



The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10th October 2021

Saturday 9th October – St John Henry Newman, P

St Theresa's 5.00 p.m. Jean Byrne RIP

St. Columba's 6.30 p.m. Frank Stone (Snr.)

Sunday 10th October - Day of Prayer for Prisoners

St. Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Parishioners' Intentions

St. Columba's 11.00 a.m. Tom Garner RIP

Monday 11th October - St John XIII Pp.

St. Theresa's Dorothy Groom RIP

St. Columba's Priests Secular Fund

Tuesday 12th October- St Wilfred B

St. Theresa's Anthony Baker RIP

St. Columba's John Briody RIP

Wednesday 13th October - St Edward the Confessor, K

St. Theresa's Private Intention

St. Columba's 10.30 a.m. Pat Evans & family

Thursday 14th October – St Callistus I, Pp, M

St. Theresa's Priests' Intentions

St. Columba's 10.00 am George Black RIP

Friday 15th October – St Teresa of Avila, V, D M

St. Theresa's 10.00 a.m. Gladwen Rowena

Nicholson RIP

St. Columba's Peter Thornton RIP

Saturday 16th October- Blessed Virgin Mary

St. Theresa's 5.00 p.m. Doyle Family Intentions

St. Columba's 6.30 p.m. May & Ted Griffiths

Sunday 17th October

St. Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Parishioners' Intentions

St. Columba's 11.00 a.m. Anthony & Veronica

Comerford RIP

CONFESSIONS:

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

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

STREAMING OF MASS:

Mass will be streamed from St Columba's today at 11.00.

www.facebook.com/thecatholicparishofstcolumbaandsttheresas

WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS AND FUNERALS:

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

ANNIVERSARIES:

Kathy Dempsey, Dorothy Groom, William John O'Gorman, Lionel William Steele.

MATTHEW PETTS AND SOPHIE BELL WEDDING.

Matthew and Sophie would like to extend an invitation to any parishioners who wish to attend St Columba's to celebrate their marriage on **Saturday 16 October at 1.00pm.**

PARISH EMAIL AND WEBSITE ADDRESSES:

Please note the new addresses above.

OFFERTORY:

St. Columba's: Loose plate - £183.93, Planned Giving - £97.50 and Average weekly SOs - £677.00

St Theresa's: Average weekly SOs £149.00.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

FR WILLIAM:

Fr William will be leaving for Ghana on the 15th October for a Provincial Meeting and holiday and will return to us during the last week in November. We wish him a safe and enjoyable journey.

UPTON & BLACON CHURCHES TOGETHER:

Pray for:

- The residents of Old Mill Court, Mill Lane, Mill Close, Deans Close, Norris Road, Trinity Gardens, Lynwood Road, Burton Road & Norman Way.
- For all those involved with the upkeep of our church buildings and church grounds.

PRISONERS WEEK:

There is a Week of Prayer and Action for Prisoners and their families. 10-16 October 2021. There will be a retiring collection next weekend 16/17. There are envelopes and leaflets available at the back of church.

1 MILLION CHILDREN PRAYING THE ROSARY:

Schools and parishes throughout the world are invited by 'Aid to the Church in Need' to join 1 million children from 131 countries praying the Rosary on 18th October, for peace. This worldwide campaign is an invitation for all of us to remember the words of Our Lady of Fatima that the childlike and trusting prayer of the Rosary can truly change the world, defeat evil and bring peace.

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 I will be contacting

anyone who put their child's name down last year during this week.

GARDEN PROJECT AT ST THERESA'S:

This is an ongoing parish project on the land at St Theresa's. 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).

LOST AND FOUND:

Will the person who dropped some money in church please contact St Theresa's office (01244 371660) and give your name and a contact number so we can return it to you.

TRICYCLE PROJECT:

The total now stands at £815 which means Fr William has enough for four and a bit tricycles. Many thanks for your help with this project, it is much appreciated.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN UPTON EVENTS:

Three dates for your diaries.

The Coffee Mornings have restarted. Every 2nd and 4th Thursday at 10 -12 at the United Reformed Church. The next one is 14th October.

The Annual Quiz in the Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Friday 29th October. £2 per head. Limited tickets due to Covid precautions, 20 tickets for St Columba's, available from Alex Mason and can be reserved by text to 07921856758. Advance ticket reservation required, payment on the night. See poster and website for more details.

The Fifth Sunday Service in St Columba's 4.30 p.m. on Sunday 31st October. Plenty of room for this one. Songs of Praise format. Watch out for more details to come.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY – 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.

WARNING - UNEVEN PATHS:

Please take extra care when entering St Columba's Church, as some of the paving slabs are uneven and may cause a trip hazard. Maintenance of the path is in hand. In the meantime, please be careful.

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](tel:01244318424).

ST. COLUMBA COFFEE ROTA:

If anyone would like to volunteer to join the rota please contact Margaret Curtis 01244 318424.

OFFICE CLOSURE - ST COLUMBA'S:

The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday mornings with immediate effect until Christmas. Nuala will be working in the afternoons instead.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

As we move forward we now have some activities planned for the future, subject to regulations at the time.

Saturday 11th December Senior Parishioners Christmas Party in St Columba's Church Hall.

Friday 17th December Carol Service at St Theresa's followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the parish Centre. See future newsletters and notice boards for further information.

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 today 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 over the next few weeks. You can also donate via the Just Giving webpage. Many thanks. <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/chester-ellesmereport-holiday-home>

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

The day the power of love over rules the love of power, the world, will know peace. Mahatma Gandhi

WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER:

This Sunday is World Mental Health Day and this year the theme set by the World Health Organisation is looking at "mental health in an unequal world". The charity Mind indicates that people from racialised communities, young people and people living in poverty are disproportionately affected by mental health issues.

Worldwide, 1 in every 10 people are estimated to need mental health care, but access to mental health care is far lower in low-income countries. The day allows us to openly talk about mental health issues, it provides an opportunity to look after our own mental health as well as provide support to others. The Mental Health Foundation has 10 top tips for looking after yourself, talk, eat well, keep in touch, keep active, ask for help and more. Please stay safe, and keep well.

RESOURCES:

Blacon Wellbeing Walk part of a collaboration between the Ramblers and Cheshire West and Chester Council - starting at Holy Trinity Church, Norris Road, Blacon, Chester, CH15DZ on Tuesdays, registration from 9.15, walk start 9.30. The walk will be gentle paced, suitable for pushchairs / buggies and wheelchairs and will take approximately 45 minutes. It's usually fine to just show up on the day. But they recommend contacting the scheme coordinator first to check that the walk is going ahead. Contact Kate 07824991913 / kate@healthboxcic.com

Chester Cathedral - Global Images of Christ: Challenging Perceptions. **Saturday 25th September to Saturday 25th October.** Landmark exhibition of over 50 works of art, sculptures and images. Free entry, donations welcome.

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
Thank you very much for your support.

CARITAS:

CARITAS supports children, families and communities in the Diocese. For more information please visit <https://www.caritasshresbury.org.uk>

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH & HALL BOOKINGS

To arrange meetings etc. in either the Church, Newman Room or the Iona Chapel, please book through Nuala Keegan, 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 Eileen Irwin

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Please include a phone number in case of queries, and
Please ensure that items are emailed or phoned to the compiler by 9.00 am on THURSDAY

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