



# The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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## PENTECOST SUNDAY - 19<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024

### Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May

St. Theresa's 10.30 a.m. First Holy Communion Mass  
 5.00p.m. Gladwen Nicholson RIP  
 St Columba's 6.30p.m. The Parish

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May – Pentecost

St. Theresa's 9.30a.m. Parishioners' Intentions  
 St. Columba's 11.00a.m. Mary Sherman RIP

### Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May – Mary, Mother of the Church. Mem

St Theresa's 9.15a.m. First Holy Communion Celeb.  
 St. Columba's 10.30a.m. Priest's Intentions

### Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May – The Dedication of the Cathedral

St. Theresa's Special Intention  
 St. Columba's Anne Rooney RIP

### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

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

### Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Our Lord Jesus Christ The Eternal

#### High Priest

St. Theresa's Priests' Intentions  
 St Columba's Private Intentions

### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Our Lady Help of Christians

St. Theresa's 10.00a.m. Jessica Baker RIP  
 St. Columba's Parishioners' Intentions

### Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May – St Bede the Venerable, P. D. Mem

St. Theresa's 5.00pm. The Lally, McDermott & Flynn Families  
 St Columba's 6.30pm Meryl Wernham RIP

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May

St. Theresa's 9.30a.m. Michael Krawiec RIP  
 St. Columba's 11.00a.m. Patricia Baker 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.*

## POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS - For May:

for the formation of men and women religious, and seminarians  
 - Let us pray that men and women religious, and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.

## LIVE STREAMING OF MASS:

Mass will be streamed from St Columba's at 11.00am this Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

[www.facebook.com/thecatholicparishofstcolumbaandsttheresa](http://www.facebook.com/thecatholicparishofstcolumbaandsttheresa)

## BISHOP'S VISITATION:

The Bishop will visit St Columba's on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May, and 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 6pm 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 who died recently, May the Lord console his family and friends. Bill's requiem mass will take place at 11.00 a.m. on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June at St Columba's Church.

## ANNIVERSARIES:

Brenda Garner, Francis William Byrne.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS:

The following children are making their First Holy Communion this weekend on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May at St Theresa's:

Jessy- Nicole Gouveia- Abrew, Henova Dacruz, Lily Dudics, Maja Stachowicz-Foulger, Elyse-Lucrezia Romeo, Osinachi Njoku, Chimdinma Njoku, Hannah Subin, Carmena Stanford

## PARISH OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate £tbc Planned Giving £tbc; Average weekly SO £735.00; Wednesday Badminton £200; Wednesday Tai Chi £30  
 Many thanks for your generous support.

## ST THERESA'S CHURCH ACCOUNTS:

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

## CAFOD EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR SUDAN:

The total amount collected came to £870.20. Thank you so much for your amazing generosity especially at such short notice.

## ST COLUMBA'S COFFEE ROTA:

The coffee rota is on the noticeboard 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.

19<sup>th</sup> May - volunteers please (Pentecost)

26<sup>th</sup> May - volunteers please

2<sup>nd</sup> June - volunteers please

## PENTECOST APPEAL FOR THE SPIRITANS: - THIS SUNDAY- 19<sup>th</sup> MAY:

The Holy Ghost Fathers, Spiritans (the Religious Order of Frs. William and Desmond) will be having a mission appeal in both churches in aid of their mission here in the UK and abroad, this weekend on Pentecost Sunday. Spiritan students: Caliel from

Cameroon and Valentine from Nigeria will preach at the appeals. Parishioners are encouraged to contribute generously in support of the Spiritan missions. Your donations make a huge impact on the lives of your Christian brothers and sisters in need. For more information there are leaflets and envelopes available at the back of church.

#### **CORPUS CHRISTI:**

On Sunday June 2nd, in celebration of the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, we invite you back into church at 12.30pm (following 11am 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:

- the residents of Ormonde Road, Newton Hall Drive, Beechway, Upton Dene, Upton Grange, Wavertree Road, Western Avenue and Lloyd Place.
- For the staff and patients of the Hospice of the Good Shepherd and the local support groups.
- For those who are terminally ill and those who care for them.

