

# The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa




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The month of November is dedicated to the Souls in Purgatory

**33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
**15th NOVEMBER 2026**

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| **Saturday 14 November** | | |
| St Theresa's | 5.00pm | Maureen Templeton's Intentions |
| St Columba's | 6.30pm | Holy Souls |
| **Sunday 15 November – 33rd Sunday in Ord. Time. Day of Special Prayer for the Poor** | | |
| St Theresa's | 9.30am | Kathleen Maguire RIP |
| St Columba's | 11.00am | Special Intention |
| | 2.00pm | Kerala Catholic Community Mass in Syro-Malabar Rite |
| **Monday 16 November** | | |
| St Theresa's | | George Becker RIP |
| St Columba's | 10.30am | Evan Rothwell RIP and the Family |
| **Tuesday 17 November** | | |
| St Theresa's | | Holy Souls |
| St Columba's | 6.30pm | Holy Souls |
| **Wednesday 18 November – The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter & Paul** | | |
| St Theresa's | | Holy Souls |
| St Columba's | 9.30am | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament |
| | 10.15am | Novena Prayers |
| | 10.30am | Holy Souls |
| **Thursday 19 November – St Josaphat, B, M. Mem.** | | |
| St Theresa's | | Holy Souls |
| St Columba's | | Priests' Intentions |
| **Friday 20 November** | | |
| St Theresa's | 10.00am | Christina North RIP |
| St Columba's | | The Parish |
| **Saturday 21 November -Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary** | | |
| St Theresa's | 9.30am | Malankara jacobite Syriac Community |
| | 5.00pm | Nell Tobin RIP |
| St Columba's | 6.30pm | Holy Souls |
| **Sunday 22 November – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. World Day of Prayer for Young people** | | |
| St Theresa's | 9.30am | Czeslawa Boryslawska RIP |
| St Columba's | 11.00am | Elizabeth Allingham |
| | 2.00pm | Kerala Catholic Community Mass in Syro-Malabar Rite |

**LIVE STREAMING OF MASS –** Mass will be streamed at St Columba's on Sunday 15th November at 11.00a.m.

**NOVEMBER DEAD LIST -** 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 –** Annina (Ann) Florio, Berta Barton, George Richard Becker, Eric Walsh, Victor Alfred Piggott, James Alexander Fletcher, Catherine Mary Carter, Annie Keegan, and Stephen Michael Phillips.

**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: £448.91; Planned Giving: £307.26; Average weekly SO £734.72. St Columba's Dona Stations: £176; Candles £47.09. Thank you for your generosity.

**RETIRING COLLECTION** – This weekend (14/15 November) there will be a retiring collection for Clergy Education Training Fund.

**RECENTLY DECEASED** Please remember in your prayers Sr Catherine and Sandra Margaret Robb. Sandra's funeral is at St Theresa's on Tuesday 24th November at 1.20pm.

**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**- "It is with the smallest brushes that the artist paints the most exquisitely beautiful pictures." St. André Bessette

**PRAYING TOGETHER FOR –**

- The residents of Queen's Crescent, Weston Grove, Lakeside Close, Dukesway, Milton Road, Mostyn Place, Crabwell Place, Byron Close & Thomas Close.
- The Senior Citizens Club, Friendship Groups, Food & Fun and St Vincent de Paul Society.
- All those who are retired.

**SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY**- Safeguarding is the protection of those in our care. LOVE PROTECTS
Safeguarding = Protection = Love
Therefore, Safeguarding is love in action.

This Sunday let us embrace protection not as a duty but as one of the most beautiful expressions of our faith. Because when we truly understand that love protects, safeguarding stops being something we have to do and becomes something we cannot help but do.

**CONFIRMATION MASS –** This took place on Wednesday 11th November. Many, many congratulations to our young parishioners who received the sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday night. We welcome you and your families to the 11am Mass this Sunday to receive your Certificates. Well done to everyone.

