



The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING

20TH NOVEMBER 2022

Saturday 19th November

St. Theresa's 5.00pm Deceased of the Becker family
St. Columba's 6.30pm Kathleen Williams RIP

Sunday 20th November – Christ Universal King

St. Theresa's 9.30am Michael Berry RIP
St. Columba's 11.00am The Parish

Monday 21st November - Presentation of the B.V.M.

St. Theresa's Parishioners' Intentions
St. Columba's 10.30am Mark Traynor

Tuesday 22nd November – St Cecilia, V. M. Mem

St. Theresa's Holy Souls
St. Columba's Holy Souls

Wednesday 23rd November

St. Theresa's Holy Souls
St. Columba's 9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sac.
10.15am Novena Prayers
10.30am Elizabeth Allingham

Thursday 24th November – Ss Andrew Dung-Lac & Comp.

St. Theresa's Holy Souls
St. Columba's Holy Souls

Friday 25th November – St Catherine of Alexandria

St. Theresa's 10.00am Josie Taylor's Intentions
St. Columba's Priests' Intentions

Saturday 26th November – BVM on Saturday

St. Theresa's 5.00pm Parishioners' Intentions
St. Columba's 6.30pm Frank & Gertrude Buddery

Sunday 27th November

St. Theresa's 9.30am Jeffrey Samuel Parry RIP
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.

BAPTISM:

We welcome into God's family, Cara Valerie Nora Connally, who was baptised here recently. May God bless her and her family.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Peter James Flynn, Thomas Gilfoyle, Ann White, Hilary Watmough, James Alexander Fletcher, Annie Keegan, Fr Edward McCann.

HOLY SOULS: - NOVEMBER

Envelopes are available in the front porch. Please put any names/donations in the envelope and place them in the Offertory basket or in the basket on the altar.

RECENTLY DEAD

Please remember in your prayers David Vaughan, Kenneth Kapelo and Denis Barlow, who died recently. May the Lord grant them Eternal Life and console their family and friends. David's Funeral Service is at St Columba's on Tuesday 29th November at 12.15p.m. Denis's Requiem Mass is at St Theresa's on 29th November at 11am. Kenneth's funeral will be on Thursday 24th November at 12 noon at St Columba's.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS:

Mass will be streamed from St Theresa's at 9.30am this Sunday 20th November 2022.

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PRAYING TOGETHER:

We pray for:

- Pray for the residents of Cotebrook Drive, Oulton Avenue, Rushton Drive, Cotes Place Bridgeman Road, Stubbs Place and South Way.
- For our churches open on Saturdays and the fellowship enjoyed there.
- For all who use and maintain the web sites.

OFFERTORY:

St Columba's: Loose plate: TBA £ Planned Giving: £. TBA
Average weekly SOs - £574.00.

St Theresa's: Loose plate and Planned Giving: £254.60
Average weekly SOs £161.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

ST. COLUMBA'S COFFEE ROTA:

20th Nov- Anne Mosquera for Shelter Box & Uganda Rock of Joy Trust

27th Nov -AUTUMN FAIR

If you would like to volunteer to raise money for your cause, please put you name on the rota in the hall or contact Margaret Curtis on [01244 318424](tel:01244318424)

BOOK SALE: Please join us after 11 am mass today at St Columba's for tea, coffee, cake and children's / teens secondhand book sale. All sales to Shelter box and Uganda Rock of Joy Trust.

The cake sale for AVSI (Giovanna) raised £225. Thanks so much for your incredible generosity. This amount will ensure that Immaculate will complete her year 3 in school. If you want to meet the missionary that leads the charity in Kenya, please join Giovanna on Sunday the 20th at 3pm at Main Street community church, 61, Main Street, Frodsham WA6 7DF.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

Children's Liturgy at St. Columba's in the Newman Room will continue at 11am Mass on the first Sunday of each month. Children of all ages are welcome. We would love to be able to increase the frequency as our children are the future of our parish. We currently only have four volunteers. Should you wish to become involved we would be delighted to hear from you.

FR JAMES:

Fr James will be taking a well-earned Sabbatical early next year. This means that he will be leaving the parish in January. We thank him for all his hard work and wish him well for the future.

YOUTH GROUP:

The next youth group will be on Monday 21st November, starting at 7.15pm in the Iona chapel, finishing promptly at 8.45pm in the St. Columba's Hall. We had a lovely first meeting last month and invite young parishioners from school year 5, or older, to come along, meet old friends, make new friends, play games, eat snacks, have fun and learn a bit about our faith. At the start of your first meeting, we will need your parents to pop into the Iona chapel for a few moments to complete permission forms. If you need a lift to St. Columba's or would like more information, please phone Denise Lusk on 01244 379742.

