



# The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

21<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2023

### Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May

St. Theresa's 5.00p.m. Frank & Mary Lally RIP  
 St. Columba's 6.30p.m. Stuart Worrall RIP

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May – World Communication Day

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

### Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Dedication of The Cathedral

St. Theresa's Priests' Intentions  
 St. Columba's 10.30a.m. Colin Boulton RIP

### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

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

### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Our Lady Help of Christians

St Theresa's Tom Groom RIP  
 St Columba's 9.30a.m. Exposition of Blessed Sacrament  
 10.15a.m. Novena Prayers  
 10.30a.m. The Parish

### Requiem Mass. 2.00pm. for Margaret Mary Collins

### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May – St Bede the Venerable, P. D

St. Theresa's 9.30a.m. St Theresa's School  
 St Columba's Private Intention

### Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May – St Philip Neri, P

St. Theresa's 10.00a.m. Mihal Krawiec RIP  
 St. Columba's The Parish

### Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May – St Augustine of Canterbury, B

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

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May

St. Theresa's 9.30a.m. RCIA Thanksgiving  
 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 Claire Graham, Margaret Collins, Margaret Finnegan, Ron Wright, Stuart Worrall, Brian Kelly and Tom Groom. May the Lord console their families and friends.

Margaret Collins's Requiem Mass is on Wednesday 24th May at 2p.m at St Columba's. Tom Groom's Requiem Mass is on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 10am at St Theresa'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:

Anne Rooney, Jane Whelan, Anita Roberts, Patrick Joseph Casey.

### LIVE STREAMING OF MASS:

Mass will be streamed from St Columba's at 11.00am this Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023.

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### SYNOD 2021-2024

#### Communion Participation Mission

The Ordinary Council of the General Secretariat of the Synod met in Rome recently to discuss and approve the *Instrumentum Laboris*: the working document for the participants in the first session of the Synod, to be held 4-29 October 2023 (the second and final session will be held in October 2024). This 'General Assembly of the Synod' in October is referred to as *the celebratory phase of the synodal process*, and follows the *preparatory phase*, in which we were consulted along with the people of God worldwide, and the subsequent *phases of discernment* by the bishops.

As reported in a recent parish newsletter, our Pastoral Council has been considering its own *Instrumentum Laboris*, so to speak; a recent meeting discussed 'a strategy to recruit more volunteers to support in all aspects of our churches' work.'

*More news to follow!*

Please continue to pray for the Synod and for our participation, walking together along the way, united in Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life.

<https://sscolumbaandtheresa.co.uk/prayer-for-the-synod/>

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS (St Columba's):

Today we have our second family celebrations of First Holy Communions, so the central pews will again be reserved for the children and their families. We welcome you all and pray for and congratulate these children. Isla Daltrey, Janelle Diagboya, Isla Field, Niko Hasaj, Emma Holding, Delilah Horbury, Mbongeni Kahlu, James Odunaiya, Elizabeth Simpkin, Victoria Simpkin and Florence Toop.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS (St Theresa's):

Congratulations to the children from St Theresa's school who made their First Holy Communion this weekend. Please pray for them and their families.

### 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:

- The residents of Ormonde Road, Newton Hall Drive, Beechway, Upton Dene, Upton Grange, Wavertree Road, Western Avenue and Lloyd Place.
- The staff and patients of the Hospice of the Good Shepherd and the local support groups.
- Those who are terminally ill and those who care for them.

## OFFERTORY:

**St Columba's: (07/05/2023)** Loose plate: **£260.67**; Planned Giving: **£143.50**; Average Weekly SO - **£574.00**; Candles: **£33.24**; Donation £10.00; w/e **14/05/2023 TBN**

**St Theresa's:** Loose plate & Planned Giving: **£270.78**;

Average weekly SO - **£161**.

THANK YOU for all your generous support.

## WORLD COMMUNICATION DAY – 21<sup>ST</sup> 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/](http://cbcew.org.uk/wcd23-papal-message/)

There will be a retiring collection for this next weekend at all Masses.

## ST COLUMBA'S COFFEE ROTA:

21<sup>st</sup> May - volunteers please

28<sup>th</sup> May - volunteers please

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

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).

## 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.

## NEEDLES AND PINS – WED 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY:

Everyone is welcome to come along to this friendly needlecraft group in St Columba's Hall, between 2:00p.m.- 4:00p.m. every fourth Wednesday of the month. Hope to see you.

## TOMATO PLANTS (St Columba's):

Gardener's Delight and Moneymaker varieties of tomato plants will be on sale in the hall again 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.

## NHS AT ST THERESA'S:

The NHS will be in St Theresa's car park on **23<sup>rd</sup> May and 21<sup>st</sup> 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).

## VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR WOMEN (20s & 30s):

The vocations weekend for women in their 20s and 30s will be held in Liverpool on 26<sup>th</sup>- 28<sup>th</sup> May 2023. The weekend is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). The theme is Discerning God's Call In Your Life. If you are wondering about religious life, this weekend will give you insight into apostolic community, as well as chance to reflect on your personal journey and the call of God in your life.

For more information, contact Sr. Lynne fcJ at [fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com](mailto:fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com) or visit our website [www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org)

## 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!

## 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.

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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](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 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.

**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.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** The soul that is full of wisdom is saturated with the spray of a bubbling fountain – God himself. Hildegard of Bingen

**WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER:**

This Sunday sees the end of Mental Health Awareness week, which runs from May 15-21. The theme for the week has been 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](#) have local and national support networks including web information, and infoline charged at local rates, 0300 123 3393. [The mental health Foundation](#) also has support and tips on its web site.

**RESOURCES:**

[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.