



# The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**16TH APRIL 2023**

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April**

St. Theresa's 5.00pm Thomas Byrne RIP  
 St. Columba's 6.30pm Theresa Bartliff

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April**

St. Theresa's 9.30am Ann & Tony Mitchell's Intentions  
 St. Columba's 11.00am Mary & Mike Kiernan

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

St. Theresa's Parishioners' Intentions  
 St. Columba's 10.30am Priests' Intentions

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

St. Theresa's Private Intention  
 St. Columba's Parishioners' Intentions

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April**

St Theresa's **2.30pm Requiem Mass - Sarah (Sally) Gordyke**  
 St Columba's 9.30am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament  
 10.15am Novena Prayers  
 10.30am Enid & Jim Mason's 70<sup>th</sup> Wed. Ann

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April**

St. Theresa's Priests' Intentions  
 St Columba's **10.30am Requiem Mass - Eileen Thornber**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April**

St. Theresa's 10.00am Bart Bradshaw  
 St. Columba's **10.00am Requiem Mass - Mary Formston**

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

St. Theresa's 5.00pm Ruth O'Donnell RIP  
 St. Columba's 6.30pm Brian & Joyce Webster

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

St. Theresa's 9.30am Parishioners' Intentions  
 St. Columba's 11.00a.m. Phillip G. Francis

*Please note if there is no time next to Mass it means there is no Mass for parishioners to attend that day but the Priests will say Mass privately.*

**RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Please remember in your prayers Sarah (Sally) Gordyke, Margaret Collins, Monica Littler, Eileen Thornber, Mary Formston and Margaret Finnegan. May the Lord console their families and friends.

Monica's funeral is at St Francis on Monday 17 April at 2pm. Sally's Requiem Mass is at St Theresa's on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm.

Eileen Thornber's Requiem Mass is on 20th April at 10.30am at St Columba's.

Mary Formston's Funeral is on 21<sup>st</sup> April at 10.00am at St Columba's.

Margaret Finnegan's Funeral is at 11.00am 25<sup>th</sup> April 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.

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

Mary Teresa Kiernan, James Rogerson, Sheila Ann Gilfoyle, William (Jimmy) Hinde), Alice Harvey, Daniel Joseph Keegan, James Rogerson.

**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 Columba's at 11.00am. this Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

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**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES:**

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

**YOUTH**

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.

**GROUP:**

**PRAYING TOGETHER:**

We pray for:

- Pray for the residents of Ethelda Drive, Dorfold Way, Sussex Road, Norris Road, Burton Road, Norman Way, Lynwood Road and Trinity Gardens.
- For all who serve through the Anglican Diocese of Chester, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Shrewsbury and the United Reformed Church Mersey Synod.
- For our churches that they may be filled with the Holy Spirit.

**OFFERTORY:**

**St Columba's:** Loose plate: **£447.22**. Planned Giving: **£180.00**  
 Average Weekly SO - **£574.00**; Zumbathon £10.00; Wednesday Tai Chi £50.00.

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

**THANK YOU for all your generous support.**

### **SAVE THE DATE – SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE:**

You are invited to a day of reflection, prayer and discernment about your role and mission in the Church on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2023** from 10am-5pm at St Columba's Church Hall. More details to follow.

### **ST COLUMBA'S COFFEE ROTA**

16<sup>th</sup> Apr - Kate Graham for the parish

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

30<sup>th</sup> Apr - volunteers 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 your date(s).

### **RED MISSION BOXES, ST COLUMBA'S**

If you have a Red Mission box for collection, please leave it in the sacristy. When counted I can return your box to your home. Thank you, Margaret Curtis 01244 318424.

### **LIVE SCREENING OF THE CORONATION, St Columba's Hall**

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.**

### **CONFIRMATIONS 2023:**

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

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK** "To see a world in a grain of sand and Heaven in a wildflower, hold infinity in the palm of your hand and eternity in an hour." William Blake

**WERE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER:** Speaking to someone recently, they indicated that one of the family had been in hospital for an operation and that recovery was slow but improving. It was the little things that mattered to the patient now, such as being able to make their own cup of tea or being able to get out in the fresh air for short periods of time. It is easy sometimes to take what we have for granted, until it's taken away from us. We are all amazing creations. Our hearts beat about 100,000 times a day, pumping around 2,000 gallons through over 60,000 miles of blood vessels in our bodies. The human body is a miracle and far more than numbers. Never be in too much of a hurry to notice the ordinary miracles that we are.

**RESOURCES:** We have local elections coming up on the 4 May and, for those of you who vote in person, you will need a photo ID. If you do not have an acceptable photo ID then you can apply for a free [Voter Authority Certificate](#) online via the [GOV.UK](#) website, or by post by requesting a printed form from the Cheshire WEST and Chester Council elections team Democratic Services, Cheshire West and Chester Council, The Portal, Wellington Road, Ellesmere Port, CH65 0BA. The application deadline for a Voter Authority Certificate for 4 May elections is 5pm on **25 April 2023**.

**WARNING : Emergency alert system**, Sunday 23 April at 3pm. For those with 4G or 5G mobiles, your phones will receive a siren like alarm, receive a message on their home screens and vibrate for up to 10 seconds. **This is a test** of a

nationwide emergency test in case of fire, flooding or extreme weather. Please do not be alarmed.

### **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.

**ADMINISTRATOR VANCANCY:** A vacancy has arisen within the Inter-Diocesan Fuel team (IFM) for an Administrator, based at the curial office in Birkenhead. The post is full time 35 hours per week, salary: £20K to £22K depending on experience. For further details please see the Diocesan website <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/> CV's should be sent to Pauline McCulloch, [recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) Closing date for applications is **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023**.

### **SVP MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT OFFICER (MSO) VACANCY:**

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<sup>th</sup> April 2023**.

### **EASTER FLOWERS:**

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity with the Easter flower collection. I appreciate we are in difficult times but your donations will fund us until the end of the year. Thanks again.

### **PLANTS WANTED:**

As we come into Spring if you are doing any gardening and find you may have some spare bedding plants, the Peace Garden would love to give them a home. Please leave them in the Peace Garden at St Theresa's or outside of the garage. Thank you.

### **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:**

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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 19<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.**