



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		
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS 4TH JANUARY 2026		
Saturday 3 January		
St Theresa's	5.00pm	Muriel & Jim Halligan RIP
St Columba's	6.30pm	Roy Burns RIP
Sunday 4 January –		
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
Monday 5 January – Monday Of The Christmas Season		
St Theresa's		Mae Dunne's Intentions
St Columba's	10.30am	Parishioners' Intentions
Tuesday 6 January – Epiphany of the Lord. Solemn.		
St Theresa's	10.00a m	Parishioners' Intentions
St Columba's		Parishioners' Intentions
Wednesday 7 January – Wednesday After Epiphany		
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
Thursday 8 January – Thursday After Epiphany		
St Theresa's		Special Intentions
St Columba's		Priests' Intentions
Friday 9 January		
St Theresa's	10.00am	Jane Walsh's Intentions
St Columba's		The Parish
Saturday 10 January – Saturday After Epiphany		
St Theresa's	5.00pm	Janie Casey RIP
St Columba's	6.30pm	Bob Breen RIP
Sunday 11 January – The Baptism of The Lord. Feast		
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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CONFESIONS - 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

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 1st and 3rd 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 4th 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 8TH – 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.

4th Jan - volunteers please

11th Jan - volunteers please

18th 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 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 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 11th January to be compiled by Paula Bownas Phone: 01244 379794 Email: paulabownas@yahoo.co.uk
Deadline: 9.00a.m. Wednesday 7th January
Please include a contact number with your notice. Also email a copy to **Fr. William** at st.theresas@btinternet.com.
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