



# The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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## CORPUS CHRISTI

2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2024

### Saturday 1<sup>ST</sup> June

St. Theresa's 5.00p.m. Seamus O'Donnell RIP  
 St Columba's 6.30p.m. Bill Baker RIP

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Corpus Christi

St. Theresa's 9.30a.m. Patrick Joseph Casey RIP  
 St. Columba's 11.00a.m. Vincent Corcoran

### Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – St Charles Lwanga & Comps. Mem

St Theresa's Barney Scalley RIP  
 St. Columba's 10.30a.m. Priest's Intentions

### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June

St. Theresa's Parishioners' Intentions  
 St. Columba's 11.00a.m. Requiem Mass for  
 Bill Baker

### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June – St Boniface, B.M. Mem

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

### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June

St. Theresa's Priest's Intentions  
 St Columba's Eileen Burton RIP

### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June – The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

St. Theresa's 10.00a.m. Sarah Russell RIP  
 St. Columba's David Leslie Skinner RIP

### Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Immac.Heart of the B.V.M.

St. Theresa's 5.00p.m. Paddy McHugh RIP  
 St Columba's 12 noon Diocesan Marriage Mass  
 6.30p.m. Charles Trainor A.

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June

St. Theresa's 9.30a.m. Lynda & John Martin's Ints.  
 St. Columba's 11.00a.m. Elwell Family Thanksgiving

*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 11.00am this Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024.

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### **BISHOP'S VISITATION:**

The Bishop will visit St Theresa's on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July.

### **CONFESSIONS:**

There will be Confessions after each weekday Mass until 11.30a.m.

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

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

### **WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS AND FUNERALS:**

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

### **RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Please remember in your prayers, Bill Baker and Dr Bhaskara Rajan who died recently, May the Lord console their families and friends. Bill's Requiem Mass will take place at 11.00a.m. on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June at St Columba's Church.

### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Eileen Waters, Stuart Joseph Bright, Lilian Eileen Westley.

### **PARISH OFFERTORY:**

Loose Plate (12/19.05) £779.60; Planned Giving £262.50; Average weekly SO £735.00; Piety Stall £155.71; Candles £76.72; Loose Plate (26.05) £470.83; Planned Giving £192.00; Candles £25.81; Wednesday Tai Chi £30.00.  
 Many thanks for your generous support.

### **ST COLUMBA AND THERESA'S CHURCH ACCOUNTS:**

A copy of the 2023/2024 accounts is on the notice board at the back of church.

### **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.

2nd June - CWL for the parish

9th June - St Columba's BARBECUE

16th June - volunteers please

### **CORPUS CHRISTI:**

On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, in celebration of the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, we invite you back into church at 12.30p.m. (following 11a.m. Mass and tea and coffee) for a short period of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament and a Eucharistic Procession around the grounds of St Columba's church. All are welcome, and we would love for the children of the parish, especially those who have recently made their First Holy Communion, to be part of this time of prayer and celebration.

### **PRAYING TOGETHER:**

We pray for:

- Pray for the residents of Cambridge Road, Devon Road, Yerburch Street, Cairns Crescent, Hobart Way, Auckland Road and Wyndham Road.
- For our local Councillors and the work they do.
- For our Parish Council and those involved with the Arradon twinning.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION THANKSGIVING MASS:

All the children who received their First Holy Communion in May are coming together for a Parish Thanksgiving Mass next Sunday 9th June at 11.00am. They will sit in the central benches.

Please continue to pray for the children at this special time.

### PARISH ADMINISTRATOR, ST. COLUMBA'S CHURCH:

After years of devoted service, Carol Galvin is retiring from the post of parish secretary and Sue Carr is retiring from the voluntary post of hall manager. We are seeking to replace both posts by the appointment of a parish administrator. The administrator will be responsible for a range of organisational and management tasks that help ensure the smooth day to day running of St Columba's church and hall for the benefit of the parishioners and the local community and will be based in a modern, well equipped office at the rear of the church.

This will be a permanent, part time post of 25 hours per week. Job share would be considered.

Applications for the post are welcome from parishioners and from the wider Chester community. Further details of responsibilities, salary etc can be obtained from the church office: 01244 624019; stcolumbaschurch2016@outlook.com

*Parish Pastoral Council*

**Closing date 7<sup>th</sup> June.**

### CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR NEWBORN BABIES IN AFRICA

This is a request for unwanted sewing patterns for young children's clothing, please. As part of our ongoing support for children in East Africa, particularly Djibouti, we would like you to make a variety of clothing for them, to find out more and arrange a handover, please call Margaret on 01244 318424.

