



The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

15TH JANUARY 2023

Saturday 14th January

St. Theresa's 5.00p.m. Health of Pat & John Black
St. Columba's 6.30p.m. Joan Bullough A.

Sunday 15th January

St. Theresa's 9.30a.m. Graham George & Susan Faulkner RIP
St. Columba's 11.00a.m. Antonio Patino Pan. A.

Monday 16th January

St. Theresa's Parishioners' Intentions
St. Columba's 10.30a.m. Maureen Sands

Tuesday 17th January – St. Anthony, Ab. Mem.

St. Theresa's Special Intention
St. Columba's Anne Daly

Wednesday 18th January

St. Theresa's Phil Pye
St. Columba's 9.30a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sac.
10.15a.m. Novena Prayers
10.30a.m. Sheila Wright RIP

Thursday 19th January

St. Theresa's Priests' Intentions
St. Columba's Bart Bradshaw

Friday 20th January

St. Theresa's 9.30a.m. Jean Carpenter RIP
St. Columba's 12 noon **Requiem Mass for Margaret Allmark RIP**

Saturday 21st January – St Agnes, V. M. Mem.

St. Theresa's 5.00p.m. PJ & the Poor Souls
St. Columba's 6.30p.m. The Parish

Sunday 22nd January

St. Theresa's 9.30a.m. Parishioners' Intentions
St. Columba's 11.00a.m. Anthony Comerford RIP

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Please remember in your prayers Barbara Cross, Kitty McAlinden, Ellie Marsden, Margaret Allmark, Sheila Wright, Sheila Hainey and Betty Gore who have died recently. May The Lord console their families and friends. Margaret's Funeral is at 12 noon on **Friday 20th January** at St Columba's. People are welcome to attend funerals held in 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:

Catherine (Cath) Bond, David Whitby, Antonio Patino Pan, Christine Appleton, Frederick Arnold Basnett, Stanley Edward Taylor.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS:

Mass will be streamed from St Theresa's at 9.30a.m. this Sunday 15th January 2023.

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PRAYING TOGETHER:

We pray for:

- the residents of Shocklach Road, Horrocks Road, Bolesworth Road, Boleyn Close, Tudor Green, Saxon Way and Palatine Close.
- For the choirs and music groups.
- For uniting all who play and sing from the three churches.

OFFERTORY:

St Columba's:

Loose plate: £347.35; Planned Giving: £77.30.

Average weekly SOs - £574.00.

St Theresa's: TBA

ST. COLUMBA'S COFFEE ROTA:

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)

UPTON CHURCHES TOGETHER FIFTH SUNDAY SERVICE:

The next Fifth Sunday Service, on the Theme of "Two Gardens (+1)", will be held at Holy Ascension Church on **Sunday 29th January** at 4.30 p.m. You are invited to join us there.

PARISH ADVENT JOURNEY OF THE KNITTED FIGURES:

Thank you again to all who took part in this. A map of the route the figures took on their journey, plus lovely photos and stories from the host families, can be seen in the back porch at St Columba's and on the board at the front of St Theresa's. Please spare a moment to have a look.

FR JAMES:

Fr. James will celebrate his last Mass here with us **TODAY, Sunday 15th January** at 11a.m. at St Columba's. There will be an opportunity to say fond farewell to him in the Hall after Mass.

FIRST FORGIVENESS MASS:

The Celebration of the Sacrament for the children from St Columba's & St Werburgh's school will be on Saturday 28th January at 10.00a.m. in St Columba's Church.

RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND - SPECIAL COLLECTION:

Today the annual Collection for the Retired Priests' Fund is being held. With your help, we can build up the Fund to help meet the future needs of our sick and retired priests.

If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please make your donation Online. To donate Online please go to www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund

An electronic version of a leaflet about the Fund is available at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund and this also explains how you can donate to the Fund by Standing Order or Cheque (please make payable to Retired Priests' Fund) and how to Gift Aid donations made using these methods.

