



# The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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## PENTECOST 28th MAY 2023

### Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May

St. Theresa's 5.00p.m. Parishioners' Intentions  
St. Columba's 6.30p.m. John Humphries RIP

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Day of Special Prayer for the Church

St. Theresa's 9.30a.m. RCIA Thanksgiving  
St. Columba's 11.00a.m. The Parish

### Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Mary, Mother of God

St. Theresa's Priests' Intentions  
St. Columba's 10.30a.m. Stuart Worrall RIP

### Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May

St. Theresa's Private Intention  
St. Columba's Eileen Thornber RIP

### Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Visitation of the B.V.M.

St Theresa's Kay Watts RIP  
St Columba's 9.30a.m. Exposition of Blessed Sacrament  
10.15a.m. Novena Prayers  
10.30a.m. Soledad and Haro

### Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Our Lord Jesus Christ, The Eternal

#### High Priest

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

### Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

St. Theresa's 10.00a.m. Gerald O'Hanlon RIP  
St. Columba's Anne Rooney RIP

### Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – St Charles Lwanga & Companions

St. Theresa 5.00p.m. John Black RIP  
St. Columba's 6.30p.m. David Traynor

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June

St. Theresa's 9.30a.m. Min & Joe Gannon RIP  
St. Columba's 11.00a.m. The Parish

*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, Margaret Collins, Margaret Finnegan, Ron Wright, Stuart Worrall, Brian Kelly, Tom Groom, Fr Tony Gittins and Michael Murray. May the Lord console their families and friends.

**Tom Groom's Requiem Mass is on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 10am at St Theresa's.**

### THANK YOU:

The family of the late Stuart Worrall would like to say thank you for the kind expressions of sympathy and Mass cards we have received.

### 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:

Anne Rooney, Patricia Lally, Edward Glynne Jones, Patrick Joseph Casey and Stuart Joseph Bright.

### LIVE STREAMING OF MASS:

Mass will be streamed from St Theresa's at 9.30am this **Sunday** 28th May 2023.

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### SPIRITAN'S MISSION APPEAL – 27<sup>TH</sup>/28<sup>TH</sup> MAY:

There will be a retiring collection at all Masses over the weekend 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> May. The Bishop endorses this collection in appreciation of the Spiritan's service to the Parish.

### PRAYING TOGETHER:

We pray for:

- Pray for the residents of Plas Newton Lane, Wealstone Court, Surrey Road, Maitland Way, Canberra Way, Roebourne Rise and Melbourne Road.
- For the Deanery Synod Representatives.
- For all our joint services in our Churches, Schools and in the Cathedral.

### OFFERTORY:

**St Columba's: 14&21/05/23** Loose plate: **£941.58**; Planned Giving: **£279.00**; Average Weekly SO - **£574.00**; Candles: **£46.88**; Donation

**St Theresa's:** Loose plate & Planned Giving: £192.29 ; Average weekly SO - **£161**.

THANK YOU for all your generous support.

### ST COLUMBA'S COFFEE ROTA:

28<sup>th</sup> May - Sue McCarthy for SVP

4<sup>th</sup> June - Ripon family for Camps International Humanitarian Collaboration Peru

11th June - St Columba's feast day BARBECUE

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).

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

Please pray for all those who have made their First Holy Communion recently.

### ANNUAL PARISH COACH TRIP – YORK:

The annual trip this year is to fabulous city of YORK on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July. There's a sheet in the front of both churches to enter your name to reserve a seat. £20 a ticket, departs St Columba's at 09:00 and St Teresa's at 09:15.

### NHS AT ST THERESA'S:

The NHS will be in St Theresa's car park on **21st June** for Covid booster vaccinations for anyone over 75 years of age or anyone who is immunosuppressed. Health checks are also available. This will be from 10.30am to 4pm on all dates.

### THE CHS 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY MASS:

You are warmly invited to join the CHS celebration Mass on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> of June, 11a.m. at Chester Cathedral. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Mallon by email at [mallonk@christofidelis.org.uk](mailto:mallonk@christofidelis.org.uk). There are extra seats available!

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

There is 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.

### SOCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

**Sun 11th June:** Annual BBQ to celebrate the feast of St Columba

**Thurs 27th July:** Coach trip to York. There's a sheet in the front of both churches to enter your name to reserve a seat. £20 a ticket, departs St Columba's at 09:00am and St Theresa's at 09:15am.

### SUMMER CONCERT:

Chester Deo Gratias Choir will be having their summer concert on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June 7.30p.m. at All Saints in Hoole Road, Chester to support two charities Reverse Rett and Fountain of Life in Kyrgyzstan. Tickets £9/£8 concessions. Free glass of wine/juice. Tel: 01244 345649 and email: [centre@allsaints.church](mailto:centre@allsaints.church).

### HIGHLIGHT FROM THE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:

The exam season has begun; therefore, we pray for every student in Y11 & Y13 sitting exams over the next month that they may do well and obtain the set of grades they are hoping for. We are very proud of our students who worked so hard for these exams, and to whom the COVID-19 pandemic has had a massive impact on them. Well done everyone!

This week we have celebrated Mass with Y11 and Y13 students, we gave thanks to God for their time at the CHS, for their achievements and success. We wish our students the best in their future endeavours.

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### CHIFUNDO CYCLONE FREDDY APPEAL –UPDATE:

The money raised has been used to provide practical help, food packs, plastic sheeting, bed linen for the Chansa Women as well as additional funds which will be used locally to help with housing and house repairs.

### VATICAN II COURSE:

Thank you to the many people who have been in touch to say how helpful they find **the reflections on Vatican II**. We continue **Part III** on **The Church** by asking the question: **'Who is the Church?'** The relevant **podcast** and **handout** are now available on the website; [dioceseofshrewsbury.org](http://dioceseofshrewsbury.org) in the section on 'News and Events'. For any information contact Barbara; [barbara.davies@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:barbara.davies@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) or Tel: 07730 526821.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Next time you admire the wonderful things God has made, remember You are one of them.

### WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER:

We have recently had Mental Health Awareness week. The theme for the week was around "anxiety". The Mental Health Foundation says "Anxiety is a normal emotion in us all, but sometimes it can get out of control and become a mental health problem. Lots of things can lead to feelings of anxiety, including exam pressures, relationships, starting a new job (or losing one) or other big life events. We can also get anxious when it comes to things to do with money and not being able to meet our basic needs, like heating our home or buying food." None of us knows what problems others may have. But please know that you don't have to deal with it alone, and that help and support is available. [MindUK](http://MindUK) have local and national support networks including web information, and infoline charged at local rates, 0300 123 3393. [The mental health Foundation](http://The mental health Foundation) also has support and tips on its web site.

### RESOURCES:

[Young Minds](http://Young Minds) has tips for students to help cope with exam pressure. We wish all our students taking exams over the coming months all the very best.

### 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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