



# The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022

### Good Shepherd Sunday

#### Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May

St. Theresa's	5.00pm	Parishioners' Intentions
St. Columba's	6.30pm	Mark Allen

#### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May

St. Theresa's	9.30am	Margaret Merriman RIP
St. Columba's	11.00am	The Parish

#### Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May

St. Theresa's		Anthony Baker RIP
St. Columba's	10.30am	Gerard McCarthy
St. Columba's	12.15pm	Funeral service for Sheila Gilfoyle

#### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May – St Damian, Priest

St. Theresa's		Mike & Cath Woods Ints.
St. Columba's		Priests' Intentions

#### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May

St. Theresa's		People of Ukraine
St. Columba's	9.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Devotions to Our Lady
St. Columba's	10.30am	Paddy Scanlan RIP

#### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May

St. Theresa's		Priests' Intentions
St. Theresa's	1.15pm	Funeral Service for Carol Anne Murray
St. Columba's		People of Ukraine

#### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Our Lady of Fatima

St. Theresa's	9.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Devotions to Our Lady
	10.00am	Patrick Berry RIP
St. Columba's		Parishioners' Intentions

#### Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May - St Matthias, Apostle

St. Theresa's	5.00pm	Thanksgiving (MK)
St. Columba's	6.30pm	Sheila Innes RIP

#### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May

St. Theresa's	9.30am	Parishioners' Intentions
St. Columba's	11.00am	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 William James Hinde, Sheila Gilfoyle, Michael Thomber and Carol Anne Murray who died recently. May the Lord grant them Eternal Life and console their families and friends.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Maureen Christine John, Ann Melia, Brenda Gertrude Onions.

### STREAMING OF MASS

Mass will be streamed from St Theresa's this week at 09.30am.

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### OFFERTORY:

**St Columba's:** Loose plate - £226.08, Planned Giving- £87.20

Average weekly SOs - £677.00

**St Theresa's:** Loose plate and Planned Giving: £211.02

Average weekly SOs £161.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

### PRAYING TOGETHER:

We pray for:

- the residents of Churchward Close, The Wien, Mickle Trafford, Barnes Close, Morgan Close, Griffin Close and Blake Close.
- the hospitals in this area: the Countess and Wirral & West Cheshire Trust. For doctors and nurses and all who work in the NHS. For the patients and those who are addicted to drugs or alcohol, or who are mentally ill. Also for those we know at this time who are ill. We pray for all those involved in the Counter of Chester Hospitals' Chaplaincy.

### 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 10 May, St Columba's Hall, 7.00pm**

**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 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.

**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.

**MISSIO THANKSGIVING MASS – 11<sup>th</sup> MAY:**

A Thanksgiving Mass with Bishop Mark Davies, to thank God for all those who are praying and supporting the Red Boxes and the work of Missio, will be celebrated at St Michael and All Angels Church, New Hey Road, Woodchurch, Birkenhead CH49 5LE on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm**. All are welcome including Missio Secretaries, Benefactors, Red Box holders and anyone interested in the mission of the Church.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:**

In a world where you can be anything, be kind.

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

Having attended two funerals recently of family and friends, it got me thinking about memories and how we remember people and what we remember them for. I then started to read an autobiography of an actor, who was talking about her friends who had died and how they would be remembered, saying "Everyone I've known leaves footprints on my life." I suppose I hadn't really thought of it in that way before, an indent of their being in our consciousness. Life is, as they say, not a rehearsal, don't have any regrets. What would you like to be remembered for?

**RESOURCES:**

"Too good to go" app, if you have a mobile phone, will allow you to access meals, breads and groceries at a reduced price, so it gets eaten rather than wasted. You can choose your preference, but you will need to collect at given slot times. More at [toogoodtogo.co.uk](http://toogoodtogo.co.uk)

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - 15-21 May:**

Turn hunger into hope at <https://caweek.org>  
Envelopes for Christian Aid Week 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. Columba'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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

**2021/2022 ACCOUNTS, ST THERESA'S:**

There is a copy of the accounts on the noticeboard at the back of church.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS:**

Congratulations to Sophie Blatch, Emma Borgert, Nicole Byron, Alex Creer, Charlie Creer, Sophia Devoy, Elias Emerson, Jacob Goff, Szymon Karnafel, Emma Morris, Scarlett Roberts, Aleksander Sadowski and Samson Thumma who all celebrated their First Holy Communion at a special Mass for their families on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May. We pray for them all at this important time in their faith journey.

**TOMATO PLANTS:**

Tomato plants will be available next weekend. Varieties are Moneymaker, Gardeners' Delight, and Tumbling Tom Red. If you are interested in any of these, please phone Pauline Payne on 01244350323 or email: [pauline.payne4@btinternet.com](mailto:pauline.payne4@btinternet.com)

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

8th May - Volunteers wanted

15<sup>th</sup> May – Sue McCarthy, SVP

22<sup>nd</sup> May – Ann Whitby and Sue Carr, Zimbabwe

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

**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 BARBACUE:**

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.

**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 Harry Sweeney  
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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 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

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