



The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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The month of May is dedicated to The Blessed Virgin Mary

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY 31ST MAY 2026

Saturday 30 May

St Theresa's	5.00pm	Private Intention
St Columba's	6.30pm	Theresa Stanley

Sunday 31 May – THE MOST HOLY TRINITY. Solemn.

St Theresa's	9.30am	Parishioners' Intentions
St Columba's	11.00am	William Nash RIP
	2.00pm	Kerala Catholic Community Mass in Syro-Malabar Rite

Monday 1 June – St Justin. Mem.

St Theresa's		Priests' Intentions
St Columba's	10.30am	Mary Ryan

Tuesday 2 June

St Theresa's		Private Intention
St Columba's		Parishioners' Intentions

Wednesday 3 June – St Charles Lwanga & Companions. Mem.

St Theresa's		Special Intention
St Columba's	9.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	10.15am	Novena Prayers
	10.30am	David Traynor

Thursday 4 June – St Boniface, B, M. Mem.

St Theresa's		Patrick Joseph Casey RIP
St Columba's		Priests' Intentions

Friday 5 June

St Theresa's	10.00am	Veronica Johannessen
St Columba's		The Parish

Saturday 6 June

St Theresa's	5.00pm	Barney Sculley RIP
St Columba's	6.30pm	Peter Fogg

Sunday 7 June – THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST. Solemn.

St Theresa's	9.30am	First Holy Communion Thanksgiving
St Columba's	11.00am	Charles Traynor RIP Anniversary
	2.00pm	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 – Apologies, no live streaming this weekend.

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 – Alan Crayford

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: £395.15; Planned Giving: £298.84; Average weekly SO £718.15. (St Columba's) Dona Stations: £39; Candles: £74.85. Thank you for your kind generosity.

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

PRAYING TOGETHER FOR

- the residents of Plas Newton Lane, Wealstone Court, Surrey Road, Cairns Crescent, Hobart Way, Auckland Road and Wyndham Road.
- the Deanery Synod Representatives.
- all the joint services in our Churches, Schools and in the Cathedral.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK – "The technologies that have been created through human skill should be used at the service of truly human ends. Technology must not be used to embed unjust economic systems and abuses of power, but must always be at the service of human development". Pope Leo's first encyclical: *Magnifica humanitas*, on preserving the human person in the age of artificial intelligence.

200 CLUB

The bank have informed us that we can no longer use the current account and would need to set up a new one. This would incur a monthly fee and we would be charged for cheques written and money deposited. In

the light of this we have decided to end the 200 club. The last draw will be the 5th July. Funds remaining will be transferred to the parish account. Many thanks for all your support over the many years this has been running.

THE SPIRITANS

Thank you to all those who attended the Monday Mass with the Spiritan Fathers from the Liverpool region, also for the warm reception in the Newman Room. There were highly grateful to you. God bless. Fr William

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION THANKSGIVING MASS – ST COLUMBA'S

All the children who received their First Holy Communion here in May are coming together for a Parish Thanksgiving Mass next Sunday 7th June at 11.00am. They will sit in the central benches which will be reserved for them. Please continue to pray for the children at this special time.

FIFTH SUNDAY SERVICE TODAY - The next Churches Together Fifth Sunday Service will be held at Upton United Reformed Church at 4.30 p.m. **TODAY** 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

31 May – volunteers please

7 June – St Columba's Feast Day, Barbecue

14 June – volunteers please

Parish barbecue on Sunday 7th June

It's St Columba's Feast Day in early June, and we traditionally hold a barbecue to celebrate. Join us for a tasty burger, sausage or bacon butty for just £2.50, in St Columba's Hall, after Mass on Sunday 7th June. Pay by card or cash.

FRIENDSHIP THURSDAY

This coming Thursday, we are lucky to have another great speaker sharing ideas about health and wellbeing, especially finding a sense of achievement through physical activities and the friendship of others. This group is for anyone so invite friends or neighbours who would like an afternoon in company over coffee, tea and biscuits from 2-4 pm in the parish hall. We ask for £2 per head for expenses. **If anyone can spare half an hour from about 1.20PM to put out tables and chairs, it would be greatly appreciated.** We look forward to seeing you. Lyn Coyle

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. Payment details on the poster, so to book your place, put your name on the list in either church.

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.

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)

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**

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

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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

NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

Sunday 7th June to be compiled by

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Deadline: 9.00a.m. Wednesday 3rd June

Please include a contact number with your notice.

Also email a copy to Fr. William at st.theresas@btinternet.com

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