



The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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SIXTH SUNDAY OF LENT

24th MARCH 2024

Saturday 23th March-Palm Sunday Vigil

St. Theresa's 5.00p.m. Parishioners' Intentions
 St Columba's 6.30p.m. Edwin Edwards

Sunday 24th March-Palm Sunday

St. Theresa's 9.30a.m. Nina Wormald RIP
 St. Columba's 11.00a.m. Matthew Traynor

Monday 25th March

St Theresa's Private Intention(CS)
 St. Columba's 10.00a.m. **Stations of the Cross**
 10.30a.m. Adam & Martina Elwell

Tuesday 26th March

St. Theresa's Priests' Ints
 St. Columba Edward Elwell

Wednesday 27th March

St Theresa's Nan & Martin Behan RIP
6.00pm First Forgiveness
 St Columba's 9.30a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 10.15a.m. Novena Prayers
 10.30a.m. Phillip Francis

HOLY THURSDAY 28th March- Evening Mass of the

St. Theresa's **Lord's Supper**
 St Columba's 6.30pm NO MASS
 GOOD FRIDAY **29th March-Celebration of the Lord's**
Passion

St. Theresa's 11.15am Stations of the Cross
 3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
 St. Columba's. 11.00am Stations of the Cross led by
 The Youth Group
 3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY 30th March -Easter Vigil First Mass

St. Theresa's **of Easter**
 St Columba's 7.00p.m. NO EVENING MASS
 The Parish

EASTER SUNDAY 31st March

St. Theresa's 9.30a.m. Parishioners' Intentions
 St. Columba's 11.00a.m. Graham Elwell

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.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS - For March - For new martyrs - Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS:

Mass will be streamed from St Theresa's at 5.00p.m. **this Saturday 23rd March 2024**

www.facebook.com/thecatholicparishofstcolumbaandsttheresa

EASTER MESSAGE

Fr William and Fr Desmond would like to wish everyone a happy & Holy Easter and to thank everyone who helped in any way with the preparation of the Lent & Easter services.

CLOCKS CHANGE

The clocks go forward one hour at 2am on 31st March 2024

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 11.30a.m.
St Columba's: From 6pm before the 6.30p.m. Saturday evening Mass.

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

BAPTISM

We welcome into God's family, Kobie Onochie Chukwuemeka Akubue, Noela Nancy Juma and Brielle Winfrey Juma who were baptised here recently. May God bless them and their families.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Judith Mary Whitlow, Bridget Ann Purcell, Veronica Comerford, Charles Woods, Sarah Ann Gordyk & Stewart Harrison.

OFFERTORY:

Loose plate 10th March £487.20 ; Planned giving £205.86; Average weekly SO £785.00; Candles £25.78

ST COLUMBA'S COFFEE ROTA:

The coffee rota is on the notice board in St Columba's Hall. Please enter your name and good cause against your preferred dates. You could make £30-£50 for your chosen cause.

24th Mar - volunteers please (Palm Sunday)

31st March - volunteers please (Easter Sunday)

7th April - volunteers please

RED MISSION BOXES, ST COLUMBA'S:

If you have a Red Mission box for collection, please leave it in the sacristy. When counted I can return your box to your home.

Thank you, Margaret Curtis 01244 318424.

RED MISSION BOXES, ST THERESAS'S

Please leave your box in the sacristy to be counted. Thank you.

PRAYING TOGETHER

We pray for:

- The residents of Broadway West, Totland Grove, Derwent Road, Hereford Place, Worcester Place, Ludlow Road & Mayfield Road.
- For the zoo and all who work there.
- For a deeper awareness of our environment

HOLY THURSDAY

As this Mass is at St Columba's at 6.30pm on 28th March, anyone needing a lift from Blacon to St Columba's please put your name on the list at the back of church.

SERVICE TIMES:

Leaflets are available with the service and Mass times for Lent and Easter. Please do take one with you.

CHUCHES TOGETHER IN UPTON:

The next Fifth Sunday Service on the theme of "Jesus' Life in Words and Music" will be held at 4.30 p.m. on Easter Sunday at the United Reformed Church on Heath Road (next to the Wheatsheaf). All welcome.

KNITTED CHICKS

A heartfelt thank you to all those who knitted chicks for St Theresa's Primary School, Blacon. 180 chicks were made and they will be sold in aid of CAFOD.