DIOCESAN DAY FOR CHESTER CATECHISTS:

Saturday 4th February at St Columba's Hall. The Diocesan Office for Catechesis, based down at St Clare's, is laying on a day for all the catechists in all the Chester Parishes – Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Children's Liturgy, Marriage Prep, RCIA, Bereavement, every type of catechetical activity we provide in our individual parishes. The aim of the day is two-fold: for us to get to know each other and explore any ways in which we might share or collaborate; and, secondly, for the Diocesan Team to tell us what they have on offer by way of support and resources. Should be a great day! Bring a packed lunch. Names to Fr Paul at St Werburgh's, please, when each group in each parish has had a chance to consult its members. Flyers with more details at the back of church.

SONGS OF PRAISE AT CHESTER CATHEDRAL:

Come and join the congregation for the recording of hymns and songs including ones for Easter amongst many others at **1.30pm – 4.30pm on Saturday 4th February 2023.**

All tickets to our recordings are **free of charge**. To apply for tickets, please contact SOPcongregations@afantimedia.tv with **name, contact number and the number of tickets** you'd like. Please be sure to include 'Songs of Praise Chester' in your subject header

ST COLUMBA'S CHOIR:

St Augustine used to say: 'when you sing you pray twice'.

In 2022 some children started to take part in the parish choir. They sang regularly at mass, they took part at a Parish event and made recordings for the Parish website. Thanks to all the children and the parents that took time and effort to celebrate with their voice and talent the Glory of God.

In 2023 we would like to invite even more young people and children to participate in the choir. If you like singing, if you want to support the choir, learn something new, find new friends and pray twice you just need to sit on the front left side of the church. You do not need to know the music or be able to sing. Please come to mass a bit earlier around 10:30 so we can warm up the voice and sometimes we will ask to stay a bit longer after mass to practise.

If you or your parents/guardians want any clarification please do not hesitate to contact Giovanna 07728 948946 or the director of the choir Mark, 07752 317772 or approach them after mass.

LIVING WELL - Sunday 15th January:

There will be a NHS vehicle in the car park at St Theresa's on Sunday 15th January from 10.30a.m. to 4p.m. They will be able to give Covid vaccinations, health checks and advice and support on health and wellbeing.

SELF-CATERING ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED:

Self-catering accommodation required in Chester area for two months this summer 2023. For Spanish lady, her daughter and toddler granddaughter. Please contact Margaret 01244 378872.

LOST PROPERTY:

A watch was left in church recently, please contact St Theresa's office 01244 371660 if this belongs to you.

NEEDLES AND PINS:

Everyone is welcome to come along to this friendly needlecraft group in St Columba's Hall, between 2.00pm – 4.00pm every fourth Wednesday of the month. Hope to see you.

200 CLUB:

The winners of the GRAND DRAW ARE: £150 K George (no.27), £100 M Turnbull (no.7) and £50 J Steele (no.85).

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

At the end of the game, pawns and kings go back into the same box - Italian Proverb.

WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER:

Reading a baker's noticeboard recently, it stated that it wasn't the calories that counted but the memories that it made that mattered. It made me smile, especially after all the Christmas cake we had been eating. But biting into the cake it did remind me of all those people who had provided cakes and goodies for us over the years, the love that had gone into them, the time and how special all those people are and were. It also rekindled the memories of all of those who we had shared the cakes with over the years. Food often can bring back memories, hopefully good ones. However, with the cost-of-living crisis, food for some is difficult to purchase. Our food banks need as much help as they can get. Our youth group were helping to promote the food banks over Advent. Please don't forget them and if you are able to help in any way, please do. Let's try and help the food memories be good ones. Have a good week.

RESOURCES:

Chester will celebrate the Chinese New Year of the Rabbit on **Saturday 21st January** with a parade of traditional music, lions and dragon dancing, non-combustible firecrackers, and cultural characters. The event begins at 11a.m. on Bridge Street, colourful Lions and Dragon dance and parade through Bridge Street, Northgate Street, Town Hall Square and into Storyhouse in Hunter Street for 12pm. Tutors from Wah Lei Saturday Mandarin school based at the University of Chester and volunteers will deliver cultural workshops from 12.30p.m. to 2.30p.m. for the festival celebrations in The Storyhouse.

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:

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