash for Parish funds
If you would like to volunteer 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:

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.

FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT:

To be held at St Columba's Church Hall CH2 1PL at 7.00 p.m. on Friday 20th May. Tickets £5.00, (Children 12 and under free).

Contact Toby Abbott on ChesterTigersIST@gmail.com

ANNUAL ST COLUMBA FEAST DAY BARBECUE:

Advanced notice and a date for your diary. Join us for a tasty burger, hotdog or veggie option on 12th June after 11:00 Mass at St Columba's. The nearest Sunday to the saint's feast day.

TOMATO PLANTS:

Tomato plants are available after Mass in the hall today at 30p each with proceeds to parish Third World Projects.

Varieties are Moneymaker, Gardeners' Delight, and Tumbling Tom Red. If you are interested in any of these but can't get to the hall today, please phone Pauline Payne on 01244350323 or email pauline.payne4@btinternet.com

NEEDLES AND PINS - SEWING GROUP RESTARTS:

On every 4th Wednesday of the month, anyone interested please join us at 2:00pm in the St Columba's church hall.

SVP GARDENING/DIY GLOVES SALE:

Members of the SVP will be selling a range of Gardening and DIY Gloves after Masses at St Columba's this weekend. They're new gloves, and offered at very competitive prices, all the proceeds going to the SVP Holiday Home, which is due for complete replacement in 2024. Don't miss this bargain opportunity, especially as the gardening season is now upon us!

SVP THEATRE NIGHT WED. 8TH JUNE: THE VICAR OF DIBLEY:

A hilarious adaptation of the popular TV comedy by the original author, Ian Gowerton comes to the Gladstone Theatre, Port Sunlight. Tickets at £9.00 will be on sale after Masses on w/e 15th & 22nd May, or by contacting svpchester@gmail.com. All proceeds go to the SVP District Holiday Home in Talacre. Tickets available from Sue McCarthy or Mark Traynor 07815791213 or email sue mccarthy5@gmail.com. We can also arrange lifts to the theatre if needed.

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 19TH MAY**

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