



The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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The month of May is dedicated to The Blessed Virgin Mary

PENTECOST SUNDAY 24TH MAY 2026

Saturday 23rd May

St Theresa's	5.00p.m.	Parishioners' Intentions
St Columba's	6.30p.m.	Private Intention (A&LP)

Sunday 24TH May – PENTECOST SUNDAY – Day of Special Prayer of the Church

St Theresa's	9.30a.m.	Altar Services
St Columba's	11.00a.m.	Parishioners' Intention
	2.00p.m.	Kerala Catholic Community Mass in Syro-Malabar Rite

Monday 25th May – Mary Mother of the Church. Mem

St Theresa's		The Spiritans
St Columba's	10.30a.m.	Veronica Johannessen

Tuesday 26th May – Our Lady Help of Christians. Solemn

St Theresa's		Michal Krawiec RIP
St Columba's		Parishioners' Intentions

Wednesday 27th May – St Augustine of Canterbury. Feast

St Theresa's		Priests' Intentions
St Columba's	9.30a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	10.15a.m.	Novena Prayers
	10.30a.m.	Jean McDonald RIP

Thursday 28th May – Our Lord Jesus Christ The Eternal High Priest. Feast

St Theresa's		Special Intentions
St Columba's		Priests' Intentions

Friday 29th May

St Theresa's	10.00a.m.	Eileen Mapp's Intentions
St Columba's		The Parish

Saturday 30th May

St Theresa's	5.00p.m.	Private Intention
St Columba's	6.30p.m.	Theresa Stanley

Sunday 31st May – THE MOST HOLY TRINITY. Solemn

St Theresa's	9.30a.m.	Parishioners' Intentions
St Columba's	11.00a.m.	William Nash RIP
	2.00p.m.	Kerala Catholic Community Mass in Syro-Malabar Rite

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY - THAT EVERYONE MIGHT HAVE FOOD. Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS - Mass will be streamed at St Columba's on Sunday 24th May at 11.00a.m.

CONFESSIONS - After each weekday Mass until 11.30a.m. Saturdays:

St Columba's 6.00p.m. - 6.25p.m.
St Theresa's 4.30p.m. - 4.55p.m.

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

ANNIVERSARIES - Brenda Garner, Francis William Byrne

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED - Please remember in your prayers Kate Paradyz, who died recently, and her family and friends. Requiem Mass for Kate is on Friday 19th June at 2p.m. at St Columba's.

PARISH OFFERTORY

Loose Plate: £660.30; Planned Giving: £278.82; Average weekly SO £718.15. (St Columba's) Dona Stations: £92; Candles: £13. Thank you for your kind generosity.

FR WILLIAM - Please remember that Thursday is Fr William's day off.

PRAYING TOGETHER FOR

- The residents of Ormonde Road, Newton Hall Drive, Beechway, Upton Dene, Upton Grange, Maitland Way, Canberra Way, Roebourne Rise and Melbourne Road.
- The staff and patients of the Hospice of the Good Shepherd and the local support groups.
- Those who are terminally ill and those who care for them.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK - "Keep your eyes on the stars and your feet on the ground." - Theodore Roosevelt

THE SPIRITANS

The annual Spiritan Appeal will take place at all Masses over this weekend (23rd-24th May). It is a time for us to show our appreciation to the Spiritan Community and the work they do. Fr Alphonsus Beni CSSp will be the celebrant that day and students Denis Davis & Martin Ekere will give the appeal.

On Monday 25th May the Spiritans in the Liverpool area will be joining us for our 10.30a.m. Mass at St Columba's. After Mass there will be a meeting in St Theresa's presbytery for the Spiritans.

ST THERESA'S PARISH OFFICE

This will be closed this week, but Fr William will attend to emails and 'phone calls as usual.

FIFTH SUNDAY SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY - The next Churches Together Fifth Sunday Service will be held at Upton United Reformed Church at 4.30 p.m. on next Sunday, 31st May. You are cordially invited to join us in this joint act of worship.

ST COLUMBA'S COFFEE ROTA - We need volunteers every Sunday after 11:00 Mass. To raise money for your good cause, please put your details on the sheet and let Margaret Curtis know on 01244 318424 or marg.curtis@outlook.com

24 May - volunteers please

31 May - volunteers please

7 June - St Columba's Feast Day, Barbecue

FRIENDSHIP THURSDAY HELP NEEDED -

Between 20 and 30 people enjoy the Friendship Group once a month and find it very supportive and welcoming. We are short of helpers at the moment because we need about 6 people to make coffees, set up the hall, welcome our members and sometimes, put out tables and chairs. We are very grateful to those who help but not everyone can commit to being free every month and so a rota of helpers for once every two months would be helpful so that we know we can go ahead. Sometimes, we may only need 2 or 3 people to put out tables and chairs from about 1,30 for half an hour. Can **you** help just one afternoon a month/ every 2 months? To find out more or offer to help, contact Lyn Coyle 07735574397 marilyn.coyle44@gmail.com

Our next session is June 4th when we have a very interesting speaker for part of the time. Thank you.

