



# The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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## TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

17<sup>th</sup> October 2021

### Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October – St John Henry Newman, P

St Theresa's 5.00 p.m. Doyle Family Ints  
St. Columba's 6.30 p.m. May & Ted Griffiths

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October - Day of Prayer for Prisoners

St. Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Parishioners' Intentions  
St. Columba's 11.00 a.m. Anthony & Veronica  
Comerford

### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October - St Luke

St. Theresa's Margaret Turnbull's Ints.  
St. Columba's Mic Fitzsimmons

### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October- St Peter of Alcantara

St. Theresa's Priests' Ints.  
St. Columba's Elizabeth Allingham (B)

### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October

St. Theresa's Private Intention  
St. Columba's 10.30 a.m. Adriana Wheatley RIP

### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October

St. Theresa's Priests' Intentions  
St. Columba's 10.00 am Frank Barcraft

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

St. Theresa's 10.00 a.m. Joan & Charles Woods RIP  
St. Columba's Peter Thornton RIP

### Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

St. Theresa's 5.00 p.m. Parishioners' Intentions  
St. Columba's 6.30 p.m. Peter Thornton RIP

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October

St. Theresa's 9.30 a.m. James Casey  
St. Columba's 11.00 a.m. The Parish

### **STREAMING OF MASS:**

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

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

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

### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Doreen Mary Judge, Lionel William Steele.

### **FR WILLIAM:**

Fr William has left 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. In his absence Fr James will be in charge, anything to do with the parish please get in touch with him. Thank you for your co-operation.

### **THE PRAYER OF THE SYNOD:**

Adsumus Sancte Spiritus: We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

Universal Prayer Sunday 17 October – Opening of the Synod in local Churches:

Priest::As we await with longing the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, dear brothers and sisters, let us with renewed devotion beseech his mercy, that, as he came into the world to bring the Good News to the poor and to heal the contrite of heart, so in our own time, also, he may bring salvation to all in need. Deacon: For God's holy Church: (pause) may she shine out as a light to the nations and the universal sacrament of salvation. Lord, in your mercy Deacon: For Francis our Pope, Mark our Bishop, and the holy, faithful People of God in the Diocese of Shrewsbury: (pause) that the celebration of this Synod may help us to discern God's will and to boldly carry it out. Lord, in your mercy Deacon: For all civil and public authorities: (pause) that they may always seek the common good, acting with justice and integrity. Lord, in your mercy Deacon: For the sick, the lonely, the oppressed, and the suffering: (pause) that they may never be discarded, but rather treasured and cared for as the face of Christ in a suffering world. Lord, in your mercy Deacon: For ourselves, gathered here: (pause) that this Synodal Process may lead us ever deeper into the communion of the Church, foster our participation in it, and equip us to go out on mission. Lord, in your mercy Priest: O God, our refuge and our strength, hear the prayers of your Church, for you yourself are the source of all devotion, and grant, we pray, that what we ask in faith we may truly obtain. Through Christ our Lord.

### **SUGGESTED SPIRITUAL PREPARATION FOR THE OPENING OF THE SYNOD.**

**Saturday 16 October:** For our discernment to be led by the Holy Spirit. That all decisions made on this Synodal path may be discerned though a consensus that flows from our common obedience to the Holy Spirit.

**Sunday 17 October:** For a spirituality of journeying together. That we may be formed as disciples of Christ, as families, as communities, and as human beings, through our experience of this Synodal journey.

**PARISH EMAIL AND WEBSITE ADDRESSES:**

Please note the new addresses above.

**MATTHEW PETTS AND SOPHIE BELL WEDDING.**

Congratulations to Matthew and Sophie who were married here recently, may God bless their lives together.

