



# The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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The month of January is dedicated to The Holy Name of Jesus		
<b>SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS 4TH JANUARY 2026</b>		
<b>Saturday 3 January</b>		
St Theresa's	5.00pm	Muriel & Jim Halligan RIP
St Columba's	6.30pm	Roy Burns RIP
<b>Sunday 4 January -</b>		
St Theresa's	9.30am	Parishioners' Intentions
St Columba's	11.00am	Kevin Campbell RIP
	2.00pm	Kerala Catholic Community Mass in Syro-Malabar Rite
<b>Monday 5 January - Monday Of The Christmas Season</b>		
St Theresa's		Mae Dunne's Intentions
St Columba's	10.30am	Parishioners' Intentions
<b>Tuesday 6 January - Epiphany of the Lord. Solemn.</b>		
St Theresa's	<b>10.00a m</b>	<b>Parishioners' Intentions</b>
St Columba's		Parishioners' Intentions
<b>Wednesday 7 January - Wednesday After Epiphany</b>		
St Theresa's		Priests' Intentions
St Columba's	9.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	10.15am	Novena Prayers
	10.30am	Ann Behan, Parents, Nan & Martin
<b>Thursday 8 January - Thursday After Epiphany</b>		
St Theresa's		Special Intentions
St Columba's		Priests' Intentions
<b>Friday 9 January</b>		
St Theresa's	10.00am	Jane Walsh's Intentions
St Columba's		The Parish
<b>Saturday 10 January - Saturday After Epiphany</b>		
St Theresa's	5.00pm	Janie Casey RIP
St Columba's	6.30pm	Bob Breen RIP
<b>Sunday 11 January - The Baptism of The Lord. Feast</b>		
St Theresa's	9.30am	Parishioners' Intentions
St Columba's	11.00am	Parishioners' Intentions

	2.00pm	Kerala Catholic Community Mass in Syro-Malabar Rite
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**CONFESSIONS** - After each weekday Mass until  
11.30am. Saturdays:

St Columba's 6.00 - 6.25p.m.

St Theresa's 4.30 - 4.55p.m.

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

## POPES PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY

**2026-** For prayer with the Word of God. Let us pray that  
praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our  
lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us  
to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

**ANNIVERSARIES** - Kathleen Lawlor, Betty Audrey  
Gore, Czeslawa Klepala, Elizabeth McGovern

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** - The Children's Liturgy  
normally happens at the 11am 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.

**LIVE STREAMING OF MASS** - Mass will be streamed at  
St Columba's on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January at 9.30a.m.

**PARISH OFFERTORY** - Many thanks for your generous  
offerings, over Christmas and throughout the year. Much  
appreciated.

**NEW YEAR GREETING AND THANKS-** Fr William and  
Fr Peter would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year.  
And a very big thank you to all those who have helped in  
any way with all of the Christmas services and  
preparation for Christmas. Thank you for all your support  
throughout the year.

**PRAYERS** - please pray for

- the residents of Newhall Road, Winston Court,  
Arradon Court, Breton Close, Wealstone Lane,  
Well Lane, Bank Close, Newton Hall Drive,  
Durham Road, Canterbury Road, Lichfield Road  
and Warwick Road.
- Orchard Manor, Wealstone and Crabwall Hall. For  
all those who live and work in these Homes.

**PRO-LIFE UPDATE** - 2025 was one of the most  
challenging and busiest years ever for the pro-life  
movement in the UK, with the biggest battles on abortion  
and assisted suicide in over 50 years. Thanks to the  
support of our parish, there has been a strong,  
coordinated response in Parliament, in the media and

among the wider public. The **2025 Right To Life UK Year in Review** sets out some of the key areas in which significant progress has been made this year. Please visit <http://righttolife.org.uk/2025> to read the Year in Review to find out more about what we have achieved together for life this year.

**FRIENDSHIP THURSDAY JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>** – Our first meeting of 2026, from 2-4p.m. in the Hall. Let's start the New Year in friendly fashion over coffee and biscuits. If you can bring a small donation, we may have a raffle to raise funds for the group.

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

4<sup>th</sup> Jan - volunteers please

11<sup>th</sup> Jan - volunteers please

18<sup>th</sup> Jan - volunteers please

**SHREWSBURY YOUTH MISSION TEAM** - Vacancies have arisen within the Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team for a Programme Coordinator, Youth Mission Team Member and an Administration Assistant. Further details regarding the 3 posts can be found on the Diocesan Website. <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/>

Interested parties should send their CV to Pauline McCulloch [recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) Closing date Friday 23 January 2026.

**HEATING AT ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH** – Most of the heaters have now been fixed. A friendly reminder, however; please do not turn off any radiators or interfere with the heating system in any way. Thank you.

**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.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**- "It's a new dawn. It's a new day. It's a new life, for me. And I'm feeling good." Nina Simone  
Happy New Year to you all....

### New Year Quiz

1. In the Bible, who said, "Behold, I make all things new"?  
A. Moses B. Paul; C. Jesus D. John the Baptist
2. Which month of the year is named after the Roman god who had two faces—one looking forward and one looking back?  
A. February; B December; C. January D. March
3. Which bird is often used as a symbol of peace and new beginnings?  
A Sparrow; B Dove; C Eagle; D Robin
4. What do many people traditionally sing at midnight on New Year's Eve?  
A. Joy to the World; B Auld Lang Syne; C Amazing Grace; D Silent Night.
5. Which item is often dropped in New York to mark the New Year?  
A. A star; B A giant apple; C A ball; D A hat.

**Answers**  
1 C Jesus (Revelation 21:5)  
2 C January (Janus)  
3 B Dove  
4 B Auld Lang Syne  
5 C A ball

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

### NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January to be compiled by

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**Deadline: 9.00a.m. Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January**

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).

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