



# The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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## BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8th JANUARY 2023

### Saturday 7th January

St. Theresa's 5.00pm Parishioners' Intentions

St. Columba's 6.30pm 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

### Monday 9th January

St. Theresa's Chelsie Carline RIP

St. Columba's 10.30am Ellie Marsden RIP

### Tuesday 10th January

St. Theresa's Special Intention

St. Columba's Priests' Intentions

### Wednesday 11th January

St Theresa's 1.00pm **Funeral Barbara Cross**

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

10.15am Novena Prayers

10.30am. Sheila Wright RIP

### Thursday 12th January

St. Theresa's Parishioners' Intentions

St Columba's 12.30pm **Requiem Mass for  
Catherine (Kitty) McAlinden**

### Friday 13th January

St. Theresa's 9.30am John Briega Intentions

St. Columba's 11.15am **Requiem Mass for  
Ellie Marsden**

### Saturday 14th January

St. Theresa's 5.00pm Health of Pat & John Black

St. Columba's 6.00pm Joan Bullough (A).

### Sunday 15th January

St. Theresa's 9.30am Graham George & Susan Faulkner

St. Columba's 11.00am Antonio Patino Pan (A)

## RECENTLY DECEASED:

Please remember in your prayers Barbara Cross, Kitty McAlinden, Ellie Marsden, Margaret Allmark and Sheila Wright who have died recently, and their families and friends. Barbara's funeral service is at St Theresa's on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January at 1pm (NB not as stated in last week's newsletter). Kitty's Funeral is on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January at 12.30pm at St Columba's, Ellie's Funeral is on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January at 11.15am at St Columba's and Margaret's Funeral is at 12 noon on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January at St Columba's

We have recently lost two longstanding parishioners.

**Ellie Marsden** passed away peacefully on 24th December 2022 aged 104 after an active, long and healthy life. Her funeral service is at St Columba's on Friday 13th January at 11am. Thank you for your messages of condolences. If any of her friends would like to join us please do. There is no need for sombre clothes.

Ellie had been a parishioner at St Columba's since its opening. We remember her and our father helping Canon Murphy and other parishioners collecting funds for the build many years ago. She enjoyed the friendship of church community and took an active part in the various activities associated with the church. More recently she enjoyed and participated with prayers and hymns during visits. Ellie will be sadly missed by her seven children, eighteen grandchildren and twenty two great grandchildren, and by her wider family.

**Catherine (Kitty) McAlinden** has died aged 102, and was also a longstanding parishioner. All are welcome to attend her funeral at St Columba's at 12.30pm on Thursday 12 January.

## 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:

(Chris) Czeslawa Klepalo, Francina Anna J Wright, Catherine (Cath) Bond, David Whitby, Elizabeth McGovern

## LIVE STREAMING OF MASS:

Mass will be streamed from St Theresa's at 9.30am this Sunday 8th January 2023.

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

## PRAYING TOGETHER:

We pray for:

- the residents of Newton Lane, Appleton Road, Handforth Road, Exeter Place, Burns Way, Masefield Drive, Aragon Green and Brentwood Road.
- the Archive Group, Social Committees and fundraising groups.
- the fellowship and sharing at social gatherings.

## OFFERTORY:

**St Columba's:**

18 December 2022:

Loose plate: £183.40 Planned Giving: £113.00

25 December 2022:

Loose plate: £1213.90 Planned Giving: £350.00

Average weekly SOs - £574.00.

1 January 2023:

Loose plate: £TBA Planned Giving: £TBA

### FR JAMES:

Fr James will celebrate his last Mass here with us on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 11am at St Columba's. There will be an opportunity to say fond farewell to him in the Hall after Mass.

### FIRST FORGIVENESS PARENTS' MEETING:

Parents are reminded that the meeting to discuss the Sacrament of First Forgiveness is on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January** at 7pm in St Werburgh's and St Columba's School. The Celebration of the Sacrament for the children will be on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January** at 10.00am here in St Columba's Church.

### CONFIRMATIONS 2023:

The Chester Parishes take it in turns to organise Confirmation. Last year it was St Columba's and St Theresa's, this year St Werburgh's, St Clare's and St Francis. The date is **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May**, 7.00 pm, at St Francis. The Classes will be on Wednesday evenings at St Werburgh's, 7.00 pm. Flyers at the back of church give full details. Minimum age is Year 8 in the High Schools – no maximum! Launch Meeting is **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February**, and first class is **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March**. Contact Fr Paul at St Werburgh's if you need more information – but the flyer should answer most questions.

### 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)

### 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 29<sup>th</sup> January at 4.30 p.m. You are invited to join us there.

### DIOCESAN DAY FOR CHESTER CATECHISTS:

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

### LIVING WELL- Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January:

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

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> February 2023**.

All tickets to our recordings are **free of charge**. To apply for tickets, please contact [SOPcongregations@afantimedia.tv](mailto: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.

### 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.

### SVP HOLIDAY HOME

Thank you to everyone who has supported our fund raising to replace the holiday home. We have now reached our target with the help of a donation from CWAC funds and can now replace the holiday home for the 2023 season!

### WEST CHESHIRE FOOD BANK

Thank you for your support both at Church and other donation sites. Our Advent appeal at Church raised over 100kg of food which was fantastic. Unfortunately the need for donations is ever increasing and we thank you for your continued support. Please feel free to re-gift any unwanted Christmas gifts of food and toiletries.

### LOST PROPERTY:

A watch was left in church recently, please contact St Theresa's office 01244 371660 if this belongs to 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** You don't have to see the whole staircase, just the first step. Martin Luther King

**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:

8<sup>th</sup> January edition will be compiled by Rebecca Vaughan  
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**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 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:st.theresas@btinternet.com) ).

**We're all in this together** So, were you erring on the side of optimism waiting to see the new year come in or pessimism, making sure the old year was left behind? Or a bit of both? New Years can be challenging times for many people, and the old year can hold a mixture of good, bad and indifferent memories. We can't abandon the past but maybe we can take those treasured memories from the past, learn from the things that didn't go well, taking the positives where we can; enjoy the present and relish the new and whatever that will bring with it. Dream big! We wish you all a Happy and a Healthy New Year.