



# The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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The month of November is dedicated to The Holy Souls		
<b>ALL SAINTS</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> November 2025</b>		
<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>		
St Theresa's	5.00p.m.	John Rogers RIP
St Columba's	6.30p.m.	Patrick Dennan
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>		
St Theresa's	9.30a.m.	Nicholas Lancaster RIP
St Columba's	11.00a.m.	Frank Queenan A
	2.00p.m.	Kerala Catholic Community Mass in Syro-Malabar Rite
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November-Commemoration of all the Faithful – All Souls</b>		
St Theresa's		Parishioners' Intentions
St Columba's	10.30a.m.	Parishioners' Intentions
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November – St Winefride</b>		
St Theresa's		Holy Souls
St Columba's		Holy Souls
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November</b>		
St Theresa's		Holy Souls
St Columba's	9.30a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	10.15a.m.	Novena Prayers
	10.30a.m.	Priests' Intentions
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November</b>		
St Theresa's		Priests' Intentions
St Columba's		Holy Souls
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November</b>		
St Theresa's	10.00a.m.	John & Evelyn Parnell RIP
St Columba's		The Parish
<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November</b>		
St Theresa's	5.00p.m.	Mary Lally RIP
St Columba's	6.30p.m.	The Parish
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November – The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica of the Most Holy Redeemer - Remembrance Sunday</b>		
St Theresa's	9.30a.m.	Graham George RIP
St Columba's	11.00a.m.	Raymond Harrington RIP
	2.00p.m.	Kerala Catholic Community Mass in Syro-Malabar Rite

**CONFESSIONS** - After each weekday mass until 11.30a.m. At the weekend: St Columba's: from 6.00-6.25p.m. on Saturday. And St Theresa's; from 4.30-4.55 on Saturday.

**WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS AND FUNERALS** - Please contact one of the Parish Offices to make your arrangements.

**HOLY SOULS**  
If you would like any deceased remembering during the month of November please put their names in an envelope marked HOLY SOULS and place it in the basket in front of the altar.

**YOUTH SUNDAY** - Young volunteers are needed to welcome, collect and read on Youth Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November. If you are a young parishioner and would like to help on Youth Sunday at St.Columba's please contact Denise Lusk (01244379742) , or to help at St. Theresa's, contact Ann McCarthy. Thank you.

**ADVENT BOOKLETS** - If you would like us to order a copy of the "My Day by Day" Advent booklet for you, please put your name and telephone number on the list in church by **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** - The Children's Liturgy normally happens at the 11a.m. service at St Columba's on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month. See the parish website under the Family tab.

**ANNIVERSARIES**  
Anthony William Davenport, Richard Heselwood, Dennis Alfred Edward barlow, George James George.

**DECEASED**  
Please remember in your prayers, Patricia Josephne Jones, Raymond Anthony Harrington and Victor Barber who died recently. Raymond's funeral is at Blacon crematorium on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 10.40am.

**POPES PRAYER INTENTIONS For November - for the prevention of suicide** Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

### **PRAYING TOGETHER** - pray for

-The residents of Bache Drive, Dulas Court, Birch Rise, Long Lane, Mallard Court, Dyserth Road, Cadnant Close, Aberdaron Drive, Cemlyn Close.

-The ACF, Friendship Group, MOT Group and Catholic Women's League.

-All catering staff and those who make refreshments after the services.

### **CLERGY EDUCATION & TRAINING FUND**

There will be a retiring collection for this next weekend, 9<sup>th</sup> Novembe.

**LIVE STREAMING OF MASS** - Mass will be streamed at St Theresa's on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 9.30a.m.

### **CHURCHES TOGETHER IN UPTON-**

**REMEMBRANCE SERVICE-** CTU are holding a Remembrance Service at Holy Ascension Church next Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 4.30 p.m. We have been invited to give one of the readings (Rev 21:1-8). If you would like to do this would you please contact David Savage on 01244 380626.

**PARISH OFFERTORY** - Loose Plate: £520.76; Planned Giving:£245.55; Average weekly SO £718.15; Candles: £31.38

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK** - Tenderness and kindness are not signs of weakness and despair, but manifestations of strength and resolutions. Kahill Gibran

**AUTUMN FAYRE 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER** There will be soup and a sandwich or a hot dog all for the princely sum of £2. Anyone wanting a table/stall or to to share a table to sell their goods please contact Margaret Curtis on 07876061993. There will of course be our usual bottle tombola. Also the Christmas Party will be on Saturday 13th of December. Donations of bottles etc are needed as prizes for The Tombola Stall at The Autumn Fair. Could you please leave them inside the entrance to St Columba's and St Theresa's.

**ADVENT RETREAT-** The Catholic movement *Communion and Liberation* (CL) will hold its Advent Retreat on Saturday, 29th November, at St Columba's Parish. All parishioners are invited to take part. The retreat begins with a shared lunch at 12:30 p.m. in the Newman Room, followed by a spiritual lesson, silent reflection, assembly, and Holy Mass in the Iona Chapel. Confession will be available. The retreat will be led by Fr. Mario Toma. Please register by 23rd November via [lnorthwest.soc@gmail.com](mailto:lnorthwest.soc@gmail.com) or contact Luca (07853 027638)

**ST COLUMBA'S COFFEE ROTA** We would like to thank all parishoners who have volunteered their time to help with tea and coffee after the 11:00am Mass.

