



The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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ELEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

18th JUNE 2023

Saturday 17th June

St. Theresa's 5.00p.m. Parishioners' Intentions
 St. Columba's 6.30p.m. Priests' Intention

Sunday 18th June

St. Theresa's 9.30a.m. Lucy Hall's Intentions
 St. Columba's 11.00a.m. The Parish

Monday 19th June

St. Theresa's Private Intention
 St. Columba's 10.30a.m. Priests' Intention
Funeral Service. 2.00pm
Brenda Garner at
Blacon Crematorium

Tuesday 20th June

St. Theresa's Private Intention
 St. Columba's The Parish

Wednesday 21st June – St Aloysius Gonzaga, R. Mem

St Theresa's Priests' Intention
 St Columba's 9.30a.m. Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
 10.15a.m. Novena Prayers
 10.30a.m. Patrick Roane

Thursday 22nd June – Ss John Fisher & Thomas More

St. Theresa's Special Intention
 St Columba's Brenda Garner RIP

Friday 23rd June

St. Theresa's 10.00am Joseph Russell RIP
 St. Columba's Private Intention

Saturday 24th The Nativity of St John The Baptist

St. Theresa 5.00p.m. Parishioners' Intentions
 St. Columba's 6.30p.m. Joe & Jackie Francis

Sunday 25th June

St. Theresa's 9.30am Franklin Mwansa Kasonde RIP
 St. Columba's 11.00a.m. Mary Kilcoyne RIP

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 Brenda Garner, Ryan Salmon and Linda Barlow. May the Lord console their families and friends. **The funeral service for Brenda is to be held at Chester Crematorium, Blacon, on Monday 19th June at 2.00 pm.**

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.

SYNOD 2021-2024

Communion Participation Mission

Viewpoint from an Archbishop:

I'm reminded of the time when I was a young man at teachers' college before I decided to become a Salesian, and one of the things we were told, a little phrase, it goes like this:

I see, and I forget.

I hear, and I remember.

I do, and I understand.

The only way really to understand the Synodal Journey is to engage in the Synodal Journey, and the experience of doing it teaches us what it is. So it's really one of those things, you can't learn it and understand it just by hearing someone talk about it or even ... standing on the side and watching it. You have to actually enter into it to begin to understand and to experience the power that it has.

(Archbishop Timothy Costello, of Perth)

Could the Holy Spirit, through the words of the Archbishop, be encouraging us to enter into our parish leg of the Synodal Journey? More news on how to do so 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/>

WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS AND FUNERALS:

Please contact one of the Parish Offices to make your arrangements.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Mary Kilcoyne, Carolyn Pritchard

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS:

Mass will be streamed from St Columba's at 11.00am this Sunday 18th June 2023.

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OFFERTORY:

St Columba's: Loose plate: **£326.04**; Planned Giving: **£132.06**;

Average Weekly SO - **£574.00**; Candles: **£31.63**

St Theresa's: Loose plate & Planned Giving: **£250.07**;

Average weekly SO - **£161**.

THANK YOU for all your generous support.

200 CLUB - ST THERESA'S:

The GRAND DRAW will take place this weekend, 18th June. Good luck everyone and thank you for your support. If you would like to join the 200 Club please see Roly Martin or Eileen Irwin.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK:

Thank you for your donations which amounted to £86.75

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL 2023:

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal **this weekend** at St Columba's. SPUC wants a world where abortion is unthinkable and is raising awareness of the widespread problem of abortion coercion. According to an independent poll, 87% of GPs are concerned that the Government's "pills by post" scheme leaves women vulnerable to coerced abortion. SPUC is calling on the Prime Minister to condemn this tragedy.

PRAYING TOGETHER:

We pray for:

- the residents of Somerset Road, The Crescent, Heathfield Close, Fowler Road, Clifton Drive, Blacon Point Road and Dalton Close.
- For the Pastoral Groups and Caring and Sharing.
- For the pastoral care of the community.

ST COLUMBA'S COFFEE ROTA:

18th June - Nora Howick - Soul Kitchen

25th June - 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).

YOUTH GROUP:

The next meeting of our Parish youth group will be on Monday **19th June**, 7-8.30pm, at St Columba's. All young people from Year 5 upwards are welcome to come along to learn more about their faith, have fun and meet new people. We would love to see you there!

NHS AT ST THERESA'S: - 21st JUNE

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.

A DAY ON DISCERNMENT OF GIFTS AND SERVICE FOR LAY PEOPLE:

A day of prayer, fellowship, teaching and workshops to help discover how you can best use your gifts at the service of God and neighbour. At St Columba's Church Hall, Chester CH2 1SA on Saturday **24th June 2023**, 10am – 4.15pm. Bring a packed lunch. All are welcome!

For further details contact Stephen Yates at stephen.yates@dioceseofshrewsbury.org or 07517 906438

CHESTER SINFONIA:

Chester Sinfonia has earned a reputation as being one of the fastest growing amateur orchestras in the Cheshire/North Wales area. They are a group of enthusiastic amateur musicians who rehearse in St Columba's Hall. You are warmly invited to their final rehearsal of the year on **Friday 7th July at 7pm** followed by a social picnic. Please bring your own food/drink but tea and coffee will be served. Donations welcome for Dee Banks School.

Thought for the week "To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow" Audrey Hepburn

ANNUAL PARISH COACH TRIP – YORK, 27th JULY:

The list for the coach trip is now closed. If you would like to be added to the reserve list in case of cancellations, please phone Margaret Curtis (01244 318424).

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FAIR TRADE FASHION SHOW and illustrated talk and refreshments in aid of Chifundo UK, a charity supporting a Women's enterprise in Malawi making fair trade, sustainable fashion and accessories. St Davids Church, St Davids Lane, Mold. **Friday 23 June 7.30pm**. Tickets: adult £3 under 18s £1.50. Contact Mary on 07763141556 or Cindy on 01352 758234.

SHREWSBURY LOURDES HOSPITALITY:

The next meeting of the Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality will be on the **27th June 2023** at 7.30pm via zoom. Please register your attendance, request the link, and send items for the agenda to secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk or text/call 07451 249267. Please pass on these details to any hospitality members who may be interested in attending.

HIGHLIGHT FROM THE HIGH:

On Friday 9th of June, The Catholic High School celebrated the Golden Anniversary in Chester Cathedral, making this event a memorable day for the school. The students and staff are grateful to everyone who has supported the school over the past 50 years in any capacity.

WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER:

June 18th will be the **Day for Life**, the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition, from conception to death. This year, the theme is on post-abortion trauma and the impact of abortion primarily on women, but also men and others. The Bishops introduce the theme and state that the voices of women who have had an abortion are often silent in Church and in society. This year's message for **Day for Life** is written by a woman and hopes to break this silence and offer opportunities for hope, healing and reconciliation. The site contains testimonies, prayers, support groups and more. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/df123-message/>

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:

18th June Edition will be compiled by

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Please ensure that items are emailed or phoned to the

Compiler by **9.00a.m. on WEDNESDAY 14th June**

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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.