

The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa

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The month of November is dedicated to the Souls in Purgatory

34TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
22nd NOVEMBER 2026
CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING

Saturday 21st November		
St Theresa's	5.00pm	Nell Tobin RIP
St Columba's	6.30pm	Holy Souls
Sunday 22ND November		
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
Monday 23rd November -		
St Theresa's		Parishioners' Intentions
St Columba's	10.30am	John McCabe
Tuesday 24th November – Ss Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions – Memorial		
St Theresa's		Holy Souls
	1.20pm	**Funeral Service for Sandra Margaret Robb**
St Columba's	6.30pm	A Devaraj
Wednesday 25th November		
St Theresa's		Holy Souls
St Columba's	9.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	10.15am	Novena Prayers
	10.30am	Sue Carr (80th) Birthday (MB)
Thursday 26th November		
St Theresa's		Holy Souls
St Columba's		Holy Souls
Friday 27th November		
St Theresa's	10.00am	Maureen Templeton's Ints
St Columba's		Holy Souls
Saturday 28th November		
St Theresa's	9.30am	Malankara Jacobite Syriac Community
	5.00pm	Joe Blundell
St Columba's	6.30pm	Frank & Gertrude Buddery (AE)
Sunday 29th November – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT		
St Theresa's	9.30am	Maria Sihubwa RIP
St Columba's	11.00am	Mike & Mary Kiernan (SC)
	2.00pm	Kerala Catholic Community Mass in Syro-Malabar Rite

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS – Mass will be streamed at St Columba's on Sunday 22nd 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 are 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 – Annie Keegan, Stephen Michael Phillips, James Alexander Fletcher, Catherine Mary Carter, Thomas Gilfoyle, Stephen Michael Phillips, Catherine Winifred Bond, Ann White, Hilary Watmough, Jefferey Samuel Parry and Paolo Florio.

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: £495.57; Planned Giving: £234.50; Average weekly SO £734.72. St Columba's Dona Stations: £tbc; Candles £43.10.
Priests' Education & Training Fund: £70.00
Thank you for your generosity.

SPIRITAN APPEAL- 29th November
There will be a retiring collection over the weekend of 28/29 November for the Spiritans. This is an opportunity to show our appreciation for the work they do.

RECENTLY DECEASED Please remember in your prayers Sr Catherine, Sandra Margaret Robb & Ena Patricia Bolton. Sandra's funeral is at St Theresa's on Tuesday 24th November at 1.20pm. Sr Catherine's funeral is at St Francis Church on Tuesday 24th November 12 noon. Ena's funeral is at St Theresa's on Thursday 3rd December at 12 noon.

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- "Life is a gift, and it offers us the privilege, opportunity and responsibility to give something back by becoming more". – Tony Robbins

PRAYING TOGETHER FOR –

- The residents of Cotebrook Drive, Oulton Avenue, Rushton Drive, Barnes, Morgan Close, Griffin Close & Blake Close.
- For our churches open on Saturdays and the fellowship enjoyed there.
- All those who are retired.
- For all who use and maintain the web sites.

FIRST SACRAMENTS (ST COLUMBA'S) - This Sunday, 22nd November, we are celebrating Youth Sunday and 13 children from the parish who are preparing to receive First Sacraments this school year will be enrolled in their preparation programme during the 11.00am Mass. Please pray for the children and their families at this important time in their faith journey.

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
22 Nov - Amy O'Donnell, Youth Group
29 Nov - volunteers please
06 Nov - Hopeful Ugandan Hearts, Lina Greig

THANK YOU to all who supported the Autumn Fair, with bottle and prize donation and attendance. Also, a big thank-you to the helpers.

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.

NEEDLES & PINS - Wed 25th November
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.

OUR MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING DONATION
Thank you so much for all your cake baking and cake buying in September, you raised £353.50. The "Thank you" poster from MacMillan is in the front porch at St C.

'NEW' DIOCESAN e-NEWSLETTER Keep up to date with news, events, inspiring stories and opportunities to grow in faith across the Diocese of Shrewsbury. Sign up to receive the newsletter directly to your inbox and stay connected with all that is happening across our diocesan family. Subscribe at: http://eepurl.com/SZQOAtiYCi

ADVENT RETREAT – The Catholic movement Communion and Liberation (CL) invites you to an Advent Retreat entitled "And You, Who Do You Say That I Am?" on Saturday **28th November** at St Columba's. Beginning with a shared cold lunch at 1.00 pm in the Newman Room, the afternoon will include catechesis, silent reflection, an assembly and Holy Mass in the Iona Chapel. Confessions will be available. The retreat will be led by Fr Mario Toma of the Fraternity of St Charles Borromeo.

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.

DIOCESAN YEAR BOOKS & ORDOS - If you wish to purchase either of these books please put your name on the list in our church porches.

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 St. Columba's Parish Hall. 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. Entry is just £1 per person. If you would like to run a stall, tables are available to hire for £10 please contact Sally Faulkner at faulkners@christofidelis.org.uk. Donations gratefully received and can be dropped off at the school reception.

LEAVING A LEGACY TO THE PARISH We have recently been asked how to leave a legacy to the parish - a wonderful way of saying thank you for all that the church has meant to us during our lifetime. After making provision for those closest to them, many people choose to remember charities they support, but may overlook their church. Even a small gift can make a real difference, helping to ensure that the parish continues to serve future generations.

It is straightforward to leave a legacy. You do not need to make any arrangements with the parish but simply ask your solicitor to include a gift to the parish when making your Will, or to advise you on adding one to an existing Will.

Suggested wording is: "I give to the parish of St Columba's and St Theresa's, 128 Blacon Avenue, Chester, CH1 5BU the sum of (insert sum) free of all taxes for the general charitable purposes of the Church and I ask that the priest say Mass for me."

Your solicitor can advise on the appropriate wording or you can contact the Diocesan Solicitor, Georgina Ford, at georgina.ford@dioceseofshrewsbury.org for further information, without any obligation or commitment.

If you have already included the parish in your Will, thank you. If not, perhaps consider doing so when making or reviewing your Will.

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 29th November to be complied by **Muriel Green**, phone: 07847 629672
email: muriel.green1@btinternet.com
Deadline: Wednesday 25th 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 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.