



The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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The month of November is dedicated to The Souls in Purgatory		
THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA OF THE MOST HOLY REDEEMER 9TH NOVEMBER 2025		
Saturday 8th November		
St Theresa's	5.00p.m.	Mary Lally RIP
St Columba's	6.30p.m.	Holy Souls
Sunday 9th November – The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica of the Most Holy Redeemer.		
St Theresa's	9.30a.m.	Graham George RIP
St Columba's	11.00a.m.	Raymond Harrington
	2.00p.m.	Kerala Catholic Community Mass in Syro-Malabar Rite
Monday 10th November – St Leo. Mem.		
St Theresa's		Parishioners' Intentions
St Columba's	10.30a.m.	Milton, Luciana & Catarina
Tuesday 11th November – St Martin of Tours, B. Mem.		
St Theresa's	1.00p.m.	Funeral Service for Patricia Josephine Jones
St Columba's		Holy Souls
Wednesday 12th November – St Josaphat, B, M. Mem.		
St Theresa's		Priests' Intentions
St Columba's	9.30a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	10.15a.m.	Novena Prayers
	10.30a.m.	John Watson
Thursday 13th November		
St Theresa's		Holy Souls
St Columba's		Holy Souls
Friday 14th November		
St Theresa's	10.00a.m.	Eric Walsh RIP
St Columba's		Holy Souls
Saturday 15th November		
St Theresa's	5.00p.m.	Christine North RIP
St Columba's	6.30p.m.	Holy Souls
Sunday 16th November – 33rd Sunday in Ord. Time. World Day of Prayer for the Poor.		
St Theresa's	9.30a.m.	Kath Maguire RIP
St Columba's	11.00a.m.	Evan Rothwell RIP 1 st Anniversary
	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, 23rd
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.

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

ANNIVERSARIES

Kathleen Margaret Maguire, Kenneth Klepalo, Annina
(Ann) Florio, Berta Barton, George Richard Becker, Steven
Andrew Roberts

DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers, Patricia Josephne Jones,
Raymond Anthony Harrington and Victor Barber who died
recently. Raymond's funeral is a family funeral. John's
funeral service is at Blacon Crematorium on Wednesday
12th November at 2.40p.m.

**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.

CLERGY EDUCATION & TRAINING FUND

There will be a retiring collection this weekend, 9th
November.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS - Mass will be streamed at St
Columba's on Sunday 9th November at 11.00a.m.

LARGE PRINT NEWSLETTER

A limited number of large print newsletters are now
available at the back of both our Churches.
See our Welcomers if you need a copy.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN UPTON- REMEMBRANCE SERVICE- CTU are holding a Remembrance Service at Holy Ascension Church next Sunday 9th November at 4.30 p.m.

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

There will be an Act of Remembrance at 11am on Sunday 9th November at the War memorial in Blacon Cemetery and the War memorial in Upton.

PARISH OFFERTORY - Loose Plate: £525.20; Planned Giving: £282.20; Average weekly SO £718.15; Candles: £31.47

ADVENT BOOKLETS

Unfortunately, we did not receive the numbers for the minimum order number for these booklets so we are unable to purchase them for the few people who asked for them.

AUTUMN FAYRE 16th November

Soup and a sandwich or a hot dog £2. Anyone wanting a table/stall or to share a table to sell their goods please contact Margaret Curtis on 07876061993. There will of course be our usual bottle tombola. **Donations of bottles etc are still needed as prizes.** Please leave them inside the entrance to St Columba's and St Theresa's.

If anyone would like a lift from St Theresa's to St Columba's, please put your name on the list at the back of church.

Also the Christmas Party will be on Saturday 13th of December.

FIRST SACRAMENTS MEETING

A reminder of the meeting for parents of the children preparing for First Sacraments this school year. It is on Monday 10th November at 7:00 pm. at St Werburgh's and St Columba's Catholic Primary School, Lightfoot St., Hoole, CH2 3AD. It is important that each child is represented, and we look forward to seeing you.

Mary, Joseph and the donkey's Advent Journey

Can you look after Mary, Joseph and their donkey this Advent?

They're looking for overnight accommodation on their journey to Bethlehem, actually St Theresa's Crib. They will arrive in time for the Carol Service on Friday 19th December 2025

The hope is that Mary, Joseph (and the donkey) will be handed from home to home around the parish during Advent before being delivered to St Theresa's on 19th December. Sign-up lists in the church porches.

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.

9th Nov - volunteers please

16th Nov - Autumn Fair

23rd Nov - volunteers please

CTU CANDLELIT ADVENT SERVICE

Sunday Nov 30th at 4.30 p.m. at St. Columba's, marking the First Sunday in Advent with our fellow Christians. Readings, prayer and well-known hymns with refreshments and social time to follow.

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 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 11:00-11.30a.m in the Iona Chapel (Nov 25, Dec 2, 9, 16 & 23). Focus will be on the upcoming Sunday readings with time for personal reflection and shared discussion on their relevance to our daily lives. Contact 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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK- "He is not past, He is present now. And though He is not seen, He is here" St John Henry Newman

PRAYING TOGETHER - pray for

- The residents of Longfield Avenue, Iver Road, Iver Close, Cyman Close, Willan Road, Wemyss Road, & Phillips Road.
- The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children.
- For all who are not able to attend church.

ADVENT RETREAT- The Catholic movement *Communion and Liberation* 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 clnorthwest.soc@gmail.com or contact Luca (07853 027638)

CHS NEWS

A group of students from The Catholic High School, Chester, travelled to Rome to celebrate the Jubilee 2025. The young people had the opportunity to visit many churches and landmarks. On the feast of All Saints, the group had the unique opportunity to celebrate Mass with Pope Leo in St. Peter's Square, where St. John Henry Newman was declared Doctor of the Church. The students loved every minute of the Jubilee Pilgrimage. A girl in Y9 said that she had an unforgettable time and it will stay with her forever.

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 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

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.

NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

Sunday 16th November to be compiled by Rebecca Vaughan Phone: 01244 318632 email: Rebecca_vghn@yahoo.co.uk

Deadline: 9.00a.m. Wednesday 12th November

Please include a contact number with your notice. Also email a copy to **Fr William** at st.theresas@btinternet.com. Note: The website version may include extra items not in the printed copy, visit www.stcolumbaandtheresa.co.uk.

BREN'S BREWS

The Bren Brews Café is a venue to provide for people with a learning disability of any age, to gain experience in a workplace to help find a way into paid employment. Find it in the hall behind the United Reform Church on Hoole Road, between 10 am to 3 pm Monday to Friday.

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.

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

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 5th December at 7.30pm at St Mary's Creative Space. Chester CH1 2DW. Tickets can be bought at:
www.jumblebee.co.uk/themagicandmusicofchristmas1

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 for up to date needs.
Thank you for your support!

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.

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 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, relabelled box from the rear porch.

Fish and Chip Babies, knitting project

This ongoing project is a tremendous success, please see the poster in the front of St Columba's church for the latest update.