



# The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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## TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021

### Saturday 25 September

St. Theresa's 5.00 p.m. Pat Blythe RIP  
St. Columba's 6.30 p.m. PJCB

### Sunday 26 September - Climate Sunday

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

### Monday 27 September – St Vincent de Paul, P M

St. Theresa's Kathleen Lawlor RIP  
St. Columba's Pat Blythe (RIP)

### Tuesday 28 September

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

### Wednesday 29 September – SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels

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

### Thursday 30 September – St Jerome, P, D M

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

### Friday 1 October – St Theresa of The Child Jesus M

St. Theresa's 10.00 a.m. Parishioners' Intentions  
Refreshments in the Parish Centre after Mass  
St. Columba's Terry Whatmough (A)

### Saturday 2 October – Guardian Angels M

St. Theresa's 5.00 p.m. John Murray RIP  
St. Columba's 6.30 p.m. Joyce Bownas (A)

### Sunday 3 October

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:

Due to the Half Marathon Mass will be streamed from St Columba's this week.

[www.facebook.com/thecatholicparishofstcolumbaandsttheresas](http://www.facebook.com/thecatholicparishofstcolumbaandsttheresas)

### WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS AND FUNERALS:

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

### BAPTISM:

We welcome into God's family, Barney Andrew Meakin who is being baptised at St Theresa's today. May God bless him and his family.

### LATELY DEAD:

Please pray for Kathleen Joy Borg and Janet Marie Heath-Jones, who died recently. May the Lord grant them Eternal Life and console their family and friends.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

John Taylor, Eric John Hocking, Elizabeth Rogerson.

### 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 £172.13, Planned Giving £129.50, Average weekly SOs £677.00.

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

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

### SUNDAY COFFEE TO SUPPORT THE SVP:

Tea, coffee, cakes and homemade jams in the hall after 11am Mass this Sunday to raise funds for the SVP. All proceeds raised will be used to support those in need in our community.

### UPTON & BLACON CHURCHES TOGETHER:

This week we pray for:

- Pray for the residents of Church Lane, Nield Court, Grangeside, Provan Way, Saughall Road, Westbourne Road and Cranleigh Crescent.
- For the church organists and music leaders, for the ministry of music in our worship.

### FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION CLASSES:

These classes are for children who come to either St Columba's or St Theresa's churches but do not attend one of the Roman Catholic Primary Schools. They are held in St Columba's hall on Wednesday evenings in term time from 5pm to 6pm. We hope to be able to start these classes in a few week's time and are following the diocesan Covid 19 guidelines. If you have a child in Year 3 or above who would like to enrol to join these classes, or for further information, please ring Pauline Payne 01244 350323 or email [pauline.payne4@btinternet.com](mailto:pauline.payne4@btinternet.com) I will be contacting anyone who put their child's name down last year during this week.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

We are living on this planet as if we had another one to go to - Terri Swearingen.

## ST THERESA'S FEAST DAY – 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER:

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.

There will be tea and coffee in St Theresa's parish centre after the 10am Mass please do join us in the celebrations.

## WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER:

In this season of creation our Parish has designated this Sunday as Climate Sunday. We are the caretakers of this earth, and we have a responsibility to look after it and ensure that we can hand it on to future generations and that it will meet their needs. What happens in one part of the world will influence other areas. The destruction of our land, oceans and forests is threatening people's homes and their ability to earn a living now. We are all susceptible to climate change. We need to act now. Can we challenge ourselves and others to take action for our planet and humanity's sake? There may be changes individually to personal lifestyle choices for example driving and flying less, switching to green energy and changing what we eat and buy, or on a more structural level, pushing for leadership for a healthier world. Make your voice and actions count. [CAFOD](#) amongst many organisations has a number of resources and articles and petitions on their web site. Or have a look at the [BBC website](#) 10 simple ways to act on climate change.

## RESOURCES:

[Chester Cathedral](#) - Global Images of Christ: Challenging Perceptions. **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September to Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October**. Landmark exhibition of over 50 works of art, sculptures and images. Free entry, donations welcome.

