



The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 5TH SEPTEMBER 2021

Saturday 4th September

St. Theresa's 5.00 p.m. Alice Eeles RIP
St. Columba's 6.30 p.m. Michael Bartley RIP

Sunday 5th September

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

Monday 6th September

St. Theresa's Private Intention
St. Columba's Priests' Secular Fund

Tuesday 7th September

St. Theresa's Priest's Intention
St. Columba's Eddie and Family

Wednesday 8th September – Nativity of the B.V.M.

St. Theresa's Alan Combs RIP
St. Columba's 10.30 a.m. Gladys & Bob Carr

Thursday 9th September – St Peter Claver, P

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

Friday 10th September – St Ambrose Barlow, P, M

St. Theresa's 10.00 a.m. Donna Attuti RIP
St. Columba's Private Intention

Saturday 11th September - B.V.M. on Saturday

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

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.

BAPTISM:

Many congratulations to James Rhys Anthony Lisboa, as we welcome him into God's family at St Columba's today. We pray for James and the people who love him, as they welcome God into their lives in this special way.

LATELY DEAD:

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

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:

Ellen Lavinia Lally, Brian Francis Kelly, Maureen Maiden

OFFERTORY:

St. Columba's: Loose Plate £228.40; Planned Giving £119.50; Average weekly SOs £677.00.

St Theresa's: Loose Plate £230.45; Average weekly SOs £149.00. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

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 for a Charity of their choice.

UPTON & BLACON CHURCHES TOGETHER:

This week we pray for:

- the residents of Daleside, Meadowsway and Queensway.
- For our junior and Infant schools: Acresfield, Upton Heath, Mill View, Westlea, Dorin Park and St Werburgh's & St Columba's and St Theresa's. Also, schools in Newton, Guilden Sutton and Mickle Trafford. For the teachers and pupils that they will be open to the Christian teaching they receive. For our local clergy as they lead assemblies.

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).

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 in the Offertory basket. Many thanks.

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 welcome.
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.

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 19th as "Climate Sunday" and special Masses will be celebrated at 9.30am in St Theresa's and 11.00am in St Columba's.

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 9th 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.

PLUMBER: Is anyone able to higher a tap in the garage at St Theresa's please? If so please contact the office on 01244 371660.

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 "I get by with a little help from my friends" and "don't carry the world upon your shoulders" Lennon & McCartney

We're all in this together: Have you seen "The Repair Shop" on the TV? It's a hit with the viewing public, listening to the stories of belongings and seeing how they can be repaired and brought back to life. But have you also heard of Kintsugi? It's the Japanese art of putting broken pottery piece back together with gold (or other metals). The joins are clear, the flaws and imperfections can be clearly seen. The scars become part of the design. They create something even more unique, beautiful, and resilient. Maybe our life is a little bit like one of the Kintsugi pottery pots, our scars and cracks are golden? A part of us, unique, embracing our flaws and imperfections? What do you think?

Resources The Cheshire West Work Zones have reported continued success matching job seekers to jobs. Cheshire West and Chester Council has arranged a series of special pop-up Jobs and Volunteer Fairs:

- Apple Market Place (former covered market), Northwich on Friday 24 September between, 10am and 1pm.
- Port Arcades, Ellesmere Port on Friday 24 September between 10am and 2pm
- Winsford Cross Shopping Centre, Thursday 30 September between, 10am and 2pm
- The Grosvenor Shopping centre, Chester on Friday 1 October between 11am and 3pm.

Any businesses with vacancies can contact the Work Zone if they would like to take part in the fair. Telephone Northwich Work Zone: 07833 236675.

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.

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 Alison Wrigglesworth
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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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RECEPTIONIST VACANCY:

The Diocese is seeking to employ a full time Receptionist at the Curial Office in Birkenhead. The successful candidate will provide the highest standards of reception to employees and to a wide variety of visitors, contractors and personnel to the Curial Office. For more information, please see our website <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies>. Please send CV to Pauline McCulloch 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.

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.