PARISH PEACE GARDEN:

A few of our parishioners in conjunction with Chester Zoo, have been working hard to clear a piece of overgrown wasteland, adjacent to the presbytery at St Theresa's, into a usable space for the parish. They have secured lottery funding for £10,000 to enable the area to be paved for easy access and the 200 club contributed the rest. This is a space which can be used by all so please take a look. A big thank you to those who made this possible. Anyone wishing to do some gardening please see Eileen Mapp or contact St Theresa's Parish office.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY:

Safeguarding Sunday 20th November 2022- The theme this year is: 'One Church, one day, one message.' We will be joining thousands of other churches across the UK to share this message and demonstrate unity. "Protecting vulnerable people. Together."

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS:

If you would like to become a Eucharistic Minister or Reader, at either church, please contact the Parish Office at St Theresa's (email st.theresas@btinternet.com).

FIRST SACRAMENTS – ST COLUMBA'S:

This Sunday 18 children from the parish who are preparing to receive First Sacraments this school year will be enrolled in their preparation programme during the 11.00am Mass. Please pray for the children and their families at this important time in their faith journey.

PIETY STALL – ST COLUMBA'S:

The Piety stall is now selling Christmas cards – single, packets and boxes. If you require any special items please contact Janet McCabe on 01244 329469 who can order for you.

AUTUMN FAYRE:

If anyone has any bottles etc they would like to donate towards the Tombola at this year's Autumn Fayre, would they please leave them in the back porch at St. Columba's or the front porch at St. Theresa's. Thank you.

WARM WELCOME SPACE

There is a free, warm welcome and safe space at Holy Trinity Church Blacon on the following days: -

Monday 12 – 5pm
Thursday 2 – 5pm

Sunday 1-5pm

[Find a warm space](#) web page links to all available warm spaces, search by area.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

- Sunday Nov 27 Autumn Fayre St Columba's
- Sat 17 December Seniors Christmas Party St Columba's
- Friday 23 December Carol Service St Theresa's

See newsletters and notice boards for further information

NEWMAN ROOM – POLLING STATION 1ST DECEMBER

The Newman Room will be in use from 7.00am until 10.00pm on Thursday 1 December as a polling station in the Parliamentary byelection for the constituency of City of Chester.

ST COLUMBA'S – BOOKCASE IN FRONT PORCH

We are hoping to classify the books and resources which are currently on the small bookcase in the front porch. Parishioners and parish groups are invited to check the bookcase before **31st December** and identify any books etc to be retained. Those which are kept can then be classified and unwanted items removed.

ADVENT JOURNEY:

To focus our attention on Advent, could your family host a knitted Mary, Joseph and donkey for a short period of time on their travels to Bethlehem (St Theresa's crib) to arrive on 23rd December at the Carol Service? If so, please sign the list in the church porch with your name and address and contact number.

SHREWSBURY LOURDES HOSPITALITY:

Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) followed by a general Hospitality Meetings will take place on Sunday 4th December 2022 at 2pm at St Columba's Parish Hall, Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1PL. The EGM is being held to discuss constitutional change. For further information contact secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk or text/call [07451 249267](tel:07451249267)

VACCINATION CENTRE -26th NOVEMBER:

There will be Vaccination Centre held at St Theresa's car park from 10.30am – 4pm.

Thought for the week: "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." -Martin Luther King Jr.

Resources: The Twelve Days of Christmas parade on Thursday 24 November starts on Bridge Street at 7pm. Organised by Cheshire West and Chester Council, the 'Twelve Days of Christmas' is the first of four parades to return this year. This will be followed by the Lantern Parade - Wednesday 30 November at 7pm; Winter Watch Parade - Thursday 8 December at 7pm & Saturnalia Parade plus Second Winter Watch Parade - Thursday 15 December 6.30pm.

Please note that the electronic version of the newsletter on the website may contain additional items which it has not been possible to include in the printed copy this week.

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 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 9.00am

on **WEDNESDAY 24th NOVEMBER**

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We're all in this together: Records are there to be broken, yes? No, not all records, just consider this year, where we have had the one of our warmest summers, record temperatures for October and one of the mildest Novembers so far. It's not just our country that has seen extremes, look at the floods in Pakistan, wildfires in California, heatwaves in Asia, droughts elsewhere and the list goes on. The current COP27 talks revolve around the themes of mitigation, adaption, finance and collaboration. We can all do our bit to help where we can by, for example, travelling travel smarter with public transport, walking or cycling; shoping differently, slow fashion; changing our diet to one with less meat - it's estimated that by reducing our consumption of animal protein by half, we can cut our diet's carbon footprint by more than 40%. Every little helps.

DAY OF DISCERNMENT

'Discernment of Gifts and Service – Your Role and Mission in the Church' A Day of reflection, prayer, fellowship, teaching and workshops to help you know how you can best use your gifts in the service of God and neighbour. Run by the diocesan Mission for Catechesis team and Dominican Sisters of St Joseph at St Alban's Parish Hall, Macclesfield, Sat 26 Nov, 10am-5pm. Please bring a packed lunch. To book contact lisa.martinez@dioceseofshrewsbury.org