



# The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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## PENTECOST SUNDAY – 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022

### Saturday 4<sup>TH</sup> June

St. Theresa's	5.00pm	Parishioners' Intentions
St. Columba's	6.30pm	Charles Rainor A.

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June - Pentecost

St. Theresa's	9.30am	Priests' Intentions
St. Columba's	11.00am	The Parish

### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June

St. Theresa's		Private Intention
St. Columba's	10.30am	Priests' Intentions

### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Mary, Mother of the Church

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

### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June

St. Theresa's		Special Intention
St. Columba's	9.30am	Exposition
	10.15am	Novena Prayers
St. Columba's	10.30am	People of Ukraine

### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June – Our Lord Jesus Christ, The Eternal

#### High Priest

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

### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June

St. Theresa's	9.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Devotions to Our Lady
	10.00am	Teddie Lowe RIP
St. Columba's		Catherine Sims & Family

### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June – The Most Holy Trinity

St. Theresa's	5.00pm	Parishioners' Intentions
St. Columba's	6.30pm	Joyce Townson. BD

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June – The Most Holy Trinity

St. Theresa's	9.30am	People of Ukraine
St. Columba's	11.00am	The Parish
	<b>15.00pm</b>	<b>FHC Celebration Mass</b>

## 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 John Bond and Carol Anne Murray

who died recently. May the Lord grant them Eternal Life and console their families and friends.

## ANNIVERSARIES:

Maureen Birukowska, Lilian Eileen Westley, and Min Gannon.

## STREAMING OF MASS

Mass will be streamed from St Columba's at 11.00am. this weekend and the 12<sup>th</sup> June.

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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 - £327.43 Planned Giving- £197.50

Average weekly SOs - £677.00

Wednesday morning Badminton Group - £250.00

**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 Cambridge Road, Devon Road, Yerburch Street, Blacon Avenue, Keats Terrace, Blacon Hall Road and Malvern Road.
- For our local Councillors and the work they do.
- For our Parish Council and those involved with the Arradon twinning.

## PARISH PASTORAL COMMITTEE:

The minutes of the last meeting are available on the noticeboard.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 7th June in St. Theresa's Centre at 7.00pm.

### **NEXT WEEK! ST COLUMBA FEAST DAY BARBECUE:**

Join us NEXT WEEK for a tasty burger, hotdog or veggie option. **Only £2 for a BBQ option and a drink.** 12th 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.

### **JUBLIEE CAKE AFTER SUNDAY MASSES:**

There will be cake for out Parishioners to enjoy after Sunday masses to celebrate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee.

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

5<sup>th</sup> June – Pentecost Sunday – Margaret, Geoff, and Chris.

12<sup>th</sup> June – BBQ.

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)

### **FIFTH SUNDAY SERVICE:**

Many thanks to those of you who came from St Columba's to the Service at Holy Ascension Church last Sunday. It was a very impressive turn -out.

### **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.

### **ST PIO PRAYER GROUP:**

Born of hard-working farm people, St Pio was ordained a priest in 1910. In 1918, he became the first stigmatised priest in the history of the Church. Over 58 years, thousands of people were drawn to him in the confessional and many miracles were attributed to his intercession. He instituted Prayer Group meetings throughout the world to enable people to pray together for their own and the Holy Father's intentions. "Pray, hope and don't worry"

Our Prayer Group meetings are held in the Newman Room at the back of St Columba's every second Thursday afternoons at 2pm. The next meeting is on 9 June, and everyone is welcome so please join us.

**Thought for the week:** "If it's not right, don't do it; if it's not true, don't say it". Marcus Aurelius, Roman Emperor and philosopher.

**We're all in this together:** Walking round Chester you can hear a variety of different languages being spoken. The local neighborhood networks can also be found welcoming newcomers into the area from many different Countries. Our Churches have welcome signs in different languages from across the globe inviting people who are already here, settling here, travelling or just passing by that "everyone is welcome". We are united in our faith no matter what culture or background we come from. The ability to reach out and welcome others cannot be underestimated. So lets turn round at our services, at our morning coffees etc and talk to those people we don't know, reach out to each other to become united in our faith and move forward as one. Have a lovely week.

**Resources:** The Council's Help in Emergencies for Local People (HELP) scheme runs all year, and the hours it is open will be extended during the holidays. The scheme will be available on Saturday 28 May and Sunday 29 May, 10am – 4pm, throughout half term week (including the two bank holiday days), 8am – 6pm, and on Saturday 4 June and Sunday 5 June, 10am – 4pm. The phone number is: 0300 123 7065 and email [help@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:help@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk). The Help scheme will issue Paypoint vouchers where a food bank referral is not an appropriate solution and Signposting will be provided to other support where appropriate.

### **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.

### **UPTON FLOWER CLUB:**

A big thank-you to Upton Flower club for their very kind donation of flowers to decorate St. Columba's Church for Pentecost and the Jubilee.

### **JUBILEE FLORAL DISPLAY:**

At Holy Ascension Church, Church Lane, Upton. From 2nd - 5th June. Open Thursday - Saturday 10am - 4pm Sunday 2 - 4pm Free admission.

Come in - enjoy the flowers and join us for refreshments.

### **UPTON FUN DAY:**

Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee FUN DAY, at the playing field Wealstone Lane, Upton, **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June**, 12pm to 5pm, cupcake competitions (6 decorated cupcakes) for primary/high school and adult, and fancy dress (costumes through the ages).

### **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.

### **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 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

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**VACANCY: SITE MAINTENANCE OFFICER**

**ST. THERESA'S SCHOOL:**

The above vacancy is for 25 hours per week £19,264 pro rata per annum. For further information please contact the school office 01244-470860 or via email [bursa@st-theresas.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:bursa@st-theresas.cheshire.sch.uk) the closing date is Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022. Interview date Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022.

**RETAIL SUPERVISOR SHOP AND VISITOR CENTRE:**

Saint Winefride's Well and Shrine in the Diocese of Wrexham are looking for a retail supervisor for their shop and visitor centre. Please contact - **Rebecca Garratt**, Business Manager Bishop's House, Sontley Road, Wrexham LL13 7EW Telephone +44 (0) 1978 262726.