



The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa

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The month of February is dedicated to The Holy Family		
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1ST FEBRUARY 2026		
Saturday 31 January		
St Theresa's	5.00pm	Katherine Gannon RIP
St Columba's	6.30pm	Pat Black
Sunday 1 February – 4th Sunday in Ord. Time Day of Special Prayer for Racial Justice		
St Theresa's	9.30am	Kathleen Maguire RIP
St Columba's	11.00am	Daniel & Poppy Nagy on the occasion of their Wedding
	2.00pm	Kerala Catholic Community Mass in Syro-Malabar Rite
Monday 2 February – The Presentation of the Lord. Feast		
St Theresa's		Parishioners' Intentions
St Columba's	10.30am	Joan Bullough
Tuesday 3 February – St Werburgh, V. Mem.		
St Theresa's		Special Intention
St Columba's		Parishioners' Intentions
Wednesday 4 February		
St Theresa's		Janie Casey RIP
St Columba's	9.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	10.15am	Novena Prayers
	10.30am	Bertile Newton 1 st Anniversary
Thursday 5 February – St Agatha, V. M. Mem.		
St Theresa's		Priests' Intentions
St Columba's		Sissy McLoughins
Friday 6 February – SS Paul Miki & Companions		
St Theresa's	10.00am	Richard Murphy RIP
St Columba's		The Parish
Saturday 7 February		
St Theresa's	9.30am	Malankara Jacobite Syriac Community
	5.00pm	Thanksgiving
St Columba's	6.30pm	Lily, Keith & Olive
Sunday 8 February – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Day of special prayer for victims of trafficking		
St Theresa's	9.30am	Mary Baker's Intentions
St Columba's	11.00am	Ann Moody RIP
	2.00pm	Kerala Catholic Community Mass in Syro-Malabar Rite

POPES PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY 2026 -For children with incurable diseases. Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS - Mass will be streamed at St Columba's on Sunday 1st February at 11.00 a.m.

WELCOME

We welcome Fr John Baalaboore CSSp who will be helping out in our parish for a short while.

CONFESSIONS - After each weekday Mass until 11.30am. Saturdays:
St Columba's 6.00 - 6.25 p.m.
St Theresa's 4.30 - 4.55 p.m.

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

RECENTLY DECEASED - Please remember in your prayers, Mary Joan Hayden and Dorothea Carroll who died recently, and also their families and friends. The funeral of Dorothea Carroll is on 12th February at St Columba's at 12 noon. The Requiem Mass for Mary Joan Hayden will take place at St Theresa's on Thursday 12th February at 2.15pm.

ANNIVERSARIES - Elizabeth (Betty) Allingham, Josephine Margaret Watts, Teresa Gibson, Alexander James Keegan, Gina Franceloso Brace.

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

PRAYING TOGETHER FOR

- The residents of Whitton Drive, Sutton Drive, Bidston Close, Greenfield Lane, Owen Close, Shelley Road, Chaucer Close, Browning Close and Alderley Place.
- Sunshine Tots, I Praise & Play and for all the leaders.
- Young families.

BAPTISM, RECEPTION & CONFIRMATION

Members of the parish 'RCIA' group are preparing to receive Sacraments; Adam Fitzpatrick (Baptism and Confirmation), Charlotte Jackson (Reception and Confirmation), Milton Vidotto (Confirmation). There are several related events in the coming weeks, beginning with a time of Reflection with Bishop Mark on 7th February in St Columba's Hall. This is for Catechumens and Candidates from across the Diocese. Please watch out for further Newsletter announcements on these matters and keep all concerned in your prayers.

PARISH OFFERTORY

Loose Plate: £549.98; Planned Giving: £307.20; Average weekly SO £718.15; Candles: £48.32; St Columba's Dona Stations: £88.00

Priests Retirement Fund: £297.94. Thank you for your kind generosity.

