



# The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2024

### Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January

St. Theresa's 5.00p.m. Kathleen Lawlor  
 St Columba's 6.30p.m. Kevin Campbell

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January – The Epiphany

St. Theresa's 9.30a.m. Jessica Baker RIP  
 St. Columba's 11.00a.m. Lily and Keith

### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January – The Baptism of The Lord

St Theresa's Bridget Williams RIP  
 St. Columba's 10.30a.m. Frank Jeffes

### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January

St. Theresa's Parishioners Intentions  
 St. Columba Hilary Timson RIP

### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January

St Theresa's Priests' Intentions  
 St Columba's 9.30a.m. Exposition of the Blessed  
 Sacrament 10.15a.m. Novena Prayers  
 10.30a.m. Catherine McAlinden

### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January

St. Theresa's Gillian Prescott RIP  
 St Columba's Priests' Intentions

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January

St. Theresa's 10.00a.m. Sarah Asher RIP  
 St. Columba's. Parishioners' Intentions

### Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January

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

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January

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

*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.*

### THANK YOU!

Thank you Gillian and all involved in the Childrens' Nativity Mass on Christmas Eve. It was a great success.

### LIVE STREAMING OF MASS:

Mass will be streamed from St Columba's at 11.00a.m. **this Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024**  
[www.facebook.com/thecatholicparishofstcolumbaandsttheresa](http://www.facebook.com/thecatholicparishofstcolumbaandsttheresa)

**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 and Terence Smith who died recently. May the Lord console their families and friends.

The funeral service for Terence Smith is at St Theresa's on Thursday 11th January at 12 noon. The Requiem Mass for Muriel Halligan is at St Theresa's on Monday 22nd 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.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

(Chris) Czeslawa Klepalo, Francina Anna J Wright, Betty Audrey Gore, Elizabeth McGovern.

### OFFERTORY:

**St Columba's:** Loose plate (24.12) £448.83 ; (25.12) £916.49' Planned Giving (24.12) £106.50; (25.12) £368.00 Average Weekly SO - £574.00; Candles £29.85p

**St Theresa's:** Loose plate £333.3; Planned Giving £116.60; Average weekly SO - £161.00.

THANK YOU for all your generous support.

### ST. COLUMBA'S COFFEE ROTA:

Why not donate a little time to make tea and coffee after 11:00 Mass on Sunday? You can make some money for your favourite charity, too. 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.

### PRAYING TOGETHER

We pray for:

- The residents of Newton Lane, Appleton Road, Handforth Road, Durham Road, Canterbury Road, Lichfield Road and Warwick Road.
- The Archive Group, Social Committees and Fund-Raising groups.
- The fellowship and sharing at social gatherings.

### ST COLUMBA'S CAR PARK

The resurfacing will begin on Monday 8 January and, weather permitting, will be completed by Friday 26th January. In the week beginning 8 January the car park alongside the church, accessed from Plas Newton Lane, will be closed and access to the church will be 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 for the weekend of 13, 14 January will depend on progress in the first week so please be prepared to park on the road if necessary. Pauline Rourke

### CTU FIFTH SUNDAY SERVICE:

Many thanks to those of you who supported the Service last Sunday evening. A good time was spent with our friends from the other churches, both in the worship and in the coffee and cakes which followed.

### ST PIO PRAYER GROUP:

The next meeting is on Thursday, 11 January at 2pm in Flat 5, Abbots Court, Eversley Park, Chester CH2 2DY. Everyone is welcome.

### ST.THERESA'S 200 CLUB:

The winners of the Grand Draw are £150 M Turnbull (no.7) £100 M. Baker (no.3) and £50 C. Ingram (no.17)

### 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.

### HOSPITAL MASS:

Roman Catholic Mass is to be celebrated on 4th January 2024 at 12.15pm in the Countess of Chester Hospital Chapel. This month Fr Paul Shaw is joining us. This mass is for all the staff, patients, patient families, volunteers and parishioners of our area. If you are able to attend, we would love to welcome you to Holy Mass once a month in the COCH chapel.

**Thought for the week:** "May we all have a vision now and then, of a world where every neighbour is a friend. Happy New Year." ABBA

**Resources:** If you are struggling a bit after Christmas the NHS have Every mind matters- Find your little big thing for your mental health- There are little things we can all do to lift our mood or ease our anxiety – we need to find what works for us. This could be as simple as taking a walk in nature, prioritising our sleep or opening up to a friend. Our little thing, if we keep doing it, will make a big difference to how we feel. [www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/](http://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/)

**We're all in this together:** January can sometimes feel like a difficult month, the festivities have finished and the bills are coming in, and the weather isn't always that nice. But a friend of mine suggested a gratitude jar, (although could be a note book!) - the jar or book start empty and, once a day or once a week, write a note about something good that has happened. At the end of the year, re read your notes, you may be surprised quite how many things we are truly grateful for and enjoyed. They don't have to be big things, they might just be the ordinary stuff of everyday life, but they have made you smile, feel good, be welcomed or just made you laugh out loud.

### NEW YEAR FUN FACTS:

- From the 12th century until Britain adopted the Gregorian calendar in 1752, the official new year was not on January 1 but on March 25.
- Officially in England, 1751 was the shortest year ever, lasting only from March 25 to December 31.
- January is derived from the two-headed god Janus, who could look backward and forward, to the old year and the new, at the same time.

### 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

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**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](mailto:columbashallbookings@gmail.com) to arrange booking.

### NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

14<sup>th</sup> January edition will be compiled by Muriel Green  
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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**

**10th JANUARY**

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