



The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

14TH JANUARY 2024

Saturday 13th January

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| St. Theresa's | 5.00p.m. | Parishioners' Intentions |
| St Columba's | 6.30p.m. | The Parish |

Sunday 14th January

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| St. Theresa's | 9.30a.m. | Graham George RIP |
| St. Columba's | 11.00a.m. | Joan Bullough |

Monday 15th January

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| St Theresa's | | Priests' Intentions |
| St. Columba's | 10.30a.m. | Anne Daly |

Tuesday 16th January

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| St. Theresa's | | John Williams Intentions |
| St. Columba | | Hilda Welford RIP |

Wednesday 17th January

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| St Theresa's | | Private Intention |
| St Columba's | 9.30a.m. | Exposition of the Blessed |
| Sacrament | 10.15a.m. | Novena Prayers |
| | 10.30a.m. | Antonio Patino Pan |

Thursday 18th January

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| St. Theresa's | | Special Intention |
| St Columba's | | Priests' Intentions |

Friday 19th January

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| St. Theresa's | 10.00a.m. | Sarah Russell RIP |
| St. Columba's. | | Paula and Pete Graham |

Saturday 20th January

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| St. Theresa's | 5.00p.m. | Collins' Family Ints. |
| St Columba's | 6.30p.m. | Cath Carter RIP |

Sunday 21st January

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| St. Theresa's | 9.30a.m. | Parishioners' Intentions |
| St. Columba's | 11.00a.m. | Anthony Comerford 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.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS:

Mass will be streamed from St Columba's at 11.00a.m. **this Sunday 14th January 2024**
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Pope's Prayer Intentions for January - For the gift of diversity in the church-Let us pray that the Spirit help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS AND FUNERALS:

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

CONFESSIONS:

There will be Confessions after each weekday Mass until 11.30am.

St Columba's: From 6pm before the 6.30pm Saturday evening Mass.

St Theresa's: From 4.30pm before 5pm Saturday evening Mass.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Please remember in your prayers Brian Haslam, Muriel Halligan, Terence Smith and Stephen Phillips, who died recently. May the Lord console their families and friends.

The Requiem Mass for Muriel Halligan is at St Theresa's on Wednesday 24th January at 12 noon.

Brian Haslam's Requiem Mass is at St Werburghs Church on Monday 15th January at 2.00 p.m. followed by Blacon Cemetery at 3.20 p.m. and then Refreshments at the Grosvenor Arms Aldford at 4.00 p.m.

Stephen's Requiem Mass will be held at St Columba's on Thursday 25th January at 11.00am.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Catherine (Cath) Bond, David Whitby, Antonio Patino Pan, Christine Appleton, Frederick Arnold Basnett, Stanley Edward Taylor.

OFFERTORY:

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

St Theresa's: Loose plate £299.44; Planned Giving TBC; Average weekly SO - £161.00.

THANK YOU for all your generous support.

ST COLUMBA'S COFFEE ROTA

The 2024 coffee rota is now on the noticeboard at St Columba's Hall, so please enter your name and good cause against your preferred dates. You could make £30-£50 for your chosen cause. Call Margaret Curtis 01244 318424 to book your date(s).

14th Jan - Margaret & Elizabeth for CWL

21st Jan - volunteers please

28th Jan - volunteers please

PAX CHRISTI:

This Sunday, 14th January, is designated as Peace Sunday and the theme chosen by Pope Francis is 'Artificial Intelligence and Peace'. You can read a full copy of his message for the World Day of Peace on the Pax Christi website paxchristi.org.uk

PRAYING TOGETHER

We pray for:

- the residents of Shocklach Road, Horrocks Road, Bolesworth Road, Exeter Place, Burns Way, Masefield Drive, Aragon Green, Brentwood Road.

- For the choirs and music groups.
- For uniting all who play and sing from the three churches.

FIRST FORGIVENESS PARENTS' MEETING:

Parents are reminded that the meeting to discuss the Sacrament of First Forgiveness is on Monday 15th January at 7pm in St Werburgh's and St Columba's School. The Celebration of the Sacrament for the children will be on Saturday 27th January at 10.00am here in St Columba's Church.

