



The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 14 November 2021

Saturday 13th November Blessed Virgin Mary M

St Theresa's 5.00 pm. George Becker
St. Columba's 6.30 pm. Parishioners' Intentions

Sunday 14th November REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

St. Theresa's 9.30 am. John & Kitty Dolan's Ints.
St. Columba's 11.00 am. Angela Woodworth RIP
St Columba's 3.00 pm Pause for Hope prayer service

Monday 15th November St Albert the Great, B, D

St. Theresa's Rita Lyons & Mary West RIP
St. Columba's Holy Souls

Tuesday 16th November St Edmund of Abingdon, B

St. Theresa's Holy Souls
St. Columba's Priests' Intentions

Wednesday 17th November St Hilda, A

St. Theresa's Holy Souls
St. Columba's 10.30 am. Kathleen Cunniffe RIP

Thursday 18th November

Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter & Paul Ap.

St. Theresa's Holy Souls
11.00am Funeral Service for Charles Derek Anthony Moore
St. Columba's Parishioners' Intentions

Friday 19th November

St. Theresa's 10.00 am. Margaret Turnbull's Intentions
St. Columba's Holy Souls

Saturday 20th November Blessed Virgin Mary, M

St. Theresa's 5.00 pm. Parishioners' Intentions
St. Columba's 6.30 pm. Holy Souls

Sunday 21st November

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING

St. Theresa's 9.30 am. Gill Ryan RIP
St. Columba's 11.00 am. Mark Traynor

STREAMING OF MASS:

Mass will be streamed from St Columba's today at 11.00a.m.
www.facebook.com/thecatholicparishofstcolumbaandsttheresa

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, Charles Derek Anthony Moore who died recently, and his family and friends. Anthony's funeral service is at St Theresa's on Tuesday 18th November at 11am.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Rose Mary (May) Me, Peter James Fynn.

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.

PARISH ADMINISTRATION:

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 AT ST COLUMBA'S:

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

OFFERTORY:

St. Columba's: Loose plate; £250.71; Planned Giving £330.00 and Average weekly SOs £677.00 Holy Souls, £130.00
St Theresa's: Loose plate £240.30; Average weekly SOs £149
Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

CHURCHES TOGETHER - PRAYING TOGETHER:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Queen's Crescent, Weston Grove, Lakeside Close, Dukesway, Wavertree Road, Western Avenue, Lloyd Place & Adelaide Road.
- For the Senior Citizens Club, Food & Fun and St Vincent de Paul Society.
- For all those who are retired.

MINISTRY IN THE PARISH FORMS:

If you haven't already done so please return your form. It can be handed in to one of the stewards or put in the Offertory basket. Thank you.

PIETY STALL AT ST THERESA'S:

If anyone would like to look in the piety stall, please see Carole Ingram on a Sunday morning or Elizabeth Mair or Eileen Irwin on a Saturday evening.

