



The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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The month of February is dedicated to The Holy Family		
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 15th FEBRUARY 2026		
Saturday 14th February		
St Theresa's	5.00p.m.	Elaine Heskeyne RIP
St Columba's	6.30p.m.	Celia McLoughlin
Sunday 15th February - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Day of Special Prayer for the Unemployed		
St Theresa's	9.30a.m.	Fr Peter's Intentions
St Columba's	11.00a.m.	Fr Peter Otuonkpaikhian CSSp
	2.00p.m.	Kerala Catholic Community Mass in Syro-Malabar Rite
Monday 16th February		
St Theresa's		Parishioners' Ints
St Columba's	10.30a.m.	David Whitby RIP
Tuesday 17th February		
St Theresa's		Special Intention
St Columba's		Parishioners' Intentions
Wednesday 18th February - ASH WEDNESDAY		
St Theresa's	9.30a.m.	Pat & Gerrard Miles & Family
	7.00p.m.	Nicola & Jonny Lally & Family
St Columba's		No Adoration
	10.30a.m.	Ian Clark RIP
Thursday 19th February		
St Theresa's		Priests' Intentions
St Columba's		Priests' Intentions
Friday 20th February		
St Theresa's	10.00a.m.	Joseph Russell RIP
St Columba's		The Parish
Saturday 21st February		
St Theresa's	9.30a.m.	Malankara Jacobite Syriac Community
	5.00p.m.	Eileen & Lewis Rosenbloom & Families
St Columba's	6.30p.m.	Mary Jeffes
Sunday 22nd February - First Sunday of Lent		
St Theresa's	9.30a.m.	Parishioners' Intentions
St Columba's	11.00a.m.	Richard Murphy RIP
	2.00p.m.	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 Theresa's on Sunday 15th February at 9.30 a.m.

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.

ANNIVERSARIES

Eileen Mary Thornber, Charles Edward Davis, George Thomas Noden, Elizabeth Mary Freeman, Colette Johnson.

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.

PRAYING TOGETHER FOR

- The residents of Shepherds Lane, Thornton Drive, The Beeches, Windermere Avenue, Barnes, Morgan Close, Griffin Close and Blake Close.
- The Growth Action Planning in our churches, Commitment for Life, Vision4Life and Fresh Expressions.

PARISH OFFERTORY

Loose Plate: £541.62; Planned Giving: £287.50; Average weekly SO £718.15.

St Columba's Dona Stations: £88. Candles: £36.76. Thank you for your kind generosity.

SUNDAY MASSES THIS WEEKEND will be celebrated for Fr Peter's intentions in recognition of his ministry in our parish.

PROPOSED COFFEE AND TEA PRICE RISE

It is proposed to raise the price of teas and coffees in St Columba's Church Hall on Sundays from 50p to £1 from 1st March. This would help volunteers raise more for their chosen charity and might encourage more groups to volunteer in future. If you are in favour, please sign the sheet in the hall.

RETIRING COLLECTION - 21/22 Feb

There will be a retiring collection next weekend for the Holy Family Sisters Appeal.

THANK YOU

Nora Richardson would like to thank everyone who supported coffee and cake sale in Sunday Feb 1st. The sale made a fantastic total of £250 for Wrexham HCPT. We will remember you all when we travel to Lourdes at Easter.

A PARISH RITE OF SENDING

As announced last Sunday, at 11a.m. Mass today Fr. William will ask the parish to support and strengthen Adam Fitzpatrick and Charlotte Jackson, in their final period of preparation leading to their being received into full communion with the Church at Easter. Following his homily Fr William will conduct a Rite of Sending by which the parish, and the Church at large, sends Adam and Charlotte to Bishop Mark for the Rite of Election at Shrewsbury Cathedral on the 22nd of February. Copies of the Rite are available from Welcomers, for the congregation to follow and make the responses requested by Fr William.

