



The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

27TH NOVEMBER 2022

Saturday 26th November

St. Theresa's 5.00pm

St. Columba's 6.30pm

Parishioners' Intentions

Frank & Gertrude Buddery

Sunday 27th November

St. Theresa's 9.30am

St. Columba's 11.00am

Jeffrey Samuel Parry RIP

The Parish

Monday 28th November

St. Theresa's

St. Columba's 10.30am

Holy Souls

Dianna Scipanova RIP

Tuesday 29th November

St. Theresa's 11.00am Requiem Mass for Denis Barlow

St. Columba's 12 noon Funeral Service for David Vaughan

Wednesday 30th November – St Andrew, Ap. Feast

St Theresa's Holy Souls

St. Columba's 9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sac.

10.15am Novena Prayers

10.30am Holy Souls

Thursday 1st December

St. Theresa's 9.30am

St Columba's

School Advent Mass

Priests' Intentions

Friday 2nd December

St. Theresa's 10.00am

St. Columba's

Mary & Eric Walsh

Private Intentions

Saturday 3rd December – St Francis Xavier, P Mem

St. Theresa's 5.00pm

St. Columba's 6.30pm

Parishioners' Intentions

The Parish

Sunday 4th December

St. Theresa's 9.30am

St. Columba's 11.00am

Keith Evans RIP

Parishioners' Intentions

THURSDAY 1ST DECEMBER -ADVENT MASS:

There will be an Advent Mass for St Theresa's School at 9.30am at St Theresa's church on Thursday 1st December. All welcome.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – 8TH DECEMBER:

There will be Mass for the parish at St Theresa's on Thursday 8th December at 10am for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Liliana Gittins, Jefferey Samuel Parry, Paolo Florio, Calogera Anna (Lina) Safina, Susan Mary Roberts, Peter Anthony Burton, Christian Mapp, Mary Taylor, Edwin Albert (Eddie) Mapp

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 12.00 noon. Denis's Requiem Mass is at St Theresa's on 29th November at 11am.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS:

Mass will be streamed from St Columba's at 11am this Sunday 27th November 2022.

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PRAYING TOGETHER:

We pray for:

- the residents of Gatesheath Drive, Alpraham Crescent, St James Avenue, Hillside Road, Belvedere Drive, Furne, Road and Morton Road.
- For those who prepare couples for marriage. For those couples married in our churches this year and those who are about to be married.

OFFERTORY:

St Columba's:

6/11/2022 Loose plate: £281.33 Planned Giving: £146.40

13/11/2022 Loose plate: £336.80 Planned Giving: £102.50

20/11/2022 Loose plate: £287.75 Planned Giving: £93.90

Average weekly SOs - £574.00.

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

Average weekly SOs £161.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

THANK YOU:

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: The amount from the parish was £140.56. Many thanks for your donations.

CLERGY EDUCATION & TRAINING FUND: Many thanks for the amount of £168.21 which was collected from the Parish recently.

SHELTER BOX & UGANDA ROCK OF JOY TRUST: A big thank you for all of those that purchased coffee/tea/cake and books etc last week at St Columba's. We raised £88 for the 2 charities.

AUTUMN FAIR:

Please join us this Sunday at our Autumn Fair in St Columba's Church Hall. Craft stalls; coffee available from 11am; Soup and hot dogs after 11am Mass at £2.50 each.

ST. COLUMBA'S COFFEE ROTA:

27th November AUTUMN FAIR
4th December Volunteers please
11th December Jane Hickson, World Scout Jamboree
18th December Volunteers please
If you would like to volunteer to raise money for your cause, please put your name on the rota in the hall or contact Margaret Curtis on 01244 318424

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.

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.

EUCHARISTIC 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).

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.

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:

- This 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.

CHESTER MALE VOICE CHOIR AND SALE BRASS BAND are giving a concert in St. Columba's Church on Friday 2nd December at 7.30. Tickets £12-- each. Please contact Sue Carr 07553114531 if anyone would like to purchase a ticket.

COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE – 5th DECEMBER:

This is at Holy Trinity Church, Blacon on Monday 5th December at 6pm. All welcome.

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.

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)

Thought for the week: I am sending you all a hug as it's the perfect gift. It's free! One size fits all ... and it can be easily returned!

We're all in this together: As we start our Advent journey, advent meaning 'coming'. It is a time of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. "And the term *the coming* includes three references: first of all, to our celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas; second, to the coming of Christ in our lives through grace and the sacrament of Holy Communion and finally, to his second coming at the end of time. Our preparations, therefore, should have all three comings in mind. We need to prepare our souls to receive Christ worthily" (Learn Religions). While it is easy to get wrapped up (no pun intended!) in all the preparations, the lights and tinsel etc during Advent, sometimes, if we are able to take time out, stand back and contemplate the coming, the real meaning of Christmas may help calm the season.

Resources: People affected by domestic abuse are being reminded that they are not alone during the upcoming FIFA World Cup. The rise in incidents of domestic abuse during and after football matches is well documented and the World Cup can be a worrying time for people who are being harmed by domestic abuse. Support for domestic abuse is available 24/7. During office hours the Council's Domestic Abuse Intervention and Prevention Service can be contacted on 0300 123 7047 option 2. Outside of these hours the national 24-hour domestic abuse helpline is available on 0808 2000 247. Always call 999 in an emergency.

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 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 9.00am

on **WEDNESDAY 30 November**

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CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP FORMATION:

The Christian leadership Formation programme is open to students of any Christian denomination and is a unique opportunity for students from lower 6 or above. For further information please go to www.christianheritagecentre.com/clf

ADVENT APPEAL FOR FOOD BANK DONATIONS:

Your donations can make a real difference to people in our local area who are struggling at this time. Please feel free to donate any food or toiletry items but during Advent we would like to highlight things they are particularly short of.

Week 1 - UHT Milk & Juices.

Week 2 - Meat & fish pastes and tins.

Week 3 - Non cook items - instant soups, pasta & noodles.

Week 4 - Tinned puddings, fruit, custard and sweet treats.

Thank you for all your donations

Thank you to the Parish Youth Group who have worked hard to help us focus on our Church Collections.

COME ALONG TO THURSDAY EVENING BADMINTON:

Did you know there are regular badminton sessions in St Columba's Hall on Thursday evenings? Come along between 7:00pm & 9:00pm to keep fit and have a chat. Just turn up or text Geoff on 07841 657227 for more info.