



# The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa

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The month of February is dedicated to  
The Holy Family

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2026

### Saturday 7 February

St Theresa's	9.30am.	Malankara Jacobite Syriac Community
	5.00pm	Thanksgiving
St Columba's	6.30p.m	Lily, Keith & Olive

### Sunday 8 February - Day of special prayer for victims of trafficking

St Theresa's	9.30a.m.	Mary Baker's Ints
St Columba's	11.00a.m.	Ann Moody RIP
	2.00p.m.	Kerala Catholic Community Mass in Syro-Malabar Rite

### Monday 9 Feb

St Theresa's		Parishioners' Ints
St Columba's	10.30a.m.	John Raymond Reynolds RIP

### Tuesday 10 Feb

St Theresa's		Priests' Ints
St Columba's		Parishioners' Intentions

### Wednesday 11 Feb

St Theresa's		Special Int
St Columba's	9.30a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	10.15a.m.	Novena Prayers
	10.30a.m.	Eileen O'Donovan

### Thursday 12 Feb

St Theresa's	2.15pm	Requiem Mass for Mary Joan Hayden
St Columba's	12 noon	Requiem Mass for Dorothea Carroll

### Friday 13 Feb

St Theresa's	10.00a.m.	Henry Michael Lloyd RIP
St Columba's		The Parish

### Saturday 14 Feb

St Theresa's	5.00p.m.	Elaine Hesayne RIP
	6.30p.m.	Celia McLoughlin
St Columba's		

### Sunday 15 Feb

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 Theresa's on Sunday 8th February at 9.30 a.m.

**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 12<sup>th</sup> February at St Columba's at 12 noon. The Requiem Mass for Mary Joan Hayden will take place at St Theresa's on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 2.15pm.

**ANNIVERSARIES** Gina Franceloso Brace, Mavis Lillian Shaw, Bernadette Shaw, Linda Taylor, Eileen Thornber.

**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 Gayton Close, Denhall Close, Moorhouse Close, Milton Road, Mostyn Place, Crabwell Place, Byron Close, and Thomas Close;
- The Scouts, Venture Scouts, Cub Scouts and Beavers.
- The Ranger Guides, Guides, Brownies, Rainbows, Boys' Brigade and Girls' Brigade.

### PARISH OFFERTORY

Loose Plate (St Theresa's): £243; Planned Giving (St Theresa's): £127; Average weekly SO £718.15. Thank you for your kind generosity.

### A RITE OF SENDING

At 11 am Mass next week, 15th of February, Fr William will ask the parish to support and strengthen Adam Fitzpatrick and Charlotte Jackson who are beginning their final period of preparation leading to their being received into full communion with the Church at Easter. Fr William will conduct a Rite of Sending by which the parish, and the Church at large, sends them to Bishop Mark for the Rite of Election at Shrewsbury Cathedral on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February. We will pray for Adam and Charlotte especially in the Rite next Sunday, in the meantime please continue to remember them in your personal prayers. Thank you.

**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](mailto:marg.curtis@outlook.com)  
08 Feb – Sue McCarthy, SVP  
15 Feb – Chris & Elizabeth, parish  
22 Feb – volunteers please

### PROPOSED TEA AND COFFEE PRICE RISE

It is proposed that in future the price of teas and coffees served in The St Columba's Church Hall each Sunday should be raised from 50p to £1 a mug. This rise in price would help volunteers to raise more money for their chosen charity and might encourage more groups to volunteer in future.

The current pricing has not changed for many years and increasing the price would hopefully see more people coming forward in the future, as we are always short of volunteers. We are therefore asking people if they support this proposal or not. If you are in favour of this proposal, please sign the sheet in the hall.

### YOUTH GROUP

The next youth group will be this 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.

### TALK ST WERBURGH'S CHURCH

Thursday February 12, 7.30pm - Catholic author and spiritual director Stephen McCarthy has a new book called 'The Slow Work of God'. He will speak about the main themes in the book. For further information see leaflets available at the back of church.

### 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.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**- Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

**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.

### DANCE THROUGH THE DECADES

From the 60's to NOW!! DJ Chris Appleton. In Aid and support of "Hopeful Ugandan Hearts", on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March from 7pm-11pm. £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.

**MUSICAL EVENING – SOIRÉE!** - in aid of Chester Parkinson's UK. Friday 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> session on 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](mailto:monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

For more information, contact Jane Deegan:

[jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto: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](mailto:columbashallbookings@gmail.com)

### NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February to be compiled by

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**Deadline: 9.00a.m. Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February**

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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