



The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

3rd November 2024

Saturday 2nd November

St. Theresa's	5.00p.m.	Katherine Gannon RIP
St Columba's	10.30a.m.	Joan Bullough RIP
St Columba's	6.30p.m.	Jean Smith RIP

Sunday 3rd November

St. Theresa's	9.30a.m.	Tom Groom RIP
St. Columba's	11.00a.m.	Margaret Nash RIP

Monday 4th November- St Charles Borromeo, B. Mem.

St Theresa's		Priests' Intentions
St. Columba's	10.30a.m.	Holy Souls

Tuesday 5th November

St. Theresa's		Private Intentions
St. Columba's		Holy Souls

Wednesday 6th November

St Theresa's		Beryl Williams RIP
St Columba's	9.30a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	10.15a.m.	Novena Prayers
	10.30a.m.	Br Piotr Anusiewicz OFMcap

Thursday 7th November

St. Theresa's		Private Intentions
St Columba's		Holy Souls

Friday 8th November

St. Theresa's	10.00a.m.	John & Evelyn Parnell RIP
St. Columba's		Holy Souls

Saturday 9th November

St. Theresa's	5.00p.m.	Kathleen Maguire RIP
St Columba's	6.30p.m.	Richard Griffiths RIP
		Gladys Campbell RIP

Sunday 10th November

St. Theresa's	9.30a.m.	Graham George
St. Columba's	11.00a.m.	Graham & Adam & Eddie & the Elwell Family

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.

POPES NOVEMBER PRAYER INTENTIONS:

For anyone who has lost a child. We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

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 6p.m. before the 6.30p.m. Sat. evening Mass.

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

ANNIVERSARIES:

Graham James George, David Vaughan, Sheila Mary Cherry

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Please remember in your prayers Yvonne Rose who died recently, and also her family and friends.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS:

Mass will be streamed from St Columba's at 11a.m. this Sunday 3rd November 2024.

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PARISH OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate: £546.05; Planned Giving £235.10; Average weekly SO £555.00; Candles £29.30. Many thanks for your generous support.

CLERGY EDUCATION & TRAINING FUND:

There will be a retiring collection at all Masses over the weekend of 9/10 November for the above.

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.

3 rd Nov	volunteers please
10 th Nov	volunteers please
17 th Nov	Autumn Fair

PRAYING TOGETHER:

- Pray for the residents of Bache Drive, Dulas Court, Birch Rise, Long Lane, Mallard Court, Imperial Avenue, Embassy Close, Bristol Close and Virginia Drive.
- For the ACF, Friendship Group, MOT Group and Catholic Women's League.
- For all catering staff and those who make refreshments after the services.

CONFIRMATION:

Please pray for all Chester parishioners who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Columba's on Friday, for their sponsors, families and for those who are preparing them. All are welcome to this special Mass, celebrated by Bishop Mark Davies, starting 7pm.

YOUTH SUNDAY 24TH NOVEMBER:

We are looking for several young volunteers to welcome, be collectors, read the readings and read the Prayers of the Faithful etc on Youth Sunday. If you wish to volunteer please contact (St Theresa) Ann McCarthy, (St Columba) Denise Lusk, or either parish office.

OUR AUTUMN FAIR 17TH NOVEMBER

*Just two weeks away!
In St. Columba's Church Hall*

TOMBOLA: Donations of bottles etc are urgently needed as prizes for The Tombola stall at The Autumn Fair. Could you please leave them inside the church entrances, thank you.

TABLES at the Fair: If you would like a table to sell your wares, it's just £5, please contact Margaret Curtis 01244 318424.

LIFT LIST: If you would like a lift from St. Theresa's please put your name on the list at the front of church.

CHIFUNDO CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR:

On Saturday 9th November, at Hoole URC Church, Hoole Road, Chester, CH2 3NT from 10.00am to 3pm. Free entry, variety of craft stalls, raffle and more.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER:

There is to be a short service of Reflection for the Upton Churches at Holy Ascension at 4.30 p.m. on 10th November. See the poster on the Notice Boards.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM:

Countess of Chester Country Park, Fallen for the Fallen WW1 Memorial Bench at 11 am on Monday 11th November to observe a two-minute silence to honour all those affected by war and conflict.

TALK BY CARDINAL MICHAEL FITZGERALD:

Cardinal Fitzgerald has spent all his working life as a missionary on the interface between Islam and Christianity, heading important Vatican departments in this field and working in key Middle East postings, including Egypt and Jerusalem. He is coming to St Werburgh's (CH1 1QJ) on Wednesday 13th November to talk about Muslim-Christian Relations Today, and to answer our questions. All very welcome. 7.30 pm start, 8.15 pm Questions and Answers, 9.00 pm finish.