2nd Nov - Sue Carr

9<sup>th</sup> Nov - volunteers

16<sup>th</sup> Nov - Autumn Fayre

**CTU CANDLELIT ADVENT SERVICE** on Sunday Nov 30<sup>th</sup> at 4.30 pm, marking the First Sunday in Advent with our fellow Christians. Readings, prayer and well-known hymns with refreshments and social time to follow.

If you are **NEW TO THE PARISH**, please complete a Parish Registration Form and send (or bring) it to either parish office to let us know that you are here and enable us to welcome you. Forms are in the front porches of both churches and on the website: [www.sscolumbaandtheresa.co.uk](http://www.sscolumbaandtheresa.co.uk) under the "I'm New" tab

**ADVENT PRAYER GROUP** As a legacy of the Jubilee Year, a new parish prayer group will meet during Advent on Tuesdays at 11:00am in the Iona Chapel (Nov 25, Dec 2, 9, 16 & 23). Sessions will last around 30 mins, focusing on the upcoming Sunday readings with time for personal reflection and shared discussion on their relevance to our daily lives. For more info, contact [marilyn.coyle44@gmail.com](mailto:marilyn.coyle44@gmail.com)

**ALTAR SERVERS** - If you are interested or want to find out more about becoming an altar server, contact Richard Curtis at 07787782255 [rich.curtis89@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rich.curtis89@yahoo.co.uk)

**STAY SAFE FROM SCAMS** - Scammers may know your details, don't assume they're genuine. Always think twice. Never share your PIN or passwords. Ignore emails or calls about computer viruses. Delete suspicious emails and mark them as spam. Be safe, if unsure, contact companies using official numbers. **Dial 159** to safely reach your bank. Report scams to **Action Fraud**: 0300 123 2040 or online. Free guide and tips: [Age UK Scam Advice](#) the Booklet is available at the back of both churches - please return after reading.

#### **ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH & HALL BOOKINGS**

To book the **Church, Newman Room or Iona Chapel**, contact **Magdalena Bukowska** at the

Church Office 01244 624019, email

[stcolumbaschurch2016@outlook.com](mailto:stcolumbaschurch2016@outlook.com)

Office hours Mon-Fri 9a.m. to 2.00p.m.

To check **Hall availability**, visit the **Church Hall calendar** on the St Columba's website, then contact

Magdalena during office hours or email:

[columbashallbookings@gmail.com](mailto:columbashallbookings@gmail.com).

#### **NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:**

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November to be compiled by Alison Wrigglesworth Phone: 07759 042262 email: [a.wrigglesworth@outlook.com](mailto:a.wrigglesworth@outlook.com)

**Deadline: 9.00a.m. Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November**

Please include a contact number with your notice.

Also email a copy to **Fr William** at [st.theresas@btinternet.com](mailto:st.theresas@btinternet.com).

Note: The website version may include extra items not in the printed copy, visit

[www.sscolumbaandtheresa.co.uk](http://www.sscolumbaandtheresa.co.uk).

### **FISH AND CHIP BABIES, KNITTING PROJECT**

This ongoing project is a tremendous success, please see the poster in church for the latest update.

**PARISH WEBSITE** – Items for website must be about parish-based events and should be sent to Lyn Coyle, who is the parish liaison with the website manager. [marilyn.coyle44@gmail.com](mailto:marilyn.coyle44@gmail.com)

### **SATURDAY EVENING MASS – ST COLUMBA'S**

Please **do not use the rear entrance** when leaving, as it has led to the church being left unlocked overnight. Thank you for your understanding.

### **ST COLUMBA'S RED MISSION BOX HOLDERS**

There will be three Red Mission boxes collections during the year: March, July and November. To have your box emptied, please leave it in the sacristy before the end of November, then pick up your empty, relabeled box from the rear porch.

### **CHESTER THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY LECTURE**

Tuesday 18th November 2025, 7:30pm, Hollybank, University of Chester, Liverpool Rd. Speaker will be Dr Peter Atkins, Edinburgh University, topic, The Bible, Ecology, and Rewilding: Engaging Biblical Texts amidst the Ecological Crisis. All welcome, entry fee £5.

**THE CHESTER LADIES CHOIR** would like to invite all to a Christmas concert: "The Magic and Music of Christmas" in aid of Her Place (local charity supporting women & children born into care) Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm at St Mary's Creative Space. Chester CH1 2DW. Tickets can be bought at:  
[www.jumblebee.co.uk/themagicandmusicofchristmas1](http://www.jumblebee.co.uk/themagicandmusicofchristmas1)

**SOUP WITH SOUL** - at the Town House, Chester, open Mon- Fri 12pm-2.30pm. £5 for soup and short bread. Choice of 3 soups. This includes £1 to Soul Kitchen. Creating a positive future for those experiencing homelessness and hardship.

### **FOOD BANK DONATIONS – Urgently Needed**

- The Food Bank's is asking for, tinned meat, fish, veg, fruit, tomatoes, spaghetti, puddings, curry sauce, Smash, pasta & sauce, UHT/powdered milk, long-life juice, custard, jams, spreads, and coffee. [westcheshirefoodbank.org.uk](http://westcheshirefoodbank.org.uk) for up to date needs. Thank you for your support!

**LAST ZUMBATHON OF THE YEAR FOR HOPEFUL UGANDAN HEARTS** - Help us to raise funds for much needed food, clothes and school fees for two Orphanages in Uganda. Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November from 11am to 1pm at St Columba's Hall. £10 Adults, £5 children 6+. Pay at the door! Amazing prizes in our raffle! Contact Lina Greig 07837512544 for further information.