

The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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The month of November is dedicated to the Souls in Purgatory

ALL SAINTS
1st NOVEMBER 2026

Saturday 31 October		
St Theresa's	5.00pm	Katherine Gannon RIP
St Columba's	6.30pm	Noel McMahon RIP
Sunday 1 November – ALL SAINTS. Solemn.		
St Theresa's	9.30am	Nicholas Lancaster RIP
St Columba's	11.00am	Avondale Williams RIP
	2.00pm	Kerala Catholic Community Mass in Syro-Malabar Rite
Monday 2 November – Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. Feast		
St Theresa's		Rose Marshall RIP
St Columba's	10.30am	Mary Ryan
Tuesday 3 November – St Winefride, V. Feast		
St Theresa's		Priests' Intentions
St Columba's	6.30pm	Margaret Patino Pan (VJ)
Wednesday 4 November – St Charles Borromeo, B. Mem.		
St Theresa's		Private Intention (EM)
St Columba's	9.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	10.15am	Novena Prayers
	10.30am	Parishioners' Intentions
Thursday 5 November		
St Theresa's		Parishioners' Intentions
St Columba's		Priests' Intentions
Friday 6 November		
St Theresa's	10.00am	John & Evelynn Parnell RIP
St Columba's		The Parish
	5.30pm	Mass in Syro-Malabar Rite
Saturday 7 November		
St Theresa's	5.00pm	Maria & John Cassidy's Intentions
St Columba's	9.30am	Rememberance of All Departed Mass in Syro-Malabar Rite
	6.30pm	Parishioners' Intentions
Sunday 8 November – 32nd Sunday in Ord. Time. Day of Special Prayer for all Victims of War		
St Theresa's	9.30am	Graham George
St Columba's	11.00am	Pat Wilkinson's Memorial Mass
	1.00pm	Our Lady of the Rosary and St Sebastian Feast Mass in Syro-Malabar Rite

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS – Mass will be streamed at St Columba's on Sunday 1st November at 11.00a.m.

ALL SOULS' DAY – MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER
Mass will be celebrated at St Columba's at 10.30am. If you would like any deceased to be remembered during the month of November, please put their names and your donation in an envelope marked Holy Souls and place it in the basket in front of the altar next weekend.

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.

CHANGES TO BAPTISM ARRANGEMENTS - Baptisms will be carried out in groups on a Sunday designated by Fr William. Individual Baptisms are no longer offered. The next Baptism Sunday will be on 29th November at 12.30 pm, preceded by a meeting with parents on 24th November at 4.30 pm in the Newman Room. Baptism forms will be available in the front and back porches. Please submit the form to the Parish Office by 19th November. The following Baptism Sunday will be on 27th December at 12.30 pm. Parents' Meeting: 21st December. Deadline for submission of the forms: 16th December.

ANNIVERSARIES – Nicholas Philip Lancaster, Rose Marshall, Anthony William Davenport, Richard Heselwood, Dennis Alfred Edward Barlow, Thomas Patrick Carden.

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.

PARISH OFFERTORY - Loose Plate: £635.86; Planned Giving: £323.02; Average weekly SO £734.72. St Columba's Dona Stations: £43; Candles £41.70. Mission Appeal £336.63. Thank you for your generosity.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER - For the proper use of wealth. Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK - "Keep in mind that our community is not composed of those who are already saints, but of those who are trying to become saints. Therefore let us be extremely patient with each other's faults and failures." — Mother Teresa

PRAYING TOGETHER FOR -

- The residents of Bache Drive, Dulas Court, Birch Rise, Long Lane, Mallard Court, Cleves Close, Roman Drive, Cavalier Drive & Hadrian Drive.
- The ACF, Friendship Group, MOT Group and Catholic Women's League.
- All catering staff and those who make refreshments after the services.

CONFIRMATION PRAYER REQUEST - Please pray for our young parishioners who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on 11th November.

GREETINGS AND RENEWED THANKS - From Lawrence and Eileen, currently celebrating our sixty years of marriage in Llandudno, helped by your generous gift on Lawrence's retirement from active ministry as parish deacon. With our love and prayers.

PAT WILKINSON'S MEMORIAL SERVICE - Will take place on Sunday 8th November at St Columba's, 11a.m. Family, friends and parishioners are warmly invited.

MORE TOMBOLA PRIZES NEEDED PLEASE!
We are now collecting donations for the Tombola at the Autumn Fair on 15th November. Please leave your kind donations of bottles and other prizes inside the entrance to St Columba's and St Theresa's.

ST COLUMBA'S COFFEE ROTA
Every Sunday after 11:00 Mass. To volunteer, put your details on the sheet and let Margaret Curtis know on 01244 318424 or marg.curtis@outlook.com
1 Nov - Sue Carr, Parish
8 Nov - Remembrance Sunday, Sue McCarthy
15 Nov - Autumn Fair

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING - The next Pastoral Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th November at St Columba's at 7.00 p.m. If you have any issues that you would like discussed, please send them in writing by Friday 6th November.

