



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

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 21st JUNE 2026 Day of Special Prayer for Life

Saturday 20 June

St Theresa's	9.30am	Malankara Jacobite Syriac Community
	5.00pm	The Turnbull Family RIP
St Columba's	6.30pm	Parishioners' Intentions

Sunday 21 June – Twelfth Sunday in Ord. Time

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

Monday 22 June SS John Fisher, B & Thomas More

St Theresa's		Priests' Intentions
St Columba's	10.30am	Claire Graham RIP

Tuesday 23 June

St Theresa's		Private Intention
St Columba's	6.30pm	Parishioners' Intentions

Wednesday 24 June The Nativity of St John The Baptist

St Theresa's		Special Intention
St Columba's	9.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	10.15am	Novena Prayers
	10.30am	Private Intention (MC)

Thursday 25 June

St Theresa's		Angie's Intentions
St Columba's		Priests' Intentions

Friday 26 June

St Theresa's	10.00am	Joseph Russell RIP
St Columba's		The Parish

Saturday 27 June

St Theresa's	5.00pm	Ruth O'Donnell RIP
St Columba's	6.30pm	Marta Shultz

Sunday 28 June – SS Peter & Paul, Ap

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

TUESDAY EVENING MASS ST COLUMBA'S - 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

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 Columba's on Sunday 21st June at 11.00am.

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 – Francis (Frank) Joseph Brady, Margaret Christine Alcock, Mary Kilcoyne, Patricia Lally.

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, Dr Brian Webster who died recently, and his family and friends. The Funeral of Dr Brian Webster will be held on Monday 6th July at 1pm at St Columba's.

PARISH OFFERTORY

Loose Plate: £469.72; Planned Giving: £242.48; Average weekly SO £718.15. (St Columba's) Dona Stations: £88; Candles St Columba's: £31.90. Thank you for your kind generosity.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK- The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the greatest intention. Khalil Gibran

PRAYING TOGETHER FOR

- The residents of Somerset Road, The Crescent, Heathfield Close, Rawson Road, Nant Peris, Plas Dinas, Glyn Garth and Sealand Road.
- The Pastoral Groups and Caring and Sharing.
- The pastoral care of the community.

THANK YOU - Eileen and Deacon Lawrence would like to thank Fr William and the whole parish for the kind thoughts and good wishes sent with the Wedding Anniversary greeting card, presented after the Mass for Marriage and Family Life with Bishop Mark on Saturday. Much appreciated.'

ANNIVERSARY- Anne & David Savage thank our friends at St Columba's for the kind Anniversary Card. The actual date is in November so we will try not to lose it before then.

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.

FATHERS DAY- As we celebrate Father's Day, we give thanks to fathers, grandfathers, stepfathers, mentors, carers, and all who offer guidance, love, and support in our lives. May God bless and strengthen those who nurture and encourage others, and bring comfort to those for whom this day may be difficult.

200 CLUB -The final draw will take place next week. 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
21 June - Maisy Hardman, Zanzibar
28 June - Lena Greig, Parish
5 July - Prisca

NEEDLES & PINS - Wed 24th June Everyone is invited to this friendly and welcoming needlecraft group in the Newman Room, between 2:00-4:00pm every fourth Wednesday of the month. Hope to see you.

BLACON FESTIVAL- 4th JULY Blacon Festival is being held on the field next to St Theresa's church on Saturday 4th July. Hopefully parishioners will be able to park as normal for Mass.

CONFIRMATION - If you wish to prepare to be Confirmed next November and are already at high school, please email ASAP to register.

stcolumbatheresaconfirmation@hotmail.co.uk

HOLY REUNION MASS AT CHS The High School warmly invites you to a Thanksgiving Mass to celebrate the First Holy Communion of children from local parishes and Catholic primary schools who have recently received, or are about to receive, this special sacrament. The Mass will take place in the Lyceum (6th Form building) on **Wednesday 1st July at 6:00pm.**
Address: Old Wrexham Road, Handbridge, CH4 7HS. Children are invited to wear their Communion outfit or school uniform. To book your place, please email Ana at gasparinia@christofidelis.org.uk. Everyone is most welcome!

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.

FRIENDSHIP THURSDAY July 2nd

We realise how daunting it can be to enter a gathering where you know no-one. A friendly smile greets you at Friendship Thursday so give us a try. This time, we just have ourselves for conversation and chat over cake and strawberries! We take a break in August so look out for our next date in September. Looking forward to seeing you and a friend if you would like to bring someone. This group is open to all. 2pm-4pm in St Columba's Hall behind the church. We ask for £2 to cover expenses. For information contact Lyn 07735574397.

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. (Need further info phone Margaret on 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.

FR WILLIAM- Is available to meet with St. Columba's parishioners after 10.30 Mass on Mondays & Wednesdays or can be contacted at St Theresa's presbytery (details on top of Newsletter). Thursday is his day off.

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 28th June to be compiled by Paula Bownas Phone: 01244 379794,
Email: paulabownas@yahoo.co.uk
Deadline: 9.00a.m. Wednesday 24th June
Please include a contact number with your notice.

Also email a copy to Fr. William at
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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