



# The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD**

**2<sup>nd</sup> APRIL 2023**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April**

St. Theresa's 5.00pm Kay Watts RIP  
 St. Columba's 6.30pm Edwin Edwards. Ann

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April- Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord**

St. Theresa's 9.30am Parishioners' Ints  
 St. Columba's 11.00am The Parish

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

St. Theresa's David Collingborn RIP  
 St. Columba's 10.30am Priests' Ints

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

St. Theresa's Priests' Intentions  
 St. Columba's Keith Skinner

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April**

St Theresa's Private Intention  
 St Columba's 10.30am Judy Cartwright RIP

**Holy Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April - Evening Mass of the Lord's**

**Supper**

St. Theresa's 5.00pm Margaret Collins Ints.  
 St Columba's 6.00pm Mary Ible 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday

**Good Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April**

St. Theresa's 11.15am Stations of the Cross  
 St Theresa's 3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion  
 St. Columba's 11.00am Stations of the Cross  
 St Columba's 3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday)**

St. Theresa's **NO MASS**  
 St. Columba's **8.00pm Easter Vigil.** The Parish  
 Mass begins outside with the lighting of the fire.

*Celebratory wine in the hall after Mass*

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April**

St. Theresa's 9.30am Parishioners' Intentions  
 St. Columba's 11.00am Private Ints

**RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Please remember in your prayers Eileen Thornber. May the Lord console her families and friends. Eileen's Requiem Mass is on 20 April at 10.30am at St Columba's.

**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.

**GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS**

We are hoping to re-introduce the Family Stations of the Cross in St. Columba's at 11am on Good Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> April. To do this we need some young people to volunteer to read a short passage. If anyone is interested, would they please speak to me in Hall after Mass or e mail me [suecarr78@btinternet.com](mailto:suecarr78@btinternet.com)

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

Elizabeth Mary (Beryl) Harrison, Lt Stewart Harrison, Sandra Mary Erskine, John (Jack) George Cross, David Carty, Philomena Pellegrinni.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – 16<sup>TH</sup> April 2023**

This is taking place at Holy Angels Church, Hale Barns. For further details please see the poster.

**LIVE STREAMING OF MASS:**

Mass will be streamed from St Theresa's at 9.30am. this Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023 and next Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April.

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**LENTEN AND EASTER SERVICES**

**Palm Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

St. Theresa's 9.30am Mass begins in the porch  
 St. Columba's 11.00am Mass begins outside front doors

**Holy Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April**

St. Theresa's 5.00pm Evening Mass of the Lord's  
 St. Columba's 6.00pm Supper

**Good Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April**

St. Columba's 11.00am Stations of the Cross  
 St. Theresa's 11.15am Stations of the Cross  
 St. Columba's 3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion  
 St. Theresa's 3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

**Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday) 8<sup>th</sup> April**

St. Columba's only 8.00pm Mass begins outside  
 with the lighting of the fire

*Celebratory wine in the hall after Mass*

**St Theresa's NO MASS today**

**Easter Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April**

St. Theresa's 9.30am  
 St. Columba's 11.00am

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES:**

Envelopes for the new financial year starting Sunday 9 April are available to collect from the back porch in St Columba's and the front porch in St. Theresa's.

**CYCLONE FREDDY IMPACT ON MALAWI**

For further information please see poster on the noticeboard.

## YOUTH GROUP

Next youth group will be on Monday 17th April, 7pm to 8.30pm, at St. Theresa's church. Last session we painted 'peace' stones and will be placing them in the Peace Garden at St. Theresa's and taking part in other activities in the church and garden. All young parishioners from school year 5 and older are invited to join us.

## PRAYING TOGETHER:

We pray for:

- The residents of Kingsway, Dickson's Drive, Brookfield Drive, Provan way, Saughall Road, Westbourne Road & Cranleigh Crescent.
- For Worship Groups and all who plan services.
- For our worship that it is vibrant, spiritual and prayerful.

## OFFERTORY:

**St Columba's:** Loose plate: **TBC**; Planned Giving: **£TBC**;  
Average Weekly SO - **£574.00**;

**St Theresa's:** Loose plate & Planned giving **£259.32**; Average weekly SO - **£161**

THANK YOU for all your generous support.