## GARDEN PROJECT:

This is an ongoing parish project on the land at St Theresa's. The volunteers have done extremely well so far, but more people are needed. If you are able to help, even for an hour, please turn up on a Thursday morning around 10am. If you would like to help at another time, please ring the parish office (Tel: 01244 371660) and leave your name and number and we'll get back to you.

## CHESTER MARATHON:

Some roads into Blacon will be closed on **Sunday 3rd October** so if you normally attend the 9.30am Mass at St Theresa's you may wish to check the route or go to an alternative Mass.

## FOUNDATION GOVERNOR VACANCIES:

Our Catholic schools are a vital part of our parish communities, and by law diocesan schools have governing bodies made up of various categories of governor - the majority of which are Foundation Governors. Foundation Governors are practising Catholics who are appointed by the Bishop to help support him in ensuring the 'Catholicity' of a school amid all the other objectives that are required by Law.

If you feel able to offer your services please contact Sue Blackwell, Governance Support Officer for the Diocese, via [sue.blackwell@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:sue.blackwell@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) or telephone 0151 652 9855. The required forms can also be downloaded from the diocesan website [www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org). Click on main Education heading and click on Foundation Governors from the dropdowns which will appear on the left-hand side. If you do have any problems, please contact Sue using the contact details above.

## BADMINTON:

There will be a meeting at St Columba's on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September** at 11.30 a.m. To discuss the Badminton.

## THE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY:

We are currently in the process of revamping our school library and would be grateful for any support you could offer. As part of this, we have teamed up with A New Chapter books, who specialise in diversity and inclusion, to create a wishlist of recent publications. If you wish, you can donate a book to the school by following this link, purchasing your chosen book(s), which will then be sent directly to the school. [https://www.anewchapterbooks.com/shop?Wishlists+\(All+Schools\)=The+Catholic+High+School](https://www.anewchapterbooks.com/shop?Wishlists+(All+Schools)=The+Catholic+High+School)

If you feel like you could help us in our library project in any other way, please get in touch with Ana our school Chaplain - [gasparinia@christofidelis.org.uk](mailto:gasparinia@christofidelis.org.uk)

## FOODBANK HARVEST APPEAL:

Please can you help us this harvest. The warehouse is looking a little empty after the school holidays and as we continue to give local people crisis support we are currently having to purchase food ourselves to keep up with demand. This situation will become worse with the planned cutbacks in universal credit. The Top Ten items needed are UHT juice, tinned fruit, tinned rice pudding, instant custard, instant mash, Instant noodles, tinned tomatoes, rice, coffee, chocolate bars/sweets. See poster in church porch. Collection points are in the main supermarkets. You can check the website for others [www.westcheshirefoodbank.org.uk](http://www.westcheshirefoodbank.org.uk)  
Thank you very much for your support.

## 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.

## VIRTUAL LONDON MARATHON:

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.

## THANKSGIVING PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE:

Thanksgiving Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, **11<sup>th</sup> October 2021**. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes return flight, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with Full Board. All entertainment and excursions. Wheelchair accessible rooms. Single supplement £100.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com). Knock Pilgrimages is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

## 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 Nuala Keegan, 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

This will be compiled by David Savage  
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Please ensure that items are emailed or phoned to the  
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**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY OCT 1<sup>st</sup> – CLIMATE CRISIS APPEAL:**

Ivanilde lives in the Amazon, protecting the small area of rainforest she calls home. She's faced fires and threats – but with the help of local experts she has never given up. Give today to support people around the world working to protect God's creation and to help the poorest people adapt to climate change. Donate online through the CAFOD website or by using a CAFOD envelope at the back of church. You can also easily give via text. Text CAFOD10 to 70580 to donate £10\*. Or choose to give any whole amount between £1 and £20 by texting CAFOD, followed by the amount you would like to donate, to 70580. See the poster in the church porch

**SPONSORED WALK FOR SVP HOLIDAY HOME:**

The SVP holiday home at Talacre is funded and managed by Chester and Ellesmere Port SVP. It is used to provide a holiday, completely free of charge, for families who otherwise would not get a break. There is a sponsored walk on October 3rd and Sue McCarthy will be taking part. If you are able to sponsor her she will have sponsorship forms over in the hall after 11am Mass and for the next few weeks. You can also donate via the Just Giving webpage. Many thanks.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/chester-ellesmere-port-holiday-home>