### ST COLUMBA'S 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY:

This will be in September. This is an opportunity to update the archives with events that have happened in the past 60 years.

If anyone has any pictures/newspaper items/memorabilia relating to the Parish during this time, it would be very helpful.

Items can either be handed in to Parish Office or left in Sacristy for my attention. Please include your contact details. Thanks Sue Carr, Tel: 07553 114531.

### PHOTOS FOR PARISH WEBSITE:

Over the next weeks and months, the parish website is being further developed to increase the interest and engagement of those looking to find out more about the parish. So that photographs of Parish events can be included, photographs will be taken by designated members of the parish, during events and masses. These will usually be general photos rather than shots of individuals. If anyone does not wish to be part of such a photo, please let the photographer know at the time. Thank you. Lyn Coyle, Welcome to our Parish group.

### ANNUAL PARISH BARBECUE - 9TH JUNE

Our annual barbecue to celebrate the feast of St Columba will be on Sun 9th June after 11:00am Mass at St Columba's. Tea and coffee served from 11:00am in the hall, see the poster for details. This barbecue will help raise funds for the free Christmas party for older parishioners.

**THE WHITE FLOWER APPEAL** on behalf of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will take place in

St Columba's This weekend

St Theresa's 8/9 June

Your prayers and generosity will be much appreciated.

### DEACON'S BIRTHDAY BLESSING:

As promised earlier, an image of Pope Francis' blessing, imparted on the occasion of my 80<sup>th</sup> birthday is now posted on the parish website, for anyone interested to see; visit [Gallery \(sscolumbaandtheresa.co.uk\)](http://sscolumbaandtheresa.co.uk). With renewed thanks. Lawrence.

### HIGHLIGHT'S FROM THE HIGH:

- The Catholic High School Open Afternoon will take place on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 3:30pm-6pm. Come and see our wonderful school! Everyone welcome.
- The CHS would like to acknowledge the FHC taking place in all our feeder Parishes by celebrating the "Holy Reunion Mass". The Mass will be on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June, 6:30pm at the Lyceum (6<sup>th</sup> Form building at the CHS) followed by refreshments. The candidates are welcome to wear their Communion outfits or their school uniform. We look forward to celebrating with you all! RSVP: [gasparinia@christofidelis.org.uk](mailto:gasparinia@christofidelis.org.uk)

### WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY:

St Therasas parish collection raised £116.71.

### LET'S USE OUR CATHOLIC VOICE IN THE GENERAL ELECTION:

With the general election announced, CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society are launching - *A Year of Encounter* - an initiative inviting us to reach out to our local candidates to find out their views on the issues that we, as people of faith, care about.

You will find in your newsletter an insert that we ask you please to read and respond to by Sunday 9th June. Thank you.

### CHURCHES TOGETHER VACANCY:

There is a vacancy for a parish representative to Churches Together in Upton. Full details really are posted on the Notice Boards at St Columba's.

### ANNUAL PARISH COACH TRIP TO LITCHFIELD, THUR 25TH JULY

If you would like to go to the beautiful cathedral city of Litchfield for just £15.00, please enter your name on the list in the front porch of your church. Details on the poster.

### 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

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Email: [stcolumbaschurch2016@outlook.com](mailto: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](mailto:columbashallbookings@gmail.com) to arrange booking.

### NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

9<sup>th</sup> June edition will be compiled by Amy O'Donnell  
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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**

**5<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2024**

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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.**

**DAY FOR LIFE COLLECTION:**

There will be a retiring collection for Day for Life on 15/16 June.

**GIFT AID & OFFERTORY:**

Thank you to those who signed up to participate in the Gift Aid scheme and those who increased their contributions. As we enter a new tax year please let us know if your circumstances have changed or if you wish to join the scheme. (Call Kevin Keegan 07790 758008 or Colin Hedley 07913 950875).

Thank you also to those who offered advice on using a card reader to support collections. We have looked at options but at the moment we would have to use the Diocesan scheme which we have concluded is too expensive to implement for now."

**TO ALL OUR STUDENTS** taking exams over the following weeks/ months, we wish you all the very best. And remember what Stephen Hawking said "However difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do, and succeed at. It matters that you don't just give up."

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:**

"When I let go of who I am, I become what I might be." Rosa Parks"