



The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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The month of June is dedicated to
The Sacred Heart of Jesus

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 14TH JUNE 2026

Saturday 13 June

St Theresa's	5.00pm	Paddy McHugh RIP
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St Columba's	6.30pm	Anne Rooney RIP
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Sunday 14 June – Eleventh Sunday in Ord. Time

St Theresa's	9.30am	Beryl Williams RIP
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St Columba's	11.00am	Carol Traynor
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	2.00pm	Kerala Catholic Community Mass in Syro-Malabar Rite
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Monday 15 June

St Theresa's		Parishioners' Intentions
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St Columba's	10.30am	Philip Frances
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Tuesday 16 June

St Theresa's		Janie Casey RIP
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St Columba's		Janice Kemp
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Wednesday 17 June

St Theresa's		Priests' Intentions
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St Columba's	9.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
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	10.15am	Novena Prayers
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	10.30am	Beryl Williams (Anniversary)
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Thursday 18 June

St Theresa's		Ray Simmons RIP
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St Columba's		Priests' Intentions
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Friday 19 June

St Theresa's	10.00am	Joseph Russell RIP
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St Columba's	2.00pm	Requiem Mass for Kate Paradyz
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Saturday 20 June

St Theresa's	5.00pm	The Turnbull Family RIP
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St Columba's	6.30pm	Parishioners' Intentions
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Sunday 21 June – 12th Sunday in Ord. Time. Day of Special Prayer for Life

St Theresa's	9.30am	Parishioners' Intentions
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St Columba's	11.00am	Brian Webster RIP
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	2.00pm	Kerala Catholic Community Mass in Syro-Malabar Rite
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Masses to be celebrated. It has also been noted that weekday morning Masses cannot be attended by most working people. Accordingly, from **Tuesday 23 June, an additional weekday Mass will be celebrated in St Columba's Iona Chapel at 6.30 pm.** This additional evening Mass has been introduced in the hope that more parishioners will be able to attend weekday Mass.

Ann McCarthy, Pauline Rourke, Co-chairs Pastoral Council

FR WILLIAM is available to meet with parishioners after 10.30 Mass on Mondays and Wednesdays or can be contacted at St Theresa's presbytery (details on top of Newsletter).

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

POPES PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE -FOR THE VALUES OF SPORTS. Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS – Mass will be streamed at St Theresa's on Sunday 14th June at 9.30am.

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 – Albert Hodkinson, Beryl Williams, Helen Mary Jones, Ernest Alphonsus, Eugene Fagan, Dorothy Gladys Jeffes.

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, and Dr Brian Webster who died recently, and their family and friends. Requiem Mass for Kate is on Friday 19th June at 2p.m. at St Columba's. Funeral of Dr Brian Webster will be held on Monday 6th July at 1pm at St Columba's.

TUESDAY EVENING MASS ST COLUMBA'S - A number of parishioners have asked for more daily

PARISH OFFERTORY

Loose Plate: £469.72; Planned Giving: £226.48; Average weekly SO £718.15. (St Columba's) Dona Stations: £68; Candles St Columba's: £30.91. Candles St Theresa's: £15.28 Thank you for your kind generosity.

DEACON LAWRENCE - After 24 years of devoted service to our parish, Deacon Lawrence is retiring from active ministry. To express the gratitude and affection of the whole parish community, a presentation will be made to him in St Columba's Hall following the 11.00 a.m. Mass on Sunday 19th July, and all parishioners are warmly invited to join us.

If you would like to contribute towards a farewell gift, please use one of the envelopes available in the church porches or the DONA machine, selecting the "**Gift**" option.

PRAYING TOGETHER FOR -

- The residents of Coniston Road, The Nook, Brook Lane, Fowler Road, Clifton Drive, Blacon Point Road and Dalton Close
- All who come seeking to understand more about the Christian Faith.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK – "Light tomorrow with today." — Elizabeth Barrett Browning

200 CLUB

The bank has 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.

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

14 June - volunteers please

21 June - volunteers please

28 June - Deacon Hordley's retirement

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting is on Tuesday June 16th. If you have any matters you wish to raise please put your request in writing to the parish secretary by Monday 15th June. Thank you.

Ann McCarthy, Pauline Rourke co-chairs.

SUGGESTION BOXES - Thank you to everyone who has used the suggestion boxes. A dozen suggestions were received, and all have been considered by Fr William and the co-chairs of the Pastoral Council. Although it has not been possible to respond to every suggestion, all have been carefully noted, and a number will now be acted upon. In particular, suggestions relating to additional daily Masses, Masses for special intentions (including for bereaved parents), and the introduction of a parish course are now being planned. One suggestion, simply headed '*Preparation for after Holy Communion*', was not entirely clear. If the person who submitted it would be willing to write again with a little more detail, we would be very grateful.

Please do continue to use the suggestion boxes. They provide an easy and valued way of sharing ideas that can help to strengthen and enrich our parish community.

Ann McCarthy and Pauline Rourke: Co-chairs, Pastoral Council

ANNUAL PARISH COACH TRIP - NOTTINGHAM

Our annual coach trip this year is to Nottingham on Thurs 30th July for just £18 per person. We depart St Columba's at 08:45 and St Theresa's at 09:00 and leave Nottingham at about 5:00pm. There's lots to see in this attractive city: subterranean caves, the national justice museum, a castle and a cathedral. There's Elizabethan architecture and the oldest pub in Britain! Don't miss out, put your name on the list in the front or either church. Pay Paul Wrigglesworth or Margaret Curtis 07876 061993.

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 - If you wish to prepare to be Confirmed next November and are already at high school, please email:

stcolumbatheresaconfirmation@hotmail.co.uk

as soon as possible to register.

YOUTH GROUP - The youth group will meet on Monday 22nd June, starting at 7pm in the Newman room and finishing at 8.30pm in St Columba's church hall. All young parishioners, school year 5 and above are very welcome to join our happy group.

CHESTER CITY OF SANCTUARY: Refugee Week 15th - 21st June. For more details of events visit this website <https://www.storyhouse.com/refugee-week/>

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 **Sat and Sun 13 and 14 June at St Theresa's**. Price: £7 per copy. 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)

MISA EN ESPAÑOL – MONTHLY MASS SATURDAY 20th June, 4.00pm, at St Clare's, Downsfield Rd, Chester CH4 8HH.

For our Spanish-speaking community and all who wish to join. Mass is celebrated on the **third Saturday of each month**. Tea, coffee and biscuits afterwards. For more information contact **Lina Greig: 07837 512544. ¡Todos son bienvenidos – familia y amigos!**

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 21st June to be compiled by
Eileen Irwin Phone: 01244 371660,
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Deadline: 9.00a.m. Wednesday 17th 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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