



The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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EASTER SUNDAY

9TH APRIL 2023

Saturday 8th April – Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday)

St. Theresa's **NO MASS**

St. Columba's **8.00p.m. Easter Vigil.**

The Parish Mass begins outside with the lighting of the fire.

Celebratory wine in the hall after Mass

Sunday 9th April – Easter Sunday

St. Theresa's 9.30a.m. Parishioners' Intentions

St. Columba's 11.00a.m. Private Intentions

Monday 10th April – Monday of Easter Octave

St. Theresa's Priests' Intentions

St. Columba's 10.30am Mary Formston

Tuesday 11th April – Tuesday of Easter Octave

St. Theresa's Private Intention

St. Columba's Priests' Intentions

Wednesday 12th April – Wednesday of Easter Octave

St Theresa's Priests' Intentions

St Columba's 9.30a.m. Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

10.15a.m. Novena Prayers

10.30a.m. Eileen Thornber RIP

Thursday 13th April – Thursday of Easter Octave

St. Theresa's Margaret Collins' Intentions

St Columba's The Parish

Friday 14th April – Friday of Easter Octave

St. Theresa's 10.00a.m. Kay Watts RIP

St. Columba's Private Intention

Saturday 15th April – Saturday of Easter Octave

St. Theresa's 5.00p.m. Thomas Byrne RIP

St. Columba's 6.30p.m. Theresa Bartliff

Sunday 16th April – Second Sunday of Easter

St. Theresa's 9.30a.m. Ann & Tony Mitchell's Ints.

St. Columba's 11.00a.m. Mike and Mary Kiernan

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 Eileen Thornber, Mary Formston and Margaret Finnegan. May the Lord console their families and friends. Eileen's Requiem Mass is on 20th April at 10.30am at St Columba's, Mary's Funeral is on 21st April at 10.00am at St Columba's and Margaret's Funeral is at 11.00am 25th 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:

Henry Arthur (Harry) Harrison, Lt. Stewart Harrison, Angela Crowe, Philomena Pellegrini, Anne Hogan, Daniel Joseph Keegan.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – 16TH 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 9th April 2023.

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EASTER GREETING:

Fr William and Fr Desmond wish you all a happy and Holy Easter and thank you for your prayers and greetings.

PARISH OFFICES:

Both offices will be closed on Good Friday (7th April) and Easter Monday (10th April)

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.

SAVE THE DATE – SATURDAY 24TH JUNE:

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

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:

- The residents of Essex Road, Deva Lane, Walnut Close, Palmerstone Close, Meadowside Mews, Highcliffe Avenue and Sherwood Road.
- The Library, Pavilion and recreational areas in our community.
- All adults and children that they will be safe as they enjoy leisure time.

OFFERTORY:

St Columba's: (26.03.2023) Loose plate: **£312.21**; Planned Giving: **£88.50**; Average Weekly SO - **£574.00**; **(02.04.2023)** Loose plate: **£315.17**; Planned Giving: **£86.20**; 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.

CHARITY QUIZ:

In aid of the Hospice of the Good Shepherd. To be held in St Columba's Hall at 7.00 p.m. on next **Friday 14th April**. Admission £2.00. Teams of 4-6. Bring your own bottle, crisps etc. provided. Enquiries to 01244 383703.

ST PIO PRAYER GROUP:

The next meeting is on **Thursday 13th April**, at 2pm in Flat 5, Abbots Court, Eversley Park, Chester CH2 2DY. Everyone is welcome.

ST COLUMBA'S COFFEE ROTA:

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

16th April - volunteers please

23rd 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 6th 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 10th May**, 7.00 pm, at St Francis.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

The very first Easter taught us this: "that life never ends and love never dies." - Kate McGahan

WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER:

Having watched the end of the film "Wonder" the other day, the main character finishes the film winning an award and making a speech about inclusion. He states, "that no one's ordinary and we all deserve a standing ovation at least once in our lives". Looking back over the last few years, I'm sure we can agree that ordinary is not what it has been, but we are here to tell the story and continue moving forward. We are all extraordinary in our own ways and sometimes we forget that. So, here's an ovation to you all. Wishing all of our community a very happy Easter. And here's to a lovely weekend and a bit of sunshine.

RESOURCES:

New wellbeing walk on Thursdays 10am, meet at the noticeboard at the entrance to Lime Wood Fields from Fairfield Road, off Kingsway, Newton. Slow walk for about 30-45 mins. Good paths.

EASTER CAKES and coffee after Easter Sunday Mass at St Columba's - come and help us celebrate Easter, all proceeds to charity. Please don't leave us to eat all the cakes!

PLANTS WANTED:

If you are doing any gardening over this Easter weekend 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.

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.

CHRISTIAN AID:

"Talking Climate Justice Tour" on **Friday 14th April** 7.00p.m. - 9.00p.m. in St Mary's without the Walls Church Centre, Handbridge. Free admission.

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.

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:

16th April 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 12TH APRIL**

Website: www.sscolumbaandtheresa.co.uk

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.

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 Closing date for applications is **Friday 28th 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 Closing date for applications is **Sunday 16th April 2023**.