LATIN NIGHT
Latin Night in aid of Hopeful Ugandan Hearts!! Saturday 14th November from 7p.m. to 11p.m. at St Columba's Church Hall. £20 Adult tickets include welcome drink and Latin Food buffet. Cash/card bar. **Booking essential** contact Lina Greig 07837512544. All proceeds will support 60 children to go to school, buy food and, especially, get their Christmas presents. Come, dance and enjoy an evening of Latin dancing and food to make a difference to the children in Uganda.

NEW TO THE PARISH?
Welcome. We hope you will enjoy being part of our parish. Please fill in a New Parishioner form (copies in the back and front porches and available on the website). Please give this into the office at either church and arrangements will be made for someone to contact you for a friendly call to say Hello and welcome you personally.

THE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, CHESTER, SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING - Thursday 12 November. 6.00pm–8.00pm - *Arrivals from 5.45pm.*
Year 11 students and their families are warmly invited to our Sixth Form Open Evening. Join us to discover the courses we offer, meet subject teachers, explore Emmaus, our purpose-built Sixth Form building, and learn more about the application process and key dates. We look forward to welcoming you!

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE - Blacon War Memorial, Sunday 8th November, starting at 10.55am, led by Holy Trinity Church, Blacon; all St Columba's and St Theresa's parishioners are warmly encouraged to attend if they are able.

TWO VACANCIES –
A vacancy has arisen for a **Cleaner at the parish of St Werburgh's**, Chester. 10 hours per week. Rate of pay: £13.45 per hour. Further details via the Diocesan Website:
www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/careers/parish-cleaner-stwerburgh
Send CV and covering letter to Pauline McCulloch: recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org
Closing date: 13 November 2026.

A vacancy has arisen within the Diocese for **a Fundraising and Planned Giving Manager**. Full time. Rate of pay: competitive, commensurate with experience. Further details via the Diocesan Website:
https://dioceseofshrewsb27ury.org/careers/fundraising-and-planned-giving-manager-2
Please contact Pauline McCulloch for an application form: recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org
Closing date: 27 November 2026.

CHS CHRISTMAS FAIR AND GROTTO
The High School will once again be hosting its popular Christmas Fair and Grotto on Monday 14 December, from 3.30pm to 6.00pm, in support of the Christo Fidelis Fund. Entry is just £1 per person. If you would like to run a stall at the fair, tables are available to hire for £10. To reserve a table, please contact Sally Faulkner at faulkners@christofidelis.org.uk. We are also gratefully accepting donations for our raffle, including unwanted gifts, bottles, chocolates, and other suitable prizes. Donations can be dropped off at the school reception. We are extremely grateful for your continued support and look forward to welcoming you to this festive community event.

WEBSITE UPDATE
Sadly, we celebrated too soon. Yet another glitch has arisen which is not at all our fault. All should be well soon when WordPress has performed another action, long overdue. Apologies again.

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 9.00a.m. to 2.00p.m.
Open 10.00a.m. – 1.00p.m. visit/contact
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 8th November to be complied by **Magdalena Bukowska**, phone: 01244 624019 email: Stcolumbaschurch2016@outlook.com
Deadline: Wednesday 4th November 9.00 A.M.
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

ST.COLUMBA'S PARISH OFFICE HOURS
From Monday 19 October, the Parish Office will be open **10.00a.m – 1.00p.m, Monday to Friday**.
The Parish Secretary will continue to work from **9.00a.m. – 2.00p.m**. We would be grateful if those wishing to visit or contact the Parish Office could, wherever possible, do so during the office opening hours. This will allow dedicated time within the working day for administration and other parish work. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Pauline Rourke

CHRISTIAN HERITAGE CENTRE, STONYHURST
The Centre is offering three different opportunities for people to deepen their faith and prepare for an important new chapter.

RETREAT: BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD
20th–23rd November 2026 – Residential retreat exploring mindfulness, psychology and the Christian spiritual life. Find out more and book:
https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/be-still-and-know-that-i-am-god/

MARRIAGE PREPARATION WEEKEND
8th–10th January 2027 - Residential Marriage Preparation Weekend offering time and space to explore the beauty of the Church's teaching of the Sacrament of Matrimony.
https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/marriage-preparation/

MEN'S RETREAT: SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF ST IGNATIUS
26th February - 3rd March 2027 OR 5th - 10th March 2027 - A five-day silent retreat for men (laity and clergy), led by Benedictine monks from St Joseph's Abbey, Flavigny.
https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/mens-retreat-spiritual-exercises-of-st-ignatius/

GOING AWAY? Need someone to care for your home or pets while you're away? If you're planning a holiday, mission trip, family visit, or other time away from home, Christian House Sitters can help provide peace of mind.
Christian House Sitters connects Christian homeowners with trusted Christian house sitters who can care for homes, pets, gardens, and livestock while owners are away.

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