YOUTH GROUP:

The next meeting of the Parish Youth Group is Monday 15th January at 7:00-8:30pm in St Columba's Hall. Join us for fun and learning. All young people from year 5 and upwards are welcome to join our friendly group. :-)

GUILD OF ST STEPHEN ENROLMENT MASSES:

St Stephen is the patron saint of altar servers. The altar servers of our parish are enrolled into the Guild of St Stephen and receive a bronze medal.

The enrolment masses will be:

- Sunday 14th January 9:30am at St. Theresa's - Grace Hankin celebrating 10 years of service
- Sunday 21st January 11:00am at St Columba's

The enrolment ceremony will only take a few minutes and will begin after the homily.

ST COLUMBA'S CAR PARK:

The resurfacing began on Monday 8 January and, weather permitting, will be completed by Friday 26th January. This week the car park alongside the church, accessed from Plas Newton Lane, is closed and access to the church is from the rear entrance. For the week beginning 15 January the whole car park will be closed and pedestrian access to the church will be from the front entrance. Whether the whole car park will be closed this weekend will depend on progress in the first week so please be prepared to park on the road if necessary. Pauline Rourke

LOURDES HOSPITALITY NEXT MEETING:

A meeting of the Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality will take place at St Columba's Church (meeting room), Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1PL on Saturday 20th January at 2pm. All members of the Hospitality are welcome to attend.

We're all in this together _ Peace Sunday 2024 is this Sunday, 14 January and the theme chosen by Pope Francis is 'Artificial Intelligence and Peace'. "The Bishops of England and Wales invite us to make today a day of prayer for world peace, using the theme proposed by Pope Francis. It might seem a strangely technical, rather abstract title, of limited interest except to experts. But new technologies are developing so quickly that we need to think about their consequences for our freedom, peace and security. Who is gaining power through AI – and who is being disempowered? We also need to think of the risk of Artificial Intelligence, which will only have as much soul and ethical vision as those who programme it, calling the shots on the battlefield, deciding who lives and who dies – and possibly one day even triggering wars automatically. " (Pax Christi) We need to understand better this new world and what it means. The blurring of the boundaries between truth and falsehood, what is right and what is wrong. We need to be informed to understand better and act accordingly.

Resources <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/peace-sunday-2024/> Pax Christi have put together resources relating to Peace Sunday they can be found on the Catholic Bishops web site.

Thought for the week "Peace cannot be kept by force; it can only be achieved by understanding." Albert Einstein.

APPEAL FOR KNITTERS:

St Theresa's Catholic Primary School Council would like to sell knitted Easter chicks, which will be filled with a chocolate egg. We are appealing for knitters who would be able to produce the little chicks. We can supply the wool and a knitting pattern if you can provide the talent! Please contact Anne Ellis aellis@st-theresas.cheshire.sch.uk if you would be willing to help.

THANK YOU FROM THE FOOD BANK

West Cheshire Food Bank would like to thank everyone who kindly and generously donated to the food bank last year both at our Churches and all donation sites across the city. Donations at Church amounted to 518kg during the year (just over half a ton!).

Thank you for your continued support.

CAFOD:

"The Church relies on people getting involved. Our parish, our community, our world needs you. Could your New Year's resolution be getting more involved in the life of our church? Could you give a bit of time to help our parish flourish? CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, is looking for people to give just a little time and join them in their mission. Could you help in our parish, to build a better world. They also need people to visit our local schools: Training & support provided. See cafod.org.uk/Volunteer for more information or contact shrewsbury@cafod.org.uk Or could you take part in The Big Lent Walk? cafod.org.uk/walk "

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH & HALL BOOKINGS

To arrange meetings etc. in either the Church, Newman Room or the Iona Chapel, please book through Carol Galvin, St. Columba's Church Office

Phone: 01244 624019

Email: stcolumbaschurch2016@outlook.com

Office hours Monday to Friday 9.00am to 1.00pm

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:

14th January edition will be compiled by Rebecca Vaughan
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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**

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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.