



# The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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## THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 6<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2022

### Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November

St. Theresa's	5.00pm	Parishioners' Ints
St. Columba's	6.30pm	Joan Bullough B.D..

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November

St. Theresa's	9.30am	Graham George RIP
St. Columba's	11.00am	The Parish

### Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November

St. Theresa's		Holy Souls
St. Columba's	10.30am	Mary & Howard Sherman

### Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November

St. Theresa's		Holy Souls
St. Columba's	10.30am	Holy Souls

### Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November – Dedication of the Lateran Basilica of the Most Holy Redeemer

St. Theresa's		Holy Souls
St. Columba's	9.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sac.
	10.15am	Novena Prayers
	10.30am	Barbara Fry RIP

### Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November – St Leo the Great

St. Theresa's	9.30am	Holy Souls
St. Columba's		Holy Souls

### Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November – St Martin of Tours

St. Theresa's	10.00am	Fr Denis Keating RIP
St. Columba's		Holy Souls

### Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November

St. Theresa's	5.00pm	Kathleen Margaret Maguire RIP
St. Columba's	6.30pm	Catherine Haslam

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November- Remembrance Sunday

St. Theresa's	9.30am	Parishioners' Ints
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.

## ANNIVERSARIES:

Graham George, Sheila Mary Cherry, Kathleen Maguire

## HOLY SOULS: - NOVEMBER

For St Columba's, envelopes are available in the front porch. At St Theresa's envelopes are available at the back of church. Please put any names/donations in the envelope and

place them in the Offertory basket. Or in the basket on the sanctuary at St Theresa's.

## LIVE STREAMING OF MASS:

Mass will be streamed from St Columba's at 11.00am this Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

[www.facebook.com/thecatholicparishofstcolumbaandsttheresa](https://www.facebook.com/thecatholicparishofstcolumbaandsttheresa)

## PRAYING TOGETHER:

We pray for:

- Pray for the residents of Bache Drive, Dulas Court, Birch Rise, Long Lane, Mallard Court, Rhuddlan Road, Carmel Close, Rose Close and Stamford Road
- For the ACF, Friendship Group, MOT Group and Catholic Women's League.
- For all catering staff and those who make refreshments after the services.

## OFFERTORY:

St Columba's: Loose plate: £225.69 Planned Giving: £110.50. Average weekly SOs - £574.00. Wednesday Tai Chi £70

St Theresa's: Loose plate and Planned Giving: £245.76 Average weekly SOs £161.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

## ST. COLUMBA'S COFFEE ROTA:

6th Nov - Elizabeth & Margaret for CWL

13th Nov – SVP

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 your name on the rota in the hall or contact Margaret Curtis on [01244 318424](tel:01244318424)

## 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.

## RECENTLY DEAD

Please remember in your prayers Martin Connolly who died recently, Martin's Funeral Service will be held at St. Columba's Church on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 1.40 pm also Sheila Burrell whose funeral is at St Werburgh's Church, Chester; Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 1pm. May the Lord grant them Eternal Life and console their family and friends.

## EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & READERS

If you would like to become either a Eucharistic Minister or a Reader please e mail St Theresa's office on :-  
st.theresas@btinternet.com Thank you.

## BAPTISM

We welcome into God's family, Nnaemeka Ugochukwy Ethan Akubue. May God bless him and his family.

## THANK YOU

Barbara Fry's family would like to thank all attendees at her funeral and for everyone's kind words.

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

There will be a time for silent remembrance during the 9.30 Mass at St Theresa's. There will be a one minute silence at 11.00am mass at St Columba's, in conjunction with the national silence.

## ACT OF REMEMBRANCE -13<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

Join Blacon Churches on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 11am at the War Memorial, Blacon Cemetery on Remembrance Sunday.

## HEARTS ON FIRE

A day of prayer, study, discussion, reflection and social. Saturday 12 Nov, 10am-5pm in St Wilfrid's Hall in Northwich. All Parishioners are welcome! Sign-up and further details from Jane Deegan [jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) or 07517 906435.

## ST PIO PRAYER GROUP

The next meeting is on Thursday, 10 November, in the Newman Room at St Columba's starting at 2pm. Everyone is welcome.

## 55 YEARS OF THE ABORTION ACT

27 October 2022 marked 55 years since the Abortion Act received Royal Assent in 1967. Since then, a staggering 10,021,618 unborn babies have lost their lives to abortion across England, Wales and Scotland. Right To Life UK have released a short two-minute video called *The Ten Million*, which attempts to illustrate what the UK has lost through the death of these millions of people. They are encouraging people to share the video with friends and family who may find it of interest:  
[www.righttolife.org.uk/thetenmillion](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/thetenmillion)

## 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.

## PASTORAL COUNCIL AGM

The **Annual General Meeting of the Pastoral Council will be held at 7.00pm on Thursday 10 November at St Columba's Hall**, followed by refreshments. The AGM is open to all parishioners, and you are encouraged to attend. It is a good opportunity to meet fellow parishioners and find out more about what the Pastoral Council does, why it does it and how it operates. There will be an opportunity to ask questions at the AGM, but these must be submitted in writing to the Pastoral Council Secretary (Nuala Keegan, [stcolumbaschurch@outlook.com](mailto:stcolumbaschurch@outlook.com)), before 1<sup>st</sup> November. They will then be considered by Fr William and the Co-Chairs of the

Pastoral Council. Copies of the AGM Agenda are displayed on noticeboards at both churches.

## CAFOD – WORLD FOOD CRISIS APPEAL:

The total amount collected from the envelopes for our parish was £653.40. Thank you so much for your generous donations.

## 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

## PAUSE FOR HOPE:

Pause for Hope Chester service will take place This Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 3.00pm at Saint Columba's church. Pause for Hope is an ecumenical service for those affected in any way by cancer. It is an opportunity to come together to support and pray for each other. More information is available on the website <http://www.pauseforhope.org.uk>

**For further please refer to the poster on the church notice boards.**

## 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

**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](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 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 2<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER**  
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## SYNOD 2021-2024

### Communion Participation Mission

Spot the difference? On 16 October, Pope Francis announced that the Synod, originally planned for October 2023, will be extended for an additional year to allow more time for discernment and a greater understanding of the concept of synodality as a key dimension of Church life. Currently, following the local and national listening sessions held earlier this year, the Synod has reached the continental phase with the issue of the *Document for the Continental Stage*. It is encouraging to learn that among the wide range of issues it highlights is the desire for greater inclusion expressed by many people who feel unwelcome in the Church or undervalued: women, young people, people with disabilities, the poor, the divorced and civilly remarried, single parents and LGBTQ people. Find out more by visiting [vaticannews.va](http://vaticannews.va)

Please pray for the Synod and for our participation, walking together along the way, united in Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life.

**Adsumus Sancte Spiritus:**

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** The most beautiful things in life are not things. They're people and places and memories and pictures. They're feelings and moments and smiles and laughter.

**RESOURCES:** [Budget recipes and advice](#) from the BBC, a week of easy, energy conscious recipes for £1 a portion for singles, family of 4 or 6, vegan as well as vegetarian.

**WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER:** Sunday  
November 13<sup>th</sup> sees the sixth World Day of the Poor. Pope Francis's message to us is that the Day should help us to reflect on our style of life and on the many forms of poverty all around us. "That is precisely what solidarity is: sharing the little we have with those who have nothing, so that no one will go without. The sense of community and of communion as a style of life increases and a sense of solidarity matures." and we can see how our faith is expressed in loving actions. Whether it be, for example, food for the food bank, a donation for coffee after the service, donations to a charity shop etc., every little helps