PARISH "WE'VE GOT TALENT" EVENT - Thank you to everyone for making this such a successful event last Friday - our MC, Peter Daly, all the performers, the social committee, and helpers and of course you, the parishioners for singing so well and supporting it. We do indeed have talent!!

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AT PENTECOST - Some of the prayers this Sunday will be read in different languages to celebrate the universality of the church.

NEEDLES & PINS - WED 27TH MAY

Everyone is invited to this friendly and welcoming needlecraft group in the Newman Room, between 2:00 - 4:00p.m. every fourth Wednesday of the month. Hope to see you.

ANNUAL PARISH COACH TRIP - NOTTINGHAM

The annual coach trip this year will be to Nottingham on Thursday 30th July. The cost is £18 per person. More details and a poster will be issued soon. There will be a list in each church to put your name down.

TOUR OF THE RELICS OF ST GERARD MAJELLA

In the last week of May, our diocese will be hosting the relics of St Gerard Majella on their tour of England and Wales, to mark St Gerard's 300th anniversary. The relics will be at St Werburgh's on Tuesday 26th May, with Mass at 12.15p.m. and 7p.m. The relics will be available for prayer between Masses. The church will be open an hour before Mass for personal prayer, and blessings with the relics will be available after Mass.

BADMINTON GROUP

The Parish Badminton Group meets on Thursdays from 7p.m. to 9p.m. in St Columba's Hall and is looking for new members. Mixed group, all ages, all abilities welcome.

RESOURCES - EASY EVANGELISATION - www.IsItTrue.net is a new website designed to encourage people to consider joining the Catholic faith. Please consider sharing it with family and friends.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

If you are high school age, or older, and wish to prepare to be Confirmed at the next Chester Parishes celebration of Confirmation, on 11th November '26, for young people - parents please register by emailing

stcolumbatheresaconfirmation@hotmail.co.uk. Please include your child's date of birth and school year. This year the preparation programme for parishioners from all Chester Catholic Parishes will be led by St. Columba and St. Theresa's Confirmation preparation team at St. Columba's church. Adults wishing to prepare to be Confirmed please speak to Fr William, or email Father at st.theresas@btinternet.com.

The **Confirmation preparation information meeting** for youth candidates and their parents will be on Monday 8th June, starting 7p.m., in St. Columba's church. If you are not sure about being Confirmed, you are welcome to come and find out more about the preparation.

BOOK SALES - ST WERBURGH'S

To celebrate 150 years of St, Werburgh's Church, Chester, being opened, the parishioners have produced a book describing the history of the church/parish over the last 150 years. Copies of the book will be on sale at the end of mass on the following dates. Price £7 per copy - cost price.

St. Columba - Sat and Sun 6 and 7 June.

St. Theresa - Sat and Sun 13 and 14 June.

We are sure that you will enjoy this book about the roots of Catholicism in Chester and recommend it to former parishioners. (St. Werburgh's History Group)

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 31st May to be compiled by
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Deadline: 9.00a.m. Wednesday 27th May

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

CATHOLIC FAMILY HOLIDAYS IN THE LAKE DISTRICT-

Castlerigg Manor in Keswick (heart of the Lake District) is offering budget-friendly holidays for Catholic families during May, August, and early September. Breakfast and evening meal are included and there will be Mass on site. Guests have full use of the site including the grounds, games room, chapel, and lounges, and Castlerigg is just a short walk from Keswick and Lake Derwentwater. Ideal for individuals, couples, families, or groups of friends. Head to www.castleriggmanor.com >> **stay with us** or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk / Tel: 017687 72711

YOUTH MINISTRY GAP YEAR OPPORTUNITY

Do you know anyone aged 18-25 who is looking for a new challenge? The Diocese of Lancaster has a Youth Ministry team based in Keswick in the Lake District. They run retreats at Castlerigg Manor and also work in Churches and schools around the area. The 'Youth Ministry Internship' scheme comes with high quality training, experience, and recognised qualifications and gives young people the chance to join a welcoming community and a vibrant team doing some amazing work.

Interested? Contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk or www.castleriggmanor.com >> **join the team**