THE NEW LECTIONARY:

The parish now has copies of the New Lectionary which comes into use on the First Sunday of Advent. Fr William invites all parish Readers to join a gathering on Saturday 16th November, in St Columba's Hall, 10.00 for 10.30 am to 12 noon, to learn about the new document. Please will Readers record their intention to attend with a tick against their name on one of the forms at the front entrances to our churches. Other interested parishioners are welcome to attend please will they record their intention by notifying St. Theresa's 01244 371660 or St. Columba's 01244 624019. Those parishioners who ordered the revised Sunday Missal can collect their copies, discounted payment of £17.95, in cash or by cheque made payable to St. Columba's or St. Theresa's.

RETREAT:

The next retreat at Clitheroe Christian Heritage Centre is *Be Still and Know that I am God*, 21st – 24th November 2024. For more information and to register go to: www.christianheritagecentre.com

NEW PRAYER GROUP – LECTIO DIVINA:

Lectio Divina simply means Sacred Reading and it is a way of praying through reflection on God's word, with a leader to guide the group. Initially, the plan is to have four sessions in the weeks before Christmas on Thursdays Nov 28th, Dec 5th, Dec 12th and Dec 19th in the Iona Chapel at 11 a.m. Each session will last no more than 40 minutes, allowing a little time

to introduce the process. This type of prayer group works best with a maximum of 12 people and so anyone who is interested and would like to know more/ join with no commitment, is asked to send a brief email to marilyn.coyle44@gmail.com This will allow any information to be sent out and numbers to be kept reasonable.

THE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, CHESTER – CHRISTMAS FAIR:

12th December, 4-6pm. All welcome! £1 entrance fee on the evening. If you would like a stall, cost £10, email the school welcometo@christofidelis.org.uk

SOUND SYSTEM AT ST THERESA'S:

We are in the process of getting another couple of quotes.

BUILDING WORKS:

The reinstating of the flagstones and tarmac is taking place and it is hoped that decorating works will have started as the proposed finish date was the 1st November.

NEW TO THE PARISH? WELCOME!:

We have a New Parish Registration Form to be completed and sent to either parish office to let us know that you are here and enable us to welcome you to the parish. The form can be completed and submitted online or downloaded and printed out. Instructions are on the form, which can also be found in the front porches of both churches. You will find it on the **I'm New** tab of the website

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

" Be the lifeboat in somebody's storm" Becky Hemsley

ST. COLUMBA CHIDREN CHOIR RECRUITMENT:

The Little Choir of St Columba plays at 11a.m. Mass on the first Sunday of the month in term time, and young people who would like to sing, play the guitar or percussion are invited to join. Practice Tuesdays 18.45 in the church. For further information, please contact Giovanna 07728 948946 or Mark 07752 317772.

SVP APPEAL FOR FURNITURE:

We are looking for a drop leaf kitchen table, chest of drawers & wardrobes for a children's bedroom and some storage units for toys to support a local family. If you have anything that you think maybe suitable please ring Sue McCarthy 07515 491251 or speak to any member of the SVP. Thank you.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH & HALL BOOKINGS

To arrange meetings etc. in either the Church, Newman Room or the Iona Chapel, please book through Magdalena Bukowska, St. Columba's Church Office
Phone: 01244 624019

Email: stcolumbaschurch2016@outlook.com

Office hours Monday to Friday 9a.m. to 2p.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 Magdalena Bukowska on 01244 624019 for enquires within the office hours stated above or email columbashallbookings@gmail.com to arrange booking.

NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

Sunday 3rd November edition will be compiled by Rebecca Vaughan. Phone: 01244 318632 or email: Rebecca_vghn@yahoo.co.uk

Please include a phone number in case of queries, and please ensure that items *are also emailed to Fr William* or phoned to the compiler by **9.00a.m. on WEDNESDAY 6th November 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.

RED MISSION BOXES, ST COLUMBA'S:

If you are a red Mission box holder, please leave your box in the sacristy for counting and pick up your emptied box, with your name on, from the table in the rear porch of St Columba's.

HELP AT HOME:

A parishioner requires 1 hours help on Saturdays, Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays from 9.30a.m. to 10.30a.m. No cleaning. Just a few light duties. Please ring 01244 370310 for more information. Thank you.