



# The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 22ND MAY 2022

### Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May

St. Theresa's 5.00pm

St. Columba's 6.30pm

Frank & Mary Lally RIP  
The Parish

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

St. Theresa's 9.30am

St. Columba's 11.00am

Parishioners' Intentions  
Michael Thornber RIP

### Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

St. Theresa's

St. Columba's 10.30am

Priests' Intentions'  
Linda McCormack

### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May

St. Theresa's

St. Columba's

Private Intention  
People of Ukraine

### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May

St. Theresa's

St. Columba's 9.30am

St. Columba's 10.30am

People of Ukraine  
Devotions/Exposition  
Jimmy Hinde RIP

### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May – The Ascension of The Lord

St. Theresa's 10.00 a.m.

St. Columba's 10.30 a.m.

Parishioners' Intentions'  
Christina Harrison RIP

### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May

St. Theresa's 9.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
& Devotions to Our Lady

10.00am

St. Columba's 1.15pm

Mihal Krawiec RIP  
Requiem Mass for John  
Bond

### Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May

St. Theresa's 5.00pm

St. Columba's 6.30pm

Parishioners' Intentions  
Dave Beatty

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May

St. Theresa's 9.30am

St. Columba's 11.00am

Joe & Min Gannon RIP  
The Parish

### 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 John Bond, 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:

Jane Whelan, Anita Roberts

### STREAMING OF MASS

Mass will be streamed from St Theresa's at 9.30am. this Sunday

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### FACE MASKS IN CHURCH:

As the rate of Covid infection in the community continues to drop and in the light of requests from parishioners, Fr William has agreed that you will no longer be asked to wear a mask when you come to Mass in the church. The request to wear a mask has continued until now as a number of parishioners were reluctant to come to Mass if masks were not being worn.

Please continue to wear a mask if you prefer to do so. All parishioners are reminded to respect the preferences of other people and to maintain an appropriate level of social distancing so that others do not feel uncomfortable. Some members of our community are vulnerable or living with family members who are vulnerable and it would be unfortunate if they felt unsafe while attending Mass.

If you have any concerns about this change please speak to Fr William or Fr James.

### 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: £161.33

Average weekly SOs £161.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

### PRAYING TOGETHER:

We pray for:

- Pray for the residents of Ormonde Road, Newton Hall Drive, Beechway, Upton Dene, Upton Grange, Shelley Road, Coleridge Close, Stearns Close and Housman Close
- For the staff and patients of the Hospice of the Good Shepherd and the local support groups.
- For those who are terminally ill and those who care for them.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS:

Congratulations to Eddie Benson, Mason Filby, Jess Giles, Kate Giles, Roisin Higgins, Jude Horbury, Maria Lenzi, Martha Lynch, Zara Mbanugo, David Piccinino, Maggie Piccinino, Charlie Sunley and Savannah Weightman who all celebrated their First Holy Communion at a special Mass for their families and friends

on Saturday 21st May. We pray for them all at this important time in their faith journey.

#### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION THANKSGIVING MASS:**

All the children in the parish, along with their families, who have made their First Holy Communion in May will come together for a special Thanksgiving Mass on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 2.30pm.

#### **SYNOD 2023 - CHANGES TO BE MADE TO OUR PARISH:**

Many thanks to all who came along to any of the meetings to discuss the potential changes to be made in our parish. The Pastoral Council will collate the results and work on next steps to be taken. Your contributions were invaluable in deciding what is important to our parish. Please do think about what time you have available to volunteer to help make these changes happen and continue to pray for the development of our parish family.

#### **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 next Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> May at 6.00pm (and every Tuesday for the rest of May). If you would like to join us please email [marktraynor96@gmail.com](mailto: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 **29<sup>th</sup> July – 4<sup>th</sup> August** by air and **28<sup>th</sup> July – 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk) or from the Pilgrimage Office, Curial Offices, 2 Park Rd South, Prenton, Wirral, CH43 4 UX.

#### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:**

"Don't count the days, make the days count" —Muhammad Ali

#### **WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER:**

We were at a baptism the other week, surrounded by young children and families. Coming out of "covid isolation" and mixing more still seems slightly strange, but the children were a real tonic, happiness abounded, worries, what worries! It reminded me a bit of a birthday card of a young child in a bat man suit with a cape, and the words something like "live life like you were a 4 yr old". No worries, life is simple, nothing is too difficult, eat, play, sleep. Maybe we can learn something from this attitude. What would you do to live more like your younger self?

#### **RESOURCES:**

Cheshire West and Chester Council is highlighting the need for more foster carers to join their community of 207 incredible fostering households during this Foster Care Fortnight. If you think you could take up the extremely rewarding role of becoming a foster carer, please get in touch with Foster4 today

and start your journey. Alternatively, you can sign up to join the next Foster4 information session being held virtually on 24 May at 6pm. To sign up, please visit the [information sessions page on the Foster4 website](#).

#### **ST. COLUMBA'S COFFEE ROTA:**

22<sup>nd</sup> May - Ann Whitby & Sue Carr for EVC Uganda.

29<sup>th</sup> May - Jane Nash for Parish funds

5<sup>th</sup> June – Pentecost Sunday

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.

#### **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 12<sup>th</sup> June after 11:00 Mass at St Columba's. The nearest Sunday to the saint's feast day.

If anyone from St Theresa's would like a lift to the BBQ, please put your name on the list at the back of church.

#### **NEEDLES AND PINS - SEWING GROUP RESTARTS:**

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

#### **SVP THEATRE NIGHT WED. 8<sup>TH</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> May, or by contacting [svpchester@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:mccarthy5@gmail.com). We can also arrange lifts to the theatre if needed.

#### **JOB VACANCY:**

The Diocese is seeking to employ a full time IT In House Support member at the Curial Office in Birkenhead. For more information, please see our website <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies> completed CV's to be sent to Pauline McCulloch [recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) Closing date Friday 17 June 2022.

#### **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 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 THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

