



The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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MARY MOTHER OF GOD

1ST JANUARY 2023

Saturday 31st December – 7 Day of Christmas of Octave

St. Theresa's	5.00pm	Parishioners' Intentions
St. Columba's	6.30pm	Sr Anne Morris

Sunday 1st January – Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

St. Theresa's	9.30am	Priests' Intentions
St. Columba's	11.00am	Parishioners' Intentions

Monday 2nd January – Ss Basil the Gt & Gregory Nazianzen

St. Theresa's		Private Intention
St. Columba's	10.30am	The Parish

Tuesday 3rd January – Tuesday of Christmas Season

St. Theresa's		Special Intention
St. Columba's		Mavis Gilason RIP

Wednesday 4th January – Wednesday of Christmas Season

St Theresa's		Priests' Intentions
St. Columba's	9.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sac.
	10.15am	Novena Prayers
	10.30am.	Priests' Intentions

Thursday 5th January – Thursday of Christmas

St. Theresa's		Gannon Family Intentions
St Columba's		Private Intentions

Friday 6th January – Epiphany of The Lord

St. Theresa's	10.00am	Kathleen Lawlor RIP
St. Columba's –		The Parish

Mass at St. Theresa's Only

Saturday 7th January – Saturday after Epiphany

St. Theresa's	5.00pm	Parishioners' Intentions
St. Columba's	6.00pm	Kevin Campbell

Sunday 8th January – The Baptism of The Lord

St. Theresa's	9.30am:	Eileen Mapp's Intentions
St. Columba's	11.00am	Frank Jeffes

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY 6th JAN 23:

This is a Holyday of Obligation, please refer to the newsletter for the Mass times.

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 DECEASED:

Please remember in your prayers Barbara Cross who died recently, and also her family and friends. Barbara's funeral service is at St Theresa's on Wednesday 11th January at 1pm.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Genevieve Suzanne M Jones, Barbara Mary Blake and Kathleen Lawlor.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS:

Mass will be streamed from St Columba's at 11.00am this Sunday 1st January 2023.

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PRAYING TOGETHER:

We pray for:

- Pray for the residents of Newhall Road, Winston Court, Arradon Court, Breton Close, Wealstone Lane, Well Lane, Bank Close and Newton Hall Drive, Durham Road, Canterbury Road, Lichfield Road and Warwick Road.
- Orchard Manor, Wealstone and Crabwall Hall. For all those who live and work in these Homes.

OFFERTORY:

St Columba's:

Loose plate: £TBA; Planned Giving: £TBA;
Average weekly SOs - £574.00. Wednesday Tai Chi £70.00

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

Average weekly SOs £161.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

ST. COLUMBA'S COFFEE ROTA:

1st Jan - New Year's Day

NEW 2023 Coffee Rota in St Columba's Hall

If you would like to volunteer to raise money for your cause during 2023, please put your name on the rota in the hall and let Margaret Curtis know, too please: [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.

YOUTH GROUP:

Many thanks to the young people who have joined our Parish Youth Group since we re-launched in October. We have had three successful meetings and we can't wait for many more to come. We meet on the third Monday of the month, beginning in the Iona Chapel at St Columba's, from 7.15pm – 8.45pm. Young people from Year 5 onwards are welcome to come and learn more about their faith, make friends and have fun. Our next meeting is on Monday 16th January.

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).

SYNOD 2021-2024

Communion Participation Mission

Last month the Newsletter item of 'Synod News' reported that the Synod has reached the 'continental phase' with the issue of the '*Document for the Continental Stage*', following the local and national listening sessions held earlier this year. The Vatican has announced that the Document is now to be sent to the local Churches as part of a 'restitution stage'. Bishop Mark explains: '*... local bishops have been asked to facilitate a consideration of the three themes in a working document (the Document for the Continental Stage) produced at a meeting in Frascati. I have asked our synod team who prepared the synthesis for the Diocese to reconvene for this stage of restitution. The reflections will be forwarded to the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales for wider consideration.*'

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.

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.

Thought for the week: Every moment is a fresh beginning. T S Eliot

We're all in this together New Year is often seen as a time for new starts, trying something new, doing something different. Carl Bard said "Although no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and

make a brand new ending". What has been will always be with us, but it doesn't mean that we can't move forward and change, if that is what we want. Like a good book, we can all make our own endings, the choice is ours. We wish you joy and health in 2023.

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:

8th January edition will be compiled by Muriel Green

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