**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
15 Nov - Autumn Fair
22 Nov - Amy O'Donnell, Youth Group
THANK YOU to all who supported the Third World Coffee Morning. Your support raised £110-- which is going to the O.A.K.S. school in Sierra Leone.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING -** The next meeting is on Tuesday November 17th. May we also remind you that Suggestion Boxes are available at the front of church – and that it is helpful if you include contact details when you use them. Thank you. Ann McCarthy, Pauline Rourke co-chairs.

**RED MISSION BOX COLLECTION MONTH -** Please leave your boxes in St C's sacristy during November. When emptied, Margaret Curtis will return it to you.

**ADVENT RETREAT -** The Catholic movement Communion and Liberation (CL) will hold its Advent Retreat at St Columba's Parish under the title: **"And You, Who Do You Say That I Am?"** The retreat will take place on Saturday **28th November**. It will begin with a shared cold lunch at 1:00 pm in the Newman Room, followed by a catechesis, silent reflection, an assembly, and Holy Mass in the Iona Chapel. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available during the period of silence. The retreat will be led by Fr Mario Toma of the Fraternity of St Charles Borromeo.
All parishioners aged 18 and over are warmly welcome to attend. If you would like to take part or require further information, please contact us by email at clnorthwest.soc@gmail.com or by phone: Luca (07853 027638).

**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.

**YOUTH GROUP –** The next youth group will be this Monday, tomorrow, **16th November**, starting at 7pm in the Newman Room, finishing at 8.30pm in the Church hall. All young parishioners, school year 5 and older are warmly welcome to join our happy group.

**YOUTH SUNDAY 22nd NOVEMBER -** Volunteers are needed from our young parishioners to welcome, read readings, read prayers of the faithful, take round the collection baskets and be in the offertory procession. Please see Ann McCarthy if you wish to help at St. Theresa's and Denise Lusk if you wish to help at St.Columba's, or email the church office before Wednesday.

**ST THERESA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL** is carrying out a consultation on the proposed admission arrangements for admission in September 2028-29. The proposed admission arrangements are published on school website and can be viewed at www.st-theresas.cheshire.sch.uk or by contacting Sharon Williams bursar@st-theresas.cheshire.sch.uk Any comments on the proposed admission arrangements should be sent to Lisa Holland, at head@st-theresas.cheshire.sch.uk. The consultation opens on 06/11/2026 2026 and closes on 18th December 2026.

**CHESTER FAIR TRADING will be at Friendship Thursday this week, 19th November 2pm-4pm.** Coffee and chat from 2 pm but if you just want to see the goods for sale, come at about 3pm. **Anyone is welcome.** You may find some Christmas ideas there so bring your purse! Card payment is also available. For more information contact Lyn on 07735574397. **Next meeting Dec 17th** with the chance to make a Christmas table decoration**.**

**CAFOD Family Fast Day:** The total amount donated in the envelopes was £500. Many, many thanks for your continued generosity.

**ADVENT SUNDAY SERVICE** - The next Churches Together Fifth Sunday Service will be held at Holy Ascension Church at 4.30 p.m. on Advent Sunday, 29th November. You are invited to join our friends from the other Upton churches in this service of preparation for Advent and Christmas.

**SINFONIA'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT** - Church members are cordially invited to our Christmas event on Friday **4th December** at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall. Highlights include Bizet's Carmen Suite as well as more traditional music. The event is free with donations in aid of the Kids Bank Charity.

**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.

**CHESTER MUSIC SOCIETY** - with full orchestra, are performing Walton's Belshazzar's Feast in Chester Cathedral on **Saturday 21st November**. Details from: https://chestermusicsociety.org.uk/choir-concerts/ Tickets from the Cathedral box office.

**CHRISTIAN HERITAGE CENTRE, STONYHURST.** The Centre is offering a number of 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;
- Marriage preparation weekend 8th–10th January 2027;
- Praying with St Elizabeth of the Trinity 15th–17th January 2027 &
- Men's retreat: spiritual exercises of St Ignatius 26th February - 3rd March 2027 or 5th - 10th March 2027.

Details can be found at https://christianheritagecentre.com/events

**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. for 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 22nd November to be complied by

Alison Wrigglesworth, phone: 07759 042262 email: a.wrigglesworth@outlook.com

Deadline: Wednesday **18th 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**

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