#### **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*

#### **CHURCHES TOGETHER IN UPTON VACANCY:**

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

#### **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION – INFORMATION MEETING:**

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.

An information meeting will be held on **Thursday 23rd May**, at 7pm in St. Columba's church. If you wish to be Confirmed next November, register before the meeting using the email - [stcolumbatheresaconfirmation@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stcolumbatheresaconfirmation@hotmail.co.uk) stating your school year, or if you are over 18 and wish to join the adult preparation group. If you are not sure about being Confirmed then please come along to the meeting anyway to find out more. To be eligible to be Confirmed you must be at high school now, or older (no upper age limit). For more information please call Denise Lusk on 01244 379742.

#### **CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS**

Thank you very much to the parishioners who have volunteered to prepare our young people for Confirmation. You are much appreciated. We still need one or two people to help prepare the adult Confirmation candidates. If you would like to be part of this team please speak to Denise Lusk, or Father William or email [stcolumbatheresaconfirmation@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stcolumbatheresaconfirmation@hotmail.co.uk)

#### **ALL GOD'S CREATURES GOT A PLACE IN THE CHOIR!:**

The Little Choir would like to say a huge thank you to all who were able to support us at the recent coffee and cake sale. Your generosity raised £325, which is a wonderful total. The money raised will go towards purchasing music books, some small instruments and appropriate copyright licenses which will enable us to provide musical liturgy to our parish in an engaging and contemporary way. The children work very hard practicing the hymns for Mass and it is reassuring to know that their efforts are appreciated. If there any other children who would like to join the "Little Choir" please see Mark or Giovanna after Mass on any Sunday.

#### **ST COLUMBA'S 60th 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*

#### **YOUTH GROUP - MONDAY 20TH MAY:**

The next meeting of the Parish Youth Group is **Monday 20th May 7:00-8:30pm in St Columba's Hall**. This month we will be making and eating pizzas and learning about May the month of Mary. All young people from year 5 and upwards are welcome to join our friendly group. :-)

#### **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](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:**

26<sup>th</sup> May 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  
22<sup>nd</sup> MAY 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.**

**NEEDLES AND PINS – WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY:**

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.

**THE WHITE FLOWER APPEAL** on behalf of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will take place in St Theresa's on 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> June and at St Columba's on 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> June. Your prayers and generosity will be much appreciated.

**BARN DANCE:**

In St. Columba's Hall on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June, in aid of the Hospice of the Good Shepherd. For more information telephone 07861 049281 or see notice in porch

**Thought for the week:** Good friends are like stars. You don't always see them, but you know they're always there. Source, unknown.

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."

**CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR NEWBORN BABIES IN EAST 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.

**SHREWSBURY MASS FOR MISSIO- 1<sup>st</sup> JUNE 2024**

This will take place on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 11am at St Michael & All Angels Church, Birkenhead CH49 5LE. Please RSVP by the 24<sup>th</sup> May. E mail [redbox@missio.org.uk](mailto:redbox@missio.org.uk) or telephone 07593 544625

**DIOCESAN MARRIAGE MASS:**

The Annual Diocesan Marriage Mass will take place here at St Columba's Church on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

**RED BOXES (St Theresa's):**

The boxes are available at the back of Church for you to collect. Thank you for your donations.

**SVP THEATRE NIGHT-****- The Importance of Being Earnest:**

The SVP will be holding their annual theatre night at the Gladstone theatre, Port Sunlight on Tuesday June 4<sup>th</sup> at 7.30. Tickets £12 available from Sue McCarthy or any SVP member. 07515 491251. All proceeds go to the SVP holiday home.

**DAY OF PRAYER & FASTING:**

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May, the Vigil of St Rita, please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this Country. Through God's grace we have seen thousands of Mothers in our counselling centre continue their pregnancies in very difficult circumstances. Please help us to help save lives with your prayers, fasting and support. [www.GoodCounselNetwork.com](http://www.GoodCounselNetwork.com)