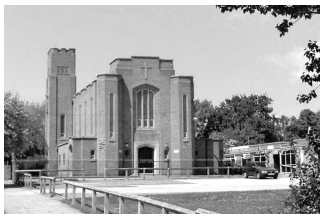


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The month of November is dedicated to the Souls in Purgatory

32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8th NOVEMBER 2026

Saturday 7 November		
St Theresa's	5.00pm	Maria & John Cassidy's Intentions
St Columba's	6.30pm	Holy Souls
Sunday 8 November – 32nd Sunday in Ord. Time. Day of Special Prayer for All Victims of War		
St Theresa's	9.30am	Graham George RIP
St Columba's	11.00am	Pat Wilkinson's Memorial Mass
	2.00pm	Kerala Catholic Community Mass in Syro-Malabar Rite
Monday 9 November – The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica of the Most Holy Redeemer. Feast		
St Theresa's		Holy Souls
St Columba's	10.30am	Holy Souls
Tuesday 10 November – St Leo the Great, Pp, D. Mem.		
St Theresa's		Holy Souls
St Columba's	6.30pm	Holy Souls
Wednesday 11 November – St Martin Of Tours, B. Mem.		
St Theresa's		For all those being Confirmed
St Columba's	9.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	10.15am	Novena Prayers
	10.30am	Holy Souls
Thursday 12 November – St Josaphat, B, M. Mem.		
St Theresa's		Thanksgiving
St Columba's		Holy Souls
Friday 13 November		
St Theresa's	10.00am	Private Intention
St Columba's		Holy Souls
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. World Day of Prayer for the Poor		
St Theresa's	9.30am	Kathleen Maguire RIP
St Columba's	11.00am	Special Intention (AT)
	2.00pm	Kerala Catholic Community Mass in Syro-Malabar Rite

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS – Mass will be streamed at St Columba's on Sunday 8th 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 – Steven Andrew Roberts, Kathleen Margaret Maguire, Kenneth Klepalo, Annina (Ann) Florio, Berta Barton, George Richard Becker, David Vaughan.

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: £402.64; Planned Giving: £228.28; Average weekly SO £734.72. St Columba's Dona Stations: £80; Candles £27.23. Thank you for your generosity.

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

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 - Everything and everyone is won by the sweetness of our words and works. St John Bosco

PRAYING TOGETHER FOR -

- The residents of Longfield Avenue, Iver Road, Iver Close, Owen Close, Shelley Road, Chaucer Close, Browning Close & Alderley Place.
- The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children.
- All who are not able to attend church.

CONFIRMATION MASS - Wednesday 11th November, 7pm start. Please pray for our young people who are being Confirmed on Wednesday and for their families and sponsors. Parishioners are welcome, and encouraged, to come and support our young people as they recieve the Sacrament of Confirmation.

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
8 Nov - Remembrance Sunday, Sue McCarthy
15 Nov - Autumn Fair
22 Nov - Amy O'Donnell, Youth Group

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING - The next meeting is on Tuesday November 17th. If you have any matters you wish to raise please put your request in writing to the parish secretaries by Monday 9 November. 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. Anne McCarthy, Pauline Rourke co-chairs.

THE PARISH AUTUMN FAIR IS COMING! 15TH NOVEMBER - A fabulous family occasion, come along for lunch; soup-and-a-sandwich or a meaty hotdog, browse the popular Christmas stalls, try to win in the Tombola. If you would like a display table on 15th Nov for just £5, please contact Margaret Curtis 07876 061993

THE FISH-&-CHIP BABY PROJECT, A UNIQUE RAFFLE
A beautiful heritage crocheted double-sized blanket is being raffled to fund the shipping costs of your knitted baby clothes. See a photo in posters in churches and hall. Tickets available, for £1, at the Parish Autumn Fair and Christmas Party.

RED MISSION BOX COLLECTION MONTH - Please leave you 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).

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.

FRIENDSHIP THURSDAY - November 19th from 2-4 pm in the Hall. Our guest is Helen Connor to tell us about Fair Trade and to bring items to buy. You may find some Christmas ideas there so bring your purse! Of course, we have the usual coffee and chat. For more information contact Lyn on 07735574397

CTU QUIZNIGHT - Thank you to anyone who came and made this a very successful and enjoyable evening. We raised £231.50 for the Hospice + £48 on Hospice Cards. Thank you to those who helped by setting up the Hall, making teas and coffees and generally showing St Columba's hospitality!

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!

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.

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 15th November to be complied by **Eileen Irwin**, phone: 01244 371660
email: st.theresas@btinternet.com
Deadline: Wednesday 11th 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

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.

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