EASTER FLOWERS:

If you would like to donate towards the flowers at St Theresa's please put an envelope marked "FLOWERS" and place it in the Offertory basket.

DIOCESAN MARRIAGE MASS:

The Annual Diocesan Marriage Mass will take place here at St Columba's Church on Saturday 8th June 2024. If you have a special anniversary this year, please get in touch with the Diocese of Shrewsbury, Curial Offices, 2 Park Road South, Prenton, CH43 4UX or telephone 0151-652-9855. Many thanks."

RECEPTIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS AT EASTER:

Luciana da Silva and **Tommy Williams** are preparing in the parish to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. **Connor Rowlands** is preparing also, to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and the Eucharist with Luciana and Tommy at the Vigil. In these final days of their preparation especially, please keep Luciana, Tommy, and Connor in your prayers, that God will guide them, and grant them the grace to enter fully and joyfully into the life of the Church. Thank you.

RIGHT TO LIFE (UK):

Ask your MP to support the abortion time limit reduction amendment

Support an amendment to reduce our abortion time limit from 24 weeks to 22 weeks. Research indicates that a significant number of babies born at 22 or 23 weeks can now survive outside the womb, leaving a contradiction in our abortion law. **Take action:** Collect a postcard today from the back of the church and post it to your MP urgently in support of this amendment! – Our MP is Samantha Dixon.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 2024 – ST THERESA'S 7TH APRIL

Programme: 2.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
2.15pm Recitation of the Chaplet
2.30pm Blessing and veneration of the Divine Mercy picture and Benediction
2.45pm Mass

The service on Divine Mercy Sunday is an opportunity to receive Our Lord's promises of specific, extraordinary graces on the Sunday after Easter. "The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion (on this day) will obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment" (St Faustina). There is a novena which is said in the 9 days before Divine Mercy Sunday (<https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena/>).

You are invited to attend this service and receive the extraordinary graces from Our Lord.

HIGHLIGHT FROM THE HIGH:

The students at the CHS are rehearsing for the 'Living Stations of the Cross' performance which will take place in the school hall on Tuesday 26th March at 10am. Parishioners are invited to come and watch the play. Tickets free of charge. Limited places! To book your seat, please email shawk@christofidelis.org.uk

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The next Chester Parishes Sacrament of Confirmation will be on 8th November 2024. Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be led by St. Columba and St. Theresa's Confirmation team. Anyone who is currently at high school may be Confirmed, with no upper age limit. If you wish to be Confirmed please email stcolumbatheresaconfirmation@hotmail.co.uk to register and receive further information. Please say if you are over 18, as adults will be prepared separately.

THE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL is looking for exam invigilators to support the exams from as soon as possible. If anyone is interested please visit the school website [Vacancies - The Chester Catholic High School \(christofidelis.org.uk\)](http://Vacancies - The Chester Catholic High School (christofidelis.org.uk)) or email Mr Kilcoyne School Business Manager kilcoyne@christofidelis.org.uk for more details.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday April 14th Afternoon tea at St Columbas to raise money towards a new sound system at St Theresa's
Sunday 9th Jun Annual BBQ to celebrate the feast of St Columba
Keep your eye on the newsletter and notice board for further information and any other dates of activities.

NEEDLES AND PINS - WED 27TH MARCH

Everyone is invited to this friendly and welcoming needlecraft group in the Newman Room, between 2:00-4:00pm every fourth Wednesday of the month. Hope to see you.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "We look forward to the time when the power of love will replace the love of power. Then will our world know the blessings of peace" William Gladstone.

RESOURCES: Situated about half way between both of our churches, the Countess of Chester Health Park, will host, from the 7th April "Cheshire's Wonderful Wildlife" a poster art trail of 12 colourful posters on a circular 1/2 mile walk on accessible paths. Free to all.

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 8.30a.m. to 12.30p.m.

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:

31st March edition will be compiled by Muriel Green
Phone: 01244 383836; or email: Muriel.green@btinternet.com
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 TUESDAY**

26th MARCH 2024

Website: www.sscolumbaandtheresa.co.uk

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.

REQUEST FOR UNWANTED KNITTING WOOL:

If anyone has wool they don't need, please consider donating it to the makers of hats and jumpers for the Fish & Chip babies, please contact Margaret Curtis (318424) to arrange a handover. ALSO, if any knitters needs more wool, please contact me, too.