



The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 29th AUGUST 2021

Saturday 28th August

St. Theresa's 5.00 p.m. Parishioners' Intemntions
St. Columba's 6.30 p.m. The Parish

Sunday 29th August

St. Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Stephen Taylor RIP
St. Columba's 11.00 a.m. John O'Regan & Sr Maura

Monday 30th August – SsMargaret Clitherow, Margaret ward V and Anne Line Mm

St. Theresa's Eileen Cronin RIP
St. Columba's Michael Holland RIP

Tuesday 31st August –

St. Theresa's Priest's Intention
St. Columba's Priests' Intentions

Wednesday 1st September – World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

St. Theresa's Private Intention
St. Columba's 10.30 a.m. Private Intention

Thursday 2nd September

St. Theresa's Priests' Intention
St. Columba's Parishioners' Intentions

Friday 3rd September – St Gregory the Great

St. Theresa's 10.00 a.m. Thanksgiving (AD)
St. Columba's Joseph Francis

Saturday 4th September

St. Theresa's 5.00 p.m. Alice Eccles RIP
St. Columba's 6.30 p.m. Michael Barclay RIP

Sunday 5th September

St. Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Jeremy (Jem) Hammond
St. Columba's 11.00 a.m. The Parish

CONFESSIONS:

St. Columba's: after the 10.30 a.m. Mass on Wednesdays until 12 noon or by appointment by calling the parish office.

St. Theresa's: after the 10.00 a.m. Mass on Fridays until 12 noon or by appointment by calling the parish office.

STREAMING OF MASS:

The livestream this Sunday will be the 9.30 a.m. Mass from St Theresa's:

www.facebook.com/thecatholicparishofstcolumbaandsttheresas

WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS AND FUNERALS:

Please contact one of the Parish Offices to make your arrangements.

PARISH EMAIL ADDRESSES:

Please note these new email addresses for making contact with our priests and for admin enquiries. Current email addresses will still be usable for the moment, but will gradually be phased out. Watch out for further information on this, and also reference to the new parish website coming online shortly.

General enquiries: admin@sscolumbaandtheresa.co.uk
Fr William: pp@sscolumbaandtheresa.co.uk
Fr James: app@sscolumbaandtheresa.co.uk

ANNIVERSARIES:

Stephen James Taylor, Peter Lane, Jessie Teresa Andrews, Jane Redmond.

BAPTISM:

Today we welcome into God's family, Billy Noah Sansom, who will be baptised at St Columba's. May God bless him and his family. Enjoy your celebrations.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations to Ellen Stephanie McDonagh & Martin Dylan Sweeney and to Charlene Nora O'Brien and Stephen Ashley Evans who were married at St Theresa's recently. May God bless their lives together.

OFFERTORY:

St. Columba's: Loose Plate £216.63; Planned Giving £122.00; Average weekly SOs £677.00.

St Theresa's: Average weekly SOs £149.00.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

UPTON & BLACON CHURCHES TOGETHER:

This week we pray for:

- Pray for the residents of Meynell Place, Marlowe Close, Palgrave Close, Tennyson Walk, of Lumley Road, Demage Lane and Willow Close.
- For our senior schools: Upton High School, The Catholic High School and Bishops High School. For all teachers especially those working in RE departments. For all young people attending these schools, especially those from our congregations.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN UPTON:

All are welcome at the next service to be arranged by Churches Together in Upton, today, **Sunday 29th August**, 4.30pm at Holy Ascension, Church Lane.

EMERGING FROM THE LOCKDOWN:

While we were glad to receive the news of the easing of lockdown restrictions we remain aware that in our community, some of our parishioners, especially in the vulnerable category, need extra care. We are also aware that Covid -19 cases are still significant. Hence:

- For Parishioners who will need extra care when they come to pray with us, they should attend Saturday evening Masses: 5.00pm in St Theresa's and 6.30pm in St. Columba's). In these Masses, the previous measures will continue: social distancing as well as following the Covid-19 Capacity of our buildings. For these Masses, we advise people to book using the existing booking system: <https://forms.gle/9EKaWsLQk11eWo3f8>
- For Sunday 9.30am Mass - St. Theresa's and 11.00 Mass - St. Columba's, the measures as announced by the Government will apply, following the general guidelines below:

General guidelines to observe:

1. We continue to have **sanitiser** at the entrances and exits to our churches.
2. Stewarding will no longer be required; however, they will serve as welcomers.
3. Congregational singing is permitted from 19th July; however, in our parish, this will be phased in gradually. We will continue to use Cantors/Choir as we were doing. Congregational singing will not be allowed at this moment.
4. Sign in will be done through the NHS QR code at the entrances of our Churches. NHS Test, Track and Trace is still in operation in our church buildings.
5. For the time being, our **Holy Water Stoups** will not be refilled. However, Holy water is available to all parishioners who need it.
6. Servers, Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion can be fully deployed as needed.
7. The Offertory Collection will resumed with baskets and pouches; however, online giving is encouraged.
8. The Sign of Peace remains suspended in the Liturgy of the Mass to reduce physical contact between members of the congregation.
9. Holy Communion will continue under one kind with no administration of the Chalice.
10. Ministers are asked to sanitise their hands and wear face coverings as before.
11. Holy Communion is still recommended on the hand though all who wish may receive on the tongue, but should be the last to receive communion.
12. For the celebration of Baptism there are no restrictions on numbers though multiple Baptisms should be avoided.
13. For the celebration of Marriages there is no restriction on numbers.
14. For Funerals there is no restriction on numbers.
15. Parish Social activities e.g. tea & coffee after Mass will be phased in gradually after completing a risk assessment.
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CONFIRMATION INFORMATION MEETING:

Confirmation teenage candidates and their parents are invited to the Confirmation program information meeting on Tuesday 14th September, 7pm start, in St. Columba's church. All are welcome to attend, but to ensure sufficient resources are available, please email your interest in being Confirmed to stcolumbatheresaconfirmation@hotmail.co.uk by early September. For further information please email, or phone Denise Lusk (01244 379742).

FOUND:

A purse with rosary beads in has been left in St Columba's church. Please contact the Office on 01244 624019

HELP NEEDED:

The parish garden project is underway, so many thanks to those who have already been working on the garden but more helpers are needed, even just one hour would be a big help. Please meet at St Theresa's presbytery on Thursday 2nd September at about 10am. or ring the office if you can make another time. Thank you.

Strimmer St Columba's are looking to try and tame the grass outside Church and require the loan of a strimmer. If you have one and would be happy to loan it to the church, please let the secretaries know. Thank you.

Thought for the week: It was only a sunny smile, and little it cost in the giving, but like morning light it scattered the night and made the day worth living. F. Scott Fitzgerald

We're all in this together: You will have seen the recent harrowing scenes in Afghanistan and all the turmoil that is happening amongst its community with all the current uncertainty, with many people being uprooted, fleeing their homes. I'm not sure how that would feel, to have to leave your home country, often with nothing more than what you stand up in, to start a new life away from anything and anyone that you know. A new language, new foods, new customs, forms to fill in, conversations in another language, fear of the uncertain, lost family, worried for those left behind. They are ordinary people like you and me. In the world today there are over 70 million people who have been forced to leave their homes because of violence, persecution, and war. If you want to help the [British Red Cross](#) have launched an emergency appeal. Donations can be made online, or by phone [0300 023 0816](tel:03000230816).

Resources: Tea Dance held fortnightly at: The Venue, Hawthorne Road, Chester CH4 8HX Tel: 01244 972546 (Thursday 2.00pm - 4.00pm) £4.00 - Next date September 2nd. For those who love trains, the Cathedral 'Making Tracks' model railway exhibition is still open Monday to Saturday 10am - 4pm (last entry 3.30pm), and runs until Friday 3 September. Tickets are just £2.50 per person.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH & HALL BOOKINGS

If you wish to arrange meetings etc. in either the Church, Newman Meeting Room or the Iona Chapel, please make a booking through Carol Galvin, Church Office, 01244 624019, Email: admin@sscolumbaandtheresa.co.uk

Hall availability can be checked by looking at St Columba's Church website – section for Church Hall gives a calendar of events in the Hall. Then contact Sue Carr on 07553 114531 or email columbashallbookings@gmail.com to arrange booking.

NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER

This will be compiled by Muriel Green
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Please include a phone number in case of queries, and Please ensure that items are emailed or phoned to the editor by 9.00 am on THURSDAY

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HOW DEMENTIA FRIENDLY IS CHESTER CITY CENTRE?:

I am currently doing research for my Geography A Level project. If you have any comments, experiences, or observations please give me a ring on 01244 340243. Thank you, Alex Mosquera.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:

A service will be held at Upton United Reformed Church, Heath Road Upton, at 10.30am on **Friday 24th September** – delayed by 5 months due to Covid. A warm welcome to this service, compiled by ladies from Vanuatu, “Building on a Strong Foundation”. Further information from Jacquie Worrall 01244 380776.

WEST CHESHIRE FOODBANK NEWS:

Thank you for your ongoing support for the work of the Foodbank which is still a lifeline for so many local people in crisis. Currently Tesco are supporting our ambition to roll out healthy fruit, vegetables and eggs in addition to our normal packet and tinned food. Please use the blue tokens in all local Chester stores to vote for the Foodbank’s initiative.

Items in short supply now are Biscuits, UHT juice, Tinned desserts, Instant noodles, Cup-a-Soup, Treats, i.e. small bars of chocolate/ bags of sweets. We have plenty of pasta and beans. Thank you very much.

SUNDAY COFFEE:

St. Columba's & St Theresa's Sunday morning coffee will resume on 12th September. If anyone would like to volunteer to join the rota, please contact Margaret Curtis 318424. (St Columba's) or Ann McCarthy 375606 (St Theresa's) Volunteers at St Columba's can either raise money for the Parish or a Charity of their choice.

Wanted Our current newsletter co-ordinator is having to stand down for health reasons and we are looking for a new volunteer co-ordinator. You would be working with a dedicated team of editors. If you are interested in helping out or fancy helping to edit the newsletter, please let our secretaries know and they will be in touch. Training and help will be provided. We look forward to hearing from you.