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

15 Feb – Chris & Elizabeth, Parish

22 Feb – volunteers please

01 Mar – volunteers please

ASH WEDNESDAY – 18TH FEBRUARY

There will be Mass at St Theresa's at 9.30a.m. and 7p.m. and at St Columba's at 10.30a.m. Please note there will not be any Adoration at St Columba's that day.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK - "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails." – 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

DANCE THROUGH THE DECADES

From the 60's to NOW!! DJ Chris Appleton.

In Aid and support of "Hopeful Ugandan Hearts", on Saturday 7th March from 7p.m.-11p.m. at St Columba's Church Hall. £15 per person (includes cold food buffet) 18+ Event Alcohol licensing in place.

All proceeds help support the Charity's work.

Music • Dancing • Retro Vibes

Dance your way through the decades with hits from the 1960s right up to today!

Dress up from your favourite decade if you wish.

Pay at the door or contact Lina Greig on 07837512544 for more information.

CHURCHES OF SANCTUARY INFORMATION EVENING

Tuesday 24th February, 7p.m. at Chester Cathedral
Is your church already supporting or wanting to support those seeking sanctuary from war and persecution? This is a chance for members of churches of all denominations to find out more about the Churches of Sanctuary network and to hear from Chester City of Sanctuary. Kirushan Sivagnanam, Chester Cathedral of Sanctuary Artist in Residence, will also offer a viewing of his brand-new exhibition. Use the link below and the promo code 'sanctuary2026' to book.
<https://chestercathedral.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/show/s/1173664495>

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

There will be Second Collection for CAFOD Family Fast Day on 3rd March 2026.

HOUSEKEEPING VACANCY

There is a vacancy for a housekeeper at St Theresa's presbytery for four hours per week. For further details please email or call St Theresa's parish office. St.theresas@btinternet.com Tel: 01244 371660

SVP THEATRE NIGHT – SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE

Bebington Dramatic Society will present "Shakespeare In Love" on Wednesday 4th March, 7.30p.m. at the Gladstone Theatre, Port Sunlight. All proceeds to support the SVP Holiday Home in North Wales which provides much needed holidays for many people. Tickets £12 available from Sue McCarthy, Mark Traynor or any member of the SVP

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

If parishioners have any matters that they would like discussed at the next Pastoral Council meeting, please contact the office by Friday 20th February. Thank you.

THE NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH

will take place from 10th-18th March 2026 at St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead. Every year, the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph, their Society Patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society's missionary outreach, and for the intentions of all those who support their work. If you are able, and if it is possible to attend, Masses are at 10.00am every day of the Novena except Sunday, when it is at 11.00am. These Masses will be available to follow on YouTube, via the Mill Hill website: www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena

The Novena Prayer Booklet is available on request for a suggested donation of £1 per booklet to cover costs.

You are welcome to send in your petitions and/or to request a Novena prayer booklet. Please write to the Novena Director at 6 Colby Gardens, Maidenhead, SL6 7GZ, or email novenamhm@gmail.com.

SIX BIBLE STUDIES ON THE LENTEN SUNDAY GOSPELS

Mauro Iannicelli will break-open the forthcoming Lenten Sunday Gospels with in-depth teaching and stimulating questions.

Starts: **Tues 17th February 2026 at 7p.m.**

Six consecutive Tuesdays: **17 Feb | 24 Feb | 03 Mar | 10 Mar | 17 Mar | 24 Mar** (7-8:15p.m.).

Free of Charge | LIVE on YouTube.

Registration: comeandsee.org/lent26

CHESTER CATHEDRAL ORGAN RECITAL

Every Thursday 1.10p.m. 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.

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 22nd February to be compiled by
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Deadline: 9.00a.m. Wednesday 18th February

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.sscolumbaandtheresa.co.uk

BETROTHED – Shrewsbury Diocese will be running two 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 two venues are:
(1) Vincent de Paul Church Westleigh Parish Hall, Groby Road, Altrincham WA14 2BQ, on 28th February and 7th March

(2) 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

MUSICAL EVENING – SOIRÉE!

In aid of Chester Parkinson's UK. Friday 27th March, 7p.m. 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

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.

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.