



The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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ALL SAINTS DAY Sunday 31st October 2021

Saturday 30th October Blessed Virgin Mary M

St Theresa's 5.00 p.m. Katherine Gannon RIP
St. Columba's 6.30 p.m. Joan Bullough M

Sunday 31st October ALL SAINTS DAY

St. Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Nicholas Lancaster
St. Columba's 11.00 a.m. Parishioners' Intentions

Monday 1st November

St. Theresa's Jean Byrne RIP
St. Columba's Priests' Intentions

Tuesday 2nd November Comm. The Faithful Departed

St. Theresa's Priests' Intentions

St. Columba's 10.30am The Faithful Departed

Wednesday 3rd November St Winefride V

St. Theresa's Mary West & Rita Lyons RIP
St. Columba's 10.30 a.m. Renee Brandon A.

Thursday 4th November St Charles Borromeo B. M

St. Theresa's Private Intention (EM)
St. Columba's Parishioners' Intentions

Friday 5th November

St. Theresa's 10.00 a.m. Margaret Turnbull's Intentions
St. Columba's Priests' Intentions

Saturday 6th November Blessed Virgin Mary M

St. Theresa's 5.00 p.m. Parishioners' Intentions
St. Columba's 6.30 p.m. Paul & Maria

Sunday 7th November

St. Theresa's 9.30 a.m. George Graham RIP
St. Columba's 11.00 a.m. Michael Booth RIP
St. Columba's 12.30 **Baptism of Nico Rafael Daquioag**

STREAMING OF MASS:

Mass will be streamed from St Columba's today at 11.00a.m.
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Extra Mass – Advance Notice:

There will be an extra Mass at St Columba's, at 10.30am on Tuesday 2nd November for the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed.

HOLY SOULS:

During the month of November there will be a basket near the altar for you to put any November Dead Lists. There are envelopes available at the back of the church.

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.

LATELY DEAD

Please remember in your prayers, Kathleen Holden and Catherine Haslam who died recently, and their family and friends. Kathleen's funeral is at St Theresa's on Tuesday 9th November at 11am.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Fr Adrian Campion Edwards, Marie Willetts, Rose Marshall, Audrey Marie Lee, Lynval Astor Brown, William Frederick McGarty.

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.

A PRAYER FOR COP 26 CLIMATE TALKS:

Loving God,

We praise your name with all you have created.

You are present in the whole universe,

And in the smallest of creatures.

We acknowledge the responsibilities you have placed upon us
As stewards of your creation.

May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 as they Seek to embrace the changes needed to foster a more sustainable society. Instill in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the poorest and most vulnerable, and commit their nations to the care of Our Common Home. We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

THE PARISH:

- During Fr William's absence until the end of November, please contact Fr James.
- Please note the new parish email addresses above.
- St Columba's Parish Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9.00am – 12.00 and Wednesday 2.00 – 5.00pm until 15th December.

PIETY STALL:

The piety stall is now fully open, and we have Christmas cards, calendars & a limited number of diaries ready for sale. Please wear masks and keep a safe distance, if you require something else, please let us know.

OFFERTORY:

St. Columba's: Loose plate - £218.85; Planned Giving - £179.50 and Average weekly SOs - £677.00

St Theresa's: Loose plate £135.15; Average weekly SOs £149

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

EXTRA COLLECTION:

Please note that there will be an extra collection on the weekend of 6/7 November for the Clergy Education & Training Fund. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity.

UPTON & BLACON CHURCHES TOGETHER:

Pray for:

- Pray for the residents of Bache Drive, Dulas Court, Birch Rise, Long Lane, Mallard Court, Woodside Road, Oakfield Road, Highfield Road & Foxcote Close.
- For the ACF, Friendship Group, MOT Group and Catholic Women's League.
- For all catering staff and those who make refreshments after the services.

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

PAUSE FOR HOPE:

This is a prayer initiative for dealing with cancer. An ecumenical service will be held at St Columba's at 3pm on Sunday 14th November. All are welcome.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE OF WORDS & MUSIC

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

ADVENT TALKS:

The talks on the Advent Sunday Readings will be held live this year as Covid restrictions are relaxed. The first of the five sessions will be held in the Newman Room at 2.30 p.m. on Thursday 18th November. There is a poster giving details on the notice boards and on the old website. Contact David Savage (01244 380626) for more information.

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.

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).

If anyone has any garden furniture they no longer want, it would be useful to have in the parish garden. It doesn't matter what state it is in. If so, please contact the parish office 01244 371660 and leave your name and number and we will get back to you.

CAFOD:

Many thanks for the £160 which was collected recently, some donations were sent directly to CAFOD either by post or online.

Thought for the week With Diwali, the Hindu festival of light, being celebrated on 4 November, we are reminded that each one of us is the bearer of light. Jesus has taught us: Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)

We're all in this together: The 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference, also known as COP26, will start on Sunday in Glasgow. It is the culmination of years of work, actions and negotiations. Progressing those negotiations will be at the heart of the summit. Critical to ensuring our world's future, protecting our communities and natural habitats. As David Attenborough said in the Earthshot prize giving recently, we are looking for a different ending to the story, nothing is inevitable. We are looking to repair our planet. While hope springs eternal, we don't have eternity. In the run up to COP26, our [Bishops](#) are asking people to pray that the leaders meeting in Glasgow work together for positive outcomes for people and the planet. Copies of the prayers can be found on our Church notice boards and the website above.

Resources [Avoiding scams](#) Age UK have published a guide to avoiding scams, smart ways to protect yourself. Very informative guide. Looking at all types of scams. Telephone, email, doorstep etc and how to report a scam, who to contact for further help: Action Fraud – to report a scam – 0300 123 2040 Citizens Advice consumer service – 03454 04 05 06. Copies of the booklet can be obtained on their web site as well as other informative guides and fact sheets.

A THANK YOU FROM MISSIO:

Thank you very much for your donations to World Mission Sunday last week. Your prayers and contributions will help missionaries work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Please pray for the work of Missio and all those working to offer the love of Jesus, that we may remain strong in our witness to Christ's love for all peoples. To continue supporting mission throughout the year, please go to missio.org.uk or call 020 7821 9755 (office hours).

BUILDING OUR PARISH COMMUNITY:

In order to continue to build our community, especially after the unprecedented pandemic, we are all invited to participate in various ministries in the parish. As disciples of Jesus, we continue to follow the steps of our Shepherd, who came to serve and not be served; and who is asking us daily, "Whom shall I send"? To respond to this personal call in our parish, you will find a list of activities and ministries you can participate in on the form you were handed on arrival **at Mass**. The list is not exhaustive. Hence, you are also invited to propose other activities or ministries we can start in the parish.

Once you fill in the form, you can return it next time you come to Mass or send it to the parish by email or post.

The form is also available online www.sscolumbaandtheresa.co.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 David Savage

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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

Website: www.sscolumbaandtheresa.co.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 Thank you very much for your support.

ST. COLUMBA COFFEE ROTA:

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