**LATELEY DEAD**

Please remember in your prayers, Elsie Maguire who died recently, and also her family and friends. Her funeral is on Wednesday 27 October at St Theresa's at 2.30pm. Also Pauline Hackett, Pauline was well known in the Chester area for her tremendous work with the SVP. Her requiem Mass is at St Werburgh's on Friday 22nd October at 12.30pm

**OFFERTORY:**

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

St Theresa's: Offertory collection £191.35 Average weekly SOs £149.00.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

**UPTON & BLACON CHURCHES TOGETHER:**

Pray for:

- Pray for the residents of Marl Heyes, Upton Park, Delvine Drive, Onslow Road, Springwood Close, Overwood Lane and Meverley Drive.
- For the magazine committee, newsletter editors, distributors and those who run the bookstalls in our churches.
- For a deepening of our faith through the written word.
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**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN UPTON EVENTS:**

Three dates for your diaries.

The Coffee Mornings have restarted. Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 10 -12 at the United Reformed Church. The Annual Quiz in the Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> October. Plenty of room for this one. Songs of Praise format. Watch out for more details to come.

**FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION CLASSES**

These classes have now started at St Columba's church hall on Wednesday evenings from 5pm to 6pm following Diocesan Covid 19 guidance. If you have a child in Year3 or above who would like to attend and has not yet enrolled, please ring Pauline Payne 01244 350323 or [email](mailto:email.pauline.payne4@btinternet.com) [email.pauline.payne4@btinternet.com](mailto:email.pauline.payne4@btinternet.com) as soon as possible.

**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: 371660).

**VIRTUAL LONDON MARATHON**

Many thanks to those who have given their sponsor money towards the Garden Project, if you haven't yet done so there is a basket at the back of both churches for you to put your donation in. Thank you.

**LOST AND FOUND:**

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

**REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE OF WORDS & MUSIC**

This is on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November at Upton URC at 4.30pm. Tea and coffee after the service.

**PRISONERS WEEK:**

There will be a retiring collection this 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.

**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.

**TRICYCLE PROJECT:**

Fr William would like to thank everyone who has contributed to this project for their generosity in raising the fantastic amount of £1900 it is very much appreciated.

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY-24<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

Next Sunday is when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission. Please support Missio.. Please call 020 7821 9755 or visit Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a direct debit and gift aid your donation if possible: [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk)

**VACANCY FOR KS2 Teacher at The Firs School, Newton Ln - Jan 2022 (or earlier if possible)**

The Firs is an independent primary school with a Christian ethos based in Newton, Chester. We are looking for a good KS2 teacher, but probably not a NQT. If you are interested please contact [admin@firsschool.org](mailto:admin@firsschool.org) or phone 01244 322443 or look on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/firsschool/jobs](http://www.facebook.com/firsschool/jobs) for pay details, an application form and job description.

**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](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 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 compiler by 9.00 am on THURSDAY

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**.THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** “If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.” – John Quincy Adams

**WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER:** This day in 1907, Marconi started the first commercial transatlantic wireless service. Can you imagine life now without the radio or telephone? For some, the phone has become an irreplaceable item, far more than a means of communicating verbally. But social media and being constantly contactable also has its drawbacks on mental health. English Heritage are trialing an hour of contemplative quiet at its monasteries during October so that people can experience the spiritual buildings as they were intended. Switch off and immerse yourself. Quiet time or down time away from appliances doesn't have to be in a monastery but even 5-15 minutes quiet can help re-balance on a hectic day. Stay safe.

**RESOURCES:** Diwali, the Hindu festival of light returns to Chester on Saturday 23 October. The festival is organised by the Sanjhi Indian Association and starts at 12 noon with a colourful parade from the Town Hall Square to Eastgate Street for a display of traditional Indian dancing at 12.30pm.

#### **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:**

As we move forward we now have some activities planned for the future, subject to regulations at the time.  
Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December Senior Parishioners Christmas Party in St Columba's Church Hall.  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 was a sponsored walk and Sue McCarthy took 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>

**ST. COLUMBA COFFEE ROTA:** If anyone would like to volunteer to join the rota please contact Margaret Curtis 01244 318424.

#### **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.

#### **CARITAS:**

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

#### **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).