## EASTER FLOWERS:

At St Theresa's please put your donation in an envelope marked "FLOWERS" Thank you in advance for your continued support.

## ST COLUMBA'S COFFEE ROTA:

2<sup>nd</sup> Apr - Chris & Elizabeth for Tombola

9<sup>th</sup> Apr - Alex Mosquera for Rock of Joy Trust, Uganda & Cyclone Freddy Malawi Fund

16<sup>th</sup> April-volunteers please

23<sup>rd</sup> April - Catherine Jones for the Share Shop

## RED MISSION BOXES:

If you have a Red Mission box for collection, please leave it in the sacristy of either Church.

**For St. Columba's:** When counted, I can return your box to your home. Thank you, Margaret Curtis 01244 318424.

**For St. Theresa's:** People can leave them in the sacristy for me to collect or call Sean Baker 07920174529.

## LIVE SCREENING OF THE CORONATION:

King Charles III coronation will be screened live in St Columba's Hall on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023. We will welcome parishioners who would like to watch this historic event communally, from late morning onwards on the big day. We will provide tea and coffee followed by sandwiches and cake for lunch. We need to know the approx. number, to cater accordingly, **so please put you name down on the sheet in the FRONT PORCH of either church.**

## CAFOD:

A total of £490 was raised for our latest appeal. Thank-you very much for your continued generosity

**HEALTH AND WELLBEING WALK:** Every Monday 10:00a.m. for 10:30a.m. Health and Wellbeing Walk sponsored by St Theresa's and the URC. For more information ring Brendan Doyle on: 07484353841 or Ann Francis on 01244 959061.

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST & READERS

We welcome Chibuko Loveth, Akubue Nnaemeka, Elizabeth Mair & EMIKE NASAMU who are our new ministers and thank them for attending last week's training.

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS -

At the Easter Vigil, **Anil, Lindsay and John** together will receive the sacraments of Confirmation and the Eucharist and thereby enter fully into the life of the Church. Please keep them in your prayers.

## ONLINE COURSE ON VATICAN II: PART III THE CHURCH.

The first podcast on *Lumen Gentium* is now available at [dioceseofshrewsbury.org](http://dioceseofshrewsbury.org) together with **3 handouts for downloading or printing:** An Introduction to *LG*; A visual presentation of its 8 chapters; An outline of issues addressed in it. A **leaflet** outlining the content of all of the podcasts in the series is available in the parish. Should you have difficulty accessing this material, any questions or reflections, please don't hesitate to call Barbara Davies on 07730 526821.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK** "God loves each of us as if there were only one of us" - Augustine

**WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER:** Dare I ask, but how are the Lenten promises getting along? Has it got easier as time has gone on, or harder? Has that change in habit allowed you some time to reflect and prepare for the Lords resurrection and the celebration of Easter? The Bishop of Portsmouth said recently that "Lent is a spiritual springtime. It's a joyful season, as the Roman Liturgy puts it, a time when God wants to give us new grace and new life". So even if things haven't been going quite to plan, there's still time and the idea of Lent as a spiritual springtime providing new grace and new life is a lovely image don't you think?

**RESOURCES** Teenagers in the Upton area - Teen chat at the Pavillion 6pm to 8pm Thursday 13 April. Come along and tell the Parish Council what you would like to see at the QEII playing fields (Wealstone Lane playing fields).

## CONFIRMATIONS 2023:

The date is **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May**, 7.00 pm, at St Francis.

### 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:

9<sup>th</sup> April edition will be compiled by

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Please ensure that items are emailed or phoned to the

Compiler by **9.00a.m. on TUESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> April**

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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.**

**VACANCY:**

**SVP Membership Support Officer (MSO)** The St Vincent de Paul Society would like to recruit a MSO for the Shrewsbury Diocese. A part time role (15 hours per week) working as part of the SVP Membership Team, to support member recruitment and development, provide general support for members and be the link between local Conferences and National Office. The role is home based but requires the ability to travel around the diocese to make recruitment appeals, work with existing groups, attend meetings and meet with interested parties where appropriate. Own transport essential and travel expenses are paid. For further information and details of how to apply, contact Lance Philpott, Head of Membership at [lancep@svp.org.uk](mailto:lancep@svp.org.uk) Closing date for applications is Sunday 16 April 2023.