



The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
12th FEBRUARY 2023

Saturday 11th February

St. Theresa's	5.00pm	Parishioners' Intentions
St. Columba's	6.30pm	Private Intention (EE)

Sunday 12th February

St. Theresa's	9.30am	Helen Walsh & Angela Griffin
St. Columba's	11.00am	The people of Syria and Turkey

Monday 13th February

St. Theresa's		Private Intention
St. Columba's	10.30am	Ellie Marsden RIP

Tuesday 14th February – Ss Cyril, Mk & Methodius, B

Patrons of Europe

St. Theresa's		Priests' Intentions
St. Columba's		Patricia Duggan

Wednesday 15th February

St. Theresa's		Mavis Doyle's Intentions
St. Columba's	9.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	10.15am	Novena Prayers
	10.30am	Margaret Allmark RIP

Thursday 16th February

St. Theresa's		Priests' Intentions
St. Columba's		Ron Williams

Friday 17th February

St. Theresa's	10.00am	Kazia Krawiec RIP
St. Columba's		Margery Whatmough

Saturday 18th February

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

Sunday 19th February

St. Theresa's	9.30am	Eileen Eaton's Intentions
St. Columba's	11.00am	The Parish

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Please remember in your prayers– **Vera Joyce, Teresa Gibson, Syd Jones, Kennedy James Rowley and Josie Watts** who died recently. May The Lord console their families and friends. Vera's Requiem Mass is on Wednesday 8th March at St Theresa's at 9.30am.

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.

LENTEN SERVICES

ASH WEDNESDAY-22 FEBRUARY

St Theresa's	10.00am	Mass
St Columba's	10.30am	Mass
	6.30pm	Mass

STATIONS OF THE CROSS during Lent

St Theresa's	Friday 9.30am
St Columba's	Monday 10.00am

ANNIVERSARIES:

Mary Geeleher, George Thomas Noden, Charles Edward Davis, Martin Leigh, Lt. Lynda Taylor and David Joseph Whitby.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS:

Mass will be streamed from St Theresa's at 9.30am this Sunday 12th February 2023.

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PRAYING TOGETHER:

We Pray for:

- Pray for the residents of Shepherds Lane, Thornton Drive, The Beeches, Windermere Avenue and Barnes, Morgan Close, Griffin Close and Blake Close.
- For the Growth Action Planning in our churches, Commitment for Life, Vision4Life and Fresh Expressions.

OFFERTORY:

St Columba's: Loose plate - £300.50 Planned Giving - £141.50 Average weekly SOs - £574.00.

St Theresa's: Loose plate - £261.63 Average weekly SO - £161

RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND:

Thank you for your generosity - **£296.38** was raised in the special collections in the parish.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ENROLMENT:

Thank you to those who were enrolled at St Theresa's last Sunday. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

ST. COLUMBA'S COFFEE ROTA:

12th Feb - Sue Carr for OAKS school in Sierra Leone

19th Feb - Sue McCarthy for SVP

26th Feb – *Volunteers needed please*

Why not donate a little time to make tea and coffee to refresh the parishioners after 11:00 Mass on Sunday? You can make some money for your favourite charity, too. Call Margaret Curtis 01244 3184234 to book.

COFFEE MORNING for OAKS:

The Sunday there will be coffee and cakes on sale today to raise funds for the OAKS school in Sierra Leone. Our parish has been supporting the development of the school for 16 years and there are now 650 pupils. An article in the Chester Standard (2nd February) gives an update on the school and the work of the charity. Please have a look at the copy on the notice board in the front porch and for further information the website is www.oaks-sl.org

YOUTH GROUP:

The next youth group will be on Monday 27th February, starting 7pm in the Iona chapel, finishing 8.30pm in St. Columba's Hall. All young parishioners in school year five or above are invited and very welcome to attend. We have temporarily moved to the fourth Monday because of half term. Would all regular attendees please note the new earlier start and finish times.

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 10th 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 20th February**, and first class is **Wednesday 1st March**. Contact Fr Paul at St Werburgh's if you need more information – but the flyer should answer most questions.

A PARISH RITE OF SENDING

At 11 am Mass next week, 19th February, Fr William will ask the parish to support and strengthen Anil Palmar, Lindsay Hasaj and John Toop, who are preparing to be received into the Church at Easter. Fr William will conduct a Rite of Sending by which the parish, and the Church at large, sends the three to Bishop Mark for the Rite of Election at Shrewsbury Cathedral on the 26th February. We will pray for them especially in the Rite next Sunday, in the meantime please remember them in your prayers.

NEEDLES AND PINS:

Needles and pins is a sewing, knitting and nattering group who meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month in St. Columba's church hall at 2.00pm. Our next meeting is on 22nd February, and we welcome all comers.

SVP THEATRE NIGHT - THE GIRL ON THE TRAIN

This gripping new play will keep you guessing until the final moments!! Wednesday 8th March 7.30pm Gladstone Theatre Port Sunlight. Tickets price £10 available from Sue McCarthy 07515 491251 or any SVP members. All proceeds going to support the running of the SVP holiday home.

LOURDES BY JUMBULANCE:

Chester and Wirral Across Groups are again travelling to Lourdes this year. There are vacancies for nurses, helpers, and sick and disabled pilgrims. We have taken folk with a wide range of health problems such as stroke, cancer, MS, Motor Neurone Disease, etc. The cost is £995. Nurses and under 25s in full time education pay half. However, financial help may be available for those who cannot afford to pay the full amount. COVID Vaccinations compulsory. See church notice boards for further information, or please contact Tony Murphy on 07881-656-974 or tonymurphyefc2002@yahoo.co.uk

Thought for the week The best and most beautiful things in this world cannot be seen or even heard but must be felt with the heart."
Helen Keller

We're all in this together I don't know if any of you managed to do the RSPB big garden bird watch the other weekend in your garden or local park? Talking to a friend she was saying that the Jays were missing from her garden recently. What aspect of nature would you miss if it was gone? bird song, hedgerow flowers, spiders' webs in the morning dew, field mice, hedgehogs? The human drive to protect nature starts with us noticing the differences and caring about it and being able to do our bit to help. It might be leaving a log pile or leaves for insects, keeping a bit of wilder ground for insects and smaller mammals, sowing wildflower seeds. Anything that might help nature. It doesn't have to cost. But every little bit will help nature and our environment. See what you can do.

Resources community bulb planting Tuesday 21st Feb 1.30-3.00pm. Meet at the friendly bench at the Countess of Chester Country Park. Bring gardening gloves and a trowel if you have them, but don't worry if you don't have them.

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:

19TH FEBRUARY edition will be compiled by

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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 **9.00a.m. on WEDNESDAY 15th FEBRUARY**

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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.