



The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

14TH MAY 2023

Saturday 13TH May

St. Theresa's 5.00pm Parishioners' Intention
 St. Columba's 6.30pm Claire Graham RIP

Sunday 14th May

St. Theresa's 9.30am Mae Dunne's Intentions
 St. Columba's 11.00am Parishioners' Intentions

Monday 15th May

St. Theresa's Priests' Intentions
 St. Columba's 10.30am The Parish

Tuesday 16th May

St. Theresa's Peter Chadwick RIP
 St. Columba's Priests' Intentions

Wednesday 17th May

St Theresa's Malcolm Mallard RIP
 St Columba's 9.30am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
 10.15am Novena Prayers
 10.30am

1.00pm Requiem - Gerald O'Hanlon RIP

7.00pm VIGIL MASS FOR THE ASCENSION

Thursday 18th May – The Ascension of The Lord

St. Theresa's 9.30am Private Intention

St Columba's

Friday 19th May – St Milburga, Ab, V

St. Theresa's 10.00am Mary Baker's Intentions
 St. Columba's Parishioners' Intentions

Saturday 20th May

St. Theresa 5.00pm Mark & Frank Lally RIP
 St. Columba's 6.30pm Stuart Worrall RIP

Sunday 21st May

St. Theresa's 9.30am Parishioners' Intentions
 St. Columba's 11.00a.m. Ellie Marsden Anniv.

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.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – 18th MAY:

This is a Holy Day of Obligation, there will be a Vigil Mass at St Columba's on Wednesday 17th May at 7pm and Mass at St Theresa's at 9.30am on Thursday 18th May.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Please remember in your prayers Claire Graham, Margaret Collins, Margaret Finnegan, Ron Wright, Stuart Worrall and Tom Groom. May the Lord console their families and friends.

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 Susanne Roberts, Denizel Gordon, Terence McNicholas, Cecil Arthur Baker, Joseph Stringer, Janet Evans, Joan Burton, Janet McMahan, Lionel Dean, Francis Gallagher, Mary McKay, Harry John Teague, Michael Joseph Barnett, William Walker, Thomas Patrick Dowd, Lillian Rachel Beswick, Agnes Elizabeth Lambert, Albert Edward Hutfield.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS:

Mass will be streamed from St Columba's at 11.00am this **Sunday** 14th May 2023.

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS - St Columba's

Today we have our first family celebrations of First Holy Communion so the central pews will be reserved for the children and their families. We welcome you all and pray for and congratulate these children. Rex Carey, Margo Carey, Oskar Graca, Agata Holysz, Maia Martland, Manuel Regal, Mia Regal, Daniel Regal and Thea Shallcross.

PRAYING TOGETHER:

We pray for:

- Pray for the residents of Newry Park, Grange Road, Eversley Park, Bowyer's Close, Ashfield Crescent, Glenside Close, and Longdale Drive.
- For vocations to the ministry, Foundations for Ministry and those in current training.
- For all lay people in the varied ministries in our Churches

OFFERTORY:

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

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

THANK YOU for all your generous support.

WORLD COMMUNICATION DAY – 21st MAY:

In recent years, the Holy Father has reflected on the building blocks of good communication. The heart, he says, is the common factor motivating us "to go and see" and "to listen". It enables us, having listened, to "speak the truth in love". Full message can be found here: cbcew.org.uk/wcd23-papal-message/
 There will be a retiring collection for this next weekend at all Masses.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: 14th-20th May

Envelopes are available in the church porches and when filled can be placed in the normal collection baskets.

ST COLUMBA'S COFFEE ROTA

14th May - Ripon family for Camps International Humanitarian Collaboration Peru

21st May - volunteers please

28th May - 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).

TOMATO PLANTS: St Columba's

Gardener's Delight, Moneymaker and Tumbling Tom varieties of tomato plants will be on sale in the hall today at 30p each or ring Pauline Payne on 01244 350323 to order. Proceeds to parish Third World project, the OAKS school in Sierra Leone.

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL 2023:

The White Flower Appeal raised £105.24 at St Theresa's last weekend. Thank you very much indeed for your generosity.

The date for the appeal at St Columba's has now been changed to 17/18 June.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:

Your Pastoral Council met on Thursday 4th May and covered a very full agenda. Members gave reports on the high priority issues as identified in the Parish Development Plan – notably progress with the new website, successful outreach work of the SVP and continued development of the youth group, children's liturgy and social events. The main issue for discussion was the planning of a strategy to recruit more volunteers to support in all aspects of our churches' work. More news to follow!

CONFIRMATIONS 2023:

We would like to congratulate the young people, especially a group of students from our school, who have been Confirmed last Wednesday 10th of May at St. Francis Church, Chester. The chaplain celebrated with the newly confirmed students and their parents the following morning, sharing a delicious breakfast in the CHS conference room. May the Holy Spirit guide them all in their faith journey.

YOUTH GROUP:

The next youth group will be this Monday 15th May, 7pm to 8.30pm, at St Theresa's. Last session we placed our hand painted 'peace' stones in the Peace Garden at St. Theresa's and took a look around the church. This session we will do some planting in the peace garden, play some games, do a May activity and generally enjoy meeting up. All young parishioners from school year 5 and older are invited to join us.

CHRIST AND CREATION – FOUR TALKS & DISCUSSIONS - MAY & JUN 2023:

This course looks at the startling but ancient truth that Jesus Christ as the Second Person of the Trinity has co-existed with the Father and the Holy Spirit from the beginning of time and has a central role in the work of Creation. The four talks are on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 pm, starting **17th May**, the first two at St Werburgh's and the second two at Chester Cathedral. Details on the Notice Boards and the Website. All invited to attend. More from David Savage 01244 380626.

CHESTER HALF MARATHON- 21st May 2023:

This takes place on **Sunday 21st May** and roads around Blacon will be closed. If you usually attend the 9.30am Mass at St Theresa's please check the route as you may need to make alternative arrangements.

NHS AT ST THERESA'S:

The NHS will be in St Theresa's car park on **23rd May and 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 50TH ANNIVERSARY MASS:

You are warmly invited to join the CHS celebration Mass on Friday 9th of June, 11am at Chester Cathedral. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Mallon by email at mallonk@christofidelis.org.uk.

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.

SAVE THE DATE – SATURDAY 24TH JUNE:

There is 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.

Thought for the week Music can change the world. Beethoven.

We're all in this together: Over the last weeks we can see how much music can play in our lives, from the Coronation music, the marching bands, the coronation concert, street parties and Eurovision. "United in music", one of the slogans of the Eurovision. Bringing people and countries together. Liverpool, for the Eurovision is a little bit of the Ukraine. Where words fail, music speaks. Music can take you to another place, can recall memories. It has strong connections. Our community and Cheshire community continue to help those who flee from conflict. Music is an important uniter, be it memories, people and places. Enjoy the music wherever you are.

Resources You can sign up to the Councils cost of living support newsletter via their web site and or check out their current support on their web site

at <https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/housing-benefit-council-tax/cost-of-living-support>

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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:

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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.

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 in the section on 'News and Events'. For any information contact Barbara; barbara.davies@dioceseofshrewsbury.org or Tel: 07730 526821.

RETRouvaille: a programme for Couples struggling in their marriages.

Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about ‘Retrouvaille’ or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on 6 - 9 July 2023 or a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 13-15 October 2023, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk