



The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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Saturday 2nd October

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

Sunday 3rd October

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

Monday 4th October - St Francis of Assisi

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

Tuesday 5th October- St Maria Faustine (Helena)

Kowalska
St. Theresa's Priests' Intentions
St. Columba's Angela Woodworth RIP

Wednesday 6th October - St Bruno P, H, R

St. Theresa's Private Intention
St. Columba's 10.30 a.m. Brian Howe

Thursday 7th October – Our Lady of the Rosary

St. Theresa's Priests' Intentions
St. Columba's 10.00 am **Funeral service for**

Angela Woodworth

Friday 8th October

St. Theresa's 10.00 a.m. John & Kitty Dolan's
Intentions

St. Columba's Frank Queenan

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

St. Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Parishioners' Intentions
St. Columba's 11.00 a.m. Tom Garner 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 Theresa's today.

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WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS AND FUNERALS:

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

LATELY DEAD:

Please pray for Tom Garner, Peter Thornton and Angela Woodworth who died recently. May the Lord grant them Eternal Life and console their family and friends. Tom's

funeral will take place at Blacon Crematorium on Tuesday 5 October at 11.20. Peter's funeral will take place at St Werburgh's on Tuesday 5 October at 10.30 followed by committal at Blacon Crematorium. Angela's Funeral Service will be held at St Columba's on Thursday 7th October at 10.00 a.m.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Kathy Dempsey, Elizabeth Rogerson, Julie Townsley, Mary Dorothy Groom.

PARISH EMAIL AND WEBSITE ADDRESSES:

Please note the new addresses above.

OFFERTORY:

St. Columba's: : Loose plate - £193.50, Planned Giving - £143.50 and Average weekly SOs - £677.00

St Theresa's: £167.87. Average weekly SOs £149.00.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

UPTON & BLACON CHURCHES TOGETHER:

We pray for the residents of Palmerstone Close, Meadowside Mews, Highcliffe Avenue, Sherwood Road.

Garth Drive, Liverpool Road and Ennerdale.

For the Church Hall Secretaries and Parish Administrators.

For those who come to our church halls, that they will find fellowship

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.

RESOURCES:

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.

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).

BADMINTON AT ST COLUMBA'S:

This will restart on Wed 7th and Thurs 8th October.

TRICYCLE PROJECT:

The total now stands at £630 which means Fr William has enough for 3 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.

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.

FR WILLIAM:

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

ST THERESA'S FEAST DAY:

Thank to everyone who came along and joined in the celebrations and to those who donated towards the flowers to decorate the church.

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.

A BIG THANK YOU!

Carol Galvin would like to extend a Big Thank you for all the lovely gifts, cards and best wishes on her retirement as Parish Secretary. Again thank you all very much.

CHS CHILDREN IN NEED RAMBLE:

Sunday 10th October, 10am for a 10.30am start. We will meet at the front of The Catholic High School, Chester. The route is suitable for all ages and dogs are welcome. If you wish, you can also donate using the following link [Gillian Wilkinson is fundraising for BBC Children in Need \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/gillian-wilkinson-is-fundraising-for-bbc-children-in-need). All money goes to Children in Need.

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.

THANK YOU FROM THE SVP:

Thank you very much for your generosity at our coffee morning last Sunday. We raised £ 138.06. Thank you once again.

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:

Alternative meaning ASAP = Always Stop And Pray

WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER:

Autumn is upon us and as the poet John Keats says it is a "Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness", one of my favourite times of year, crisp mornings (hopefully) and beautiful colour in the trees. In the early 1980s the term "Shinrin-yoku" was termed in Japan, translating to forest bathing. The taking of a short leisurely walk to a forest or woodland, allowing the subconscious mind to wander without direction. Using your senses, drinking in the shapes, colours, smells, and sounds. Just taking time out to relax and enjoy the wonder of what is around.

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'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 Amy O'Donnell

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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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