



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

SS PETER & PAUL SUNDAY 28TH JUNE 2026

Saturday 27 June

St Theresa's	5.00pm	Ruth O'Donnell RIP
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St Columba's	6.30pm	Marta Shultz
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Sunday 28 June – SS Peter & Paul. Ap. Solemn.

St Theresa's	9.30am	Charles Woods RIP
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St Columba's	11.00am	Parishioners' Intentions
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	2.00pm	Kerala Catholic Community Mass in Syro-Malabar Rite
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Monday 29 June

St Theresa's		Parishioners' Intentions
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St Columba's	10.30am	Francis Family Intentions
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Tuesday 30 June

St Theresa's		Priests' Intentions
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St Columba's	6.30pm	Parishioners' Intentions
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Wednesday 1 July

St Theresa's		All who have made their First Holy Communion
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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	Private Intention
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Thursday 2 July

St Theresa's		Special Intention
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St Columba's		Priests' Intentions
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Friday 3 July – St Thomas, Ap. Feast

St Theresa's	10.00am	Sarah Russell RIP
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St Columba's	12 noon	The Parish
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Saturday 4 July

St Theresa's	9.30am	Malankara Jacobite Syriac Community
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	5.00pm	Frank Lally RIP
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St Columba's	6.30pm	Frank Jeffes
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Sunday 5 July – 14th Sunday in Ord. Time

St Theresa's	9.30am	Parishioners' Intentions
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St Columba's	11.00am	Parishioners' Intentions
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	2.00pm	Kerala Catholic Community Mass in Syro-Malabar Rite
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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 28th June at 11.00am.

CONFESSIONS - After each weekday Mass until 11.30a.m. On 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 – Margaret Alcock, Mary Kilcoyne, Patricia Lally, Rev Russell Cooke.

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: £709; Planned Giving: £375.10; Average weekly SO £718.15. (St Columba's) Dona Stations: £118; Candles St Columba's: £80.57. Thank you for your kind generosity.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK - "If you saw a heat wave, would you wave back?" — Steven Wright

PRAYING TOGETHER FOR

- The residents of Kingsmead, Linksway, The Oakes Drive, Penfold Hey, Muir Road, Elm

Muir, Beech Muir, Silver Muir, Ash Muir and Birch Muir.

- The Church secretaries and those who help with the administration.
- Good communication links in our Churches

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.

200 CLUB - The winners of the last 200 Club draw are: £100 C. Ingram, £30 J. Taylor and £25 J. Worrall. Many thanks for 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

28 June - Lena Greig, Parish

5 July - Prisca

12 July - volunteers please

ST WERBURGH'S AND ST COLUMBA'S SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR - FRIDAY 3rd JULY

The Primary School are pleased to invite the Parish to their Summer Fair on Friday 3rd July from 4pm to 6pm at the school on Lightfoot Street, Hoole. Entrance is £1 per adult, children are free. There will be a BBQ, bar, lots of games, tombola and a cake stall.

Also: if any bakers could bake a cake for the fair this would be much appreciated. Please bring to the school office before 3pm on the day and write a list of all ingredients for allergy reasons!

All money raised is used to fund school's projects. In 2025 this included the new Prayer Garden.

Please support our school.

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 - Wednesday 1st July at 6:00pm.

Address: The Lyceum (6th Form building), CHS, Old Wrexham Road, Handbridge, CH4 7HS. The High School 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. 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!

FRIENDSHIP THURSDAY 2nd July - This coming Thursday, we have our last Friendship Group before our August break. It can be daunting to enter a gathering where you know no-one, but a friendly smile greets you at Friendship Thursday so give us a try. It will just be us, chatting over cake and strawberries! Bring any books you would like to donate to the free book swap as we could use some different titles. 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.

BISHOP MARK - will be having a Mini Dash with the Youth at our hall on **Friday 3rd July**. All parishioners are welcome to join the Mass at St Columba's at 12 noon that day.

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 7pm to 9pm 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 5th July to be compiled by

Muriel Green, Phone: 07847 629672

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Deadline: 9.00a.m. Wednesday 1st July

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

ROYAL LIVERPOOL PHILHARMONIC

ORCHESTRA - will perform **Elgar, The Dream of Gerontius** on Saturday 4th July, 7.30 pm, at Liverpool Philharmonic Hall. Forget everything you thought you knew about religious music. This is an experience like no other: the story of a lonely soul's journey towards eternity, told in music

that'll break your heart. To book tickets and for more information:

<https://www.liverpoolphil.com/whats-on/classical-music/elgar-the-dream-of-gerontius/9562>

BSL interpretation provided at this performance – call 0151 7093789 or email ticketing@liverpoolphil.com to book suitable seats.

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