ST COLUMBA'S COFFEE ROTA - The 2026 tea and coffee rota is on the noticeboard in St Columba's Hall. We need someone to volunteer every Sunday after 11:00 Mass, so if you would like to raise money for your good cause, please put your name and details on the sheet and let Margaret Curtis know on 01244 318424 or marg.curtis@outlook.com
01 Feb - Nora Richardson, HCPT Wrexham
08 Feb - Sue McCarthy, SVP
15 Feb - Chris & Elizabeth, parish

HERE IS AN EXPLANATION OF HCPT - (see coffee rota St Columba's 1 Feb) The Hosanna House and Children's Pilgrimage Trust is a charity that brings children with disabilities or special needs on pilgrimage to Lourdes each year. Founded on the values of friendship, dignity, and service; this Easter, HCPT Group 155 from Wrexham will be travelling with four children, on HCPT's 70th anniversary. As always, the pilgrimage is about the whole team coming together in love with pilgrims and helpers alike. Thanks for your support.

FRIENDSHIP THURSDAY - February 5th

Apologies for any confusion caused by printing the wrong date. I hope we'll see lots of friends at this meeting from 2-4 pm in the Church Hall on Thursday Feb 5th. We have a guest speaker, a late Christmas raffle and good conversation over coffee and biscuits. Please tell others about this. Contact Lyn for further details 07735574397

YOUTH GROUP

The next youth group will be on Monday 9th February, 7pm to 8.30pm in St Columba's hall. As Lent is quickly approaching, we will be designing Easter cards for the SVP to take to parishioners they visit, making and eating pancakes, playing table tennis and other fun things. All young parishioners, school year 5, or older are very welcome and encouraged to come along.

ST. WERBURGH'S & ST. COLUMBA'S SCHOOL

The School Mission Team (SMT) have had the idea to use the arch in our prayer garden as a prayer arch. A school member with an intention they want prayed for, can tie a ribbon around the arch. If anyone has any spare ribbon or coloured string, could you please donate it to this project. The SMT are really excited about seeing the arch become colourful with prayer intentions! Thank you in advance.

SPUC WHITE FLOWER APPEAL-31st Jan/1st Feb

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding an appeal at all Masses this weekend on 31

Jan/1 Feb. SPUC exists to restore a respect for the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK- "Flowers don't worry about how they're going to bloom. They just open up and turn toward the light, and that makes them beautiful." — Jim Carrey

CHESTER CATHEDRAL ORGAN RECITAL - every Thursday 1.10pm. Each week features a different organist and repertoire of music. Organ Recitals are free with a retiring collection and no ticket is required. The suggested donation for the recital is £5

MUSEUM OF THE MOON ARTWORK - Chester Cathedral, from Thursday 12th February to Sunday 15th March 2026. The installation is a fusion of lunar imagery, moonlight and surround sound composition. No need to book daytime entry, but a donation is advised.

ST WERBURGH'S FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS 2026

There will be Holy Mass to mark the conclusion of the 150th anniversary year on Tuesday 3rd February at 7.30pm in St Werburgh's church. All welcome.

MUSICAL EVENING - SOIRÉE! - in aid of Chester Parkinson's UK. Friday 27th March, 7pm at St Columba's Church hall. £15 pp includes fish and chip supper from the award winning Weston Grove Chippy. Bring your own alcohol! Tea, coffee, soft drinks available and a RAFFLE! Tickets from Pat Riddell 07941839161 or patriddell31@aol.com

BETROTHED - Shrewsbury Diocese will be running three sacramental marriage preparation courses in early 2026. Each course runs over two consecutive Saturdays from 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. on each day. The three venues are:

- (1) St Clare's Church Parish Hall, Downsfield Road, Lache, Chester CH4 8HH, on 7th and 14th February
 - (2) Vincent de Paul Church Westleigh Parish Hall, Groby Road, Altrincham WA14 2BQ, on 28th February and 7th March
 - (3) Shrewsbury Cathedral Parish Hall, Town Walls, Shrewsbury SY1 1UE, on 21st and 28th March.
- Registration is essential. To register, contact Monika: monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org
For more information, contact Jane Deegan: jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH & HALL BOOKINGS

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

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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 8th February to be compiled by

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Deadline: 9.00a.m. Wednesday 4th February

Please include a contact number with your notice. Also email a copy to **Fr. William** at st.theresas@btinternet.com

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