



# The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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## TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 12H SEPTEMBER 2021

### Saturday 11th September

St. Theresa's 5.00 p.m. Joan & Charles Woods RIP  
St. Columba's 6.30 p.m. Patricia Pearson

### Sunday 12th September

St. Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Parishioners' Intentions  
St. Columba's 11.00 a.m. The Parish

### Monday 13th September – St John Chrystom, B.D. Mem.

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

### Tuesday 14th September – Exaltation of The Holy Cross

St. Theresa's Priest's Intention  
St. Columba's Patricia Mary Blythe RIP

### Wednesday 15th September – Our Lady of Sorrows Mem.

St. Theresa's Private Intention  
St. Columba's 10.30 a.m. Mary Kilcoyne 90th B.D.

### Thursday 16th September – Ss Cornelius, & Cyprian

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

### Friday 17th September – St Robert Bellarmine, B, D

St. Theresa's 10.00 a.m. Michael Dunne RIP  
St. Columba's Private Intention

### Saturday 18th September – BVM on Saturday

St. Theresa's 5.00 p.m. Mary & Eric Walsh  
St. Columba's 6.30 p.m. Julia Briody RIP

### Sunday 19th September

St. Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Parishioners' Intentions  
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 at 11.00 a.m. Mass at St. Columba's.  
[www.facebook.com/thecatholicparishofstcolumbaandsttheresas](http://www.facebook.com/thecatholicparishofstcolumbaandsttheresas)

### **CHESTER HALF MARATHON:**

Warning- road closures Sunday 19th September- Chester half marathon. A540-Parkgate Rd closed 8.30-13.00.

### **WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS AND FUNERALS:**

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

### **LATELY DEAD:**

Please pray for Patricia Mary Blythe who died recently. May the Lord grant her Eternal Life and console her family and friends.

### **90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION:**

The Wednesday morning Mass at St Columba's on 15th September will be offered in celebration of Mary Kilcoyne's 90th birthday. After Mass there will be tea, coffee - and cake- in the Iona Chapel to which all are invited.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:**

We congratulate and pray for Antosia Zbylut who is celebrating her First Holy Communion with her family at the 11.00am Mass.

### **PARISH EMAIL AND WEB 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.

General enquiries: [admin@sscolumbaandtheresa.co.uk](mailto:admin@sscolumbaandtheresa.co.uk)  
Fr William: [pp@sscolumbaandtheresa.co.uk](mailto:pp@sscolumbaandtheresa.co.uk)  
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Website: [www.sscolumbaandtheresa.co.uk](http://www.sscolumbaandtheresa.co.uk)

### **OFFERTORY:**

**St. Columba's:** Loose Plate £228.05; Planned Giving £132.50; Average weekly SOs £677.00; Candles £148.06.

**St Theresa's:** Average weekly SOs £149.00.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

*Annual Count will take place week-endings 18th/19th September; 25th/26<sup>th</sup> September; 2nd/3rd October and 9th/10th October.*

### **SUNDAY COFFEE:**

*We are back.....* Coffee in St. Columba's Hall and St. Theresa's Parish Centre after Mass. Please come and join us. Masks - if possible worn until seated. If you prefer you can bring your own cup (if not use Hall crockery).

Any queries/suggestions please speak to one of the volunteers. 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 for a Charity of their choice.

## ST COLUMBA'S SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA:

The coffee rota is up in the hall, so if you wish to raise money for your good cause, please sign up.

## UPTON & BLACON CHURCHES TOGETHER:

This week we pray for:

- Pray for the residents of St Christopher's Close. Dale Drive, Heath Road, Hereford Place, Worcester Place, Ludlow Road and Mayfield road.
- For the Treasurers, Finance Organisers and the Gift Aid Recorders.
- For those who are responsible for the financial affairs of our Churches.

## 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](mailto:stcolumbatheresaconfirmation@hotmail.co.uk) by early September. For further information please email, or phone Denise Lusk (01244 379742).

## ST THERESA'S FEAST DAY – 1 Oct:

If anyone would like to give towards flowers to decorate the church, please put your donation in an envelope marked "St Theresa's Feast Day Flowers" and place it in the Offertory basket. Many thanks.

## 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.

**THE SEASON OF CREATION** runs from 1 September (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) to 4 October (the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi) each year. This ecumenical season is dedicated to prayer and action for the protection of creation. It is a time to renew our relationships with God our Creator, and with all creation, as we join together in prayer. We give thanks for all that God has made, repent for the damage that we have caused and commit ourselves to take action to protect the earth our common home. To mark this season, our parish has designated Sunday September 19<sup>th</sup> as "Climate Sunday" and special Masses will be celebrated at 9.30am in St Theresa's and 11.00am in St Columba's.

**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.

## NEWSLETTER CO-ORDINATOR:

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.

**Thought for the week** We are the first generation to be able to end poverty, and the last generation that can take steps to avoid the worst impacts of climate change. Future generations will

judge us harshly if we fail to uphold our moral and historic responsibilities. Ban Ki Moon, Secretary General United Nations.

**We're all in this together:** Some problems may seem to be too large to resolve individually, but by all our individual actions no matter how small, comes the ability to help. Just think, when you throw a small pebble in a pond, its ripples range far and wide, and that's the same for our actions to help our planet. While we are in the Season of Creation maybe there are things that we can do to help our environment and planet, lots of people making small changes, will make a difference. Experts say the following will help to make a difference, walking and cycling more rather than using a car. If you're looking at changing your car, is an electric one a feasible replacement? Switch to a renewable energy supplier and buy more second-hand goods. No problem is unsurmountable if we all join together and do what we can.

**Resources: Calm Coffee** is a new offering from Rage Fitness Company operating from the community gym based at Blacon Adventure playground. Its aim is to provide a safe and welcoming environment where people can access support and talk openly about mental health.

**Baby and Children's Nearly New Sale;** The Cheshire County Sports Club, September 12<sup>th</sup> 2.30 – 4.00p.m. [www.thelittlechildrensmarket.com](http://www.thelittlechildrensmarket.com) options to buy and sell. Check out their web site for further details.

## RED MISSION BOXES, ST COLUMBA'S:

If you have a Red Mission box for collection, here's the ongoing Covid process: **DON'T TAKE IT TO CHURCH**, ring me and leave a message on my answer machine. I'll call back and arrange to collect from your home when convenient. When counted I will return it to your house. Thank you, Margaret Curtis, 01244 318424.

## RECEPTIONIST VACANCY:

The Diocese is seeking to employ a full time Receptionist at the Curial Office in Birkenhead. For more information, please see our website <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies>. Please send CV to Pauline McCulloch [recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) Closing date Friday 17 September 2021.

## TRICYCLE PROJECT:

In Ghana, Fr William's home, there is a project to provide tricycles for the disabled, these cost £200 each and we are trying to raise enough to buy at least one bike. If you would like to donate please place in an envelope marked "Tricycle Project" and put it in the Offertory basket. Thank you.

## 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.

## LONDON MARATHON – 3<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER:

One of our parishioners is running in the London Marathon on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October and has very kindly said that any money raised can go towards the Parish Garden Project. There are sponsor forms available at the back of both churches, please do your best to sponsor them.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:columbashallbookings@gmail.com) to arrange booking.

### **NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER**

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### **SHREWSBURY LOURDES HOSPITALITY – AGM:**

You are invited to attend the AGM on Sunday 12 September at 2pm at St Columba's, Chester, CH2 1PL. Attend in person or via Zoom. Please register your attendance and make requests for the password, apologies, or items for the agenda to: [secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk](mailto:secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk) or text/call 07451 249267.

**On Zoom:** Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81692383233?pwd=dElnSjkzdIRKQ2pib1dTWkdKSG1CZz09>

Meeting ID: 816 9238 3233

The agenda and draft minutes of the previous AGM can be found at <https://teamshrewsbury.wordpress.com/agm-and-committee-meeting-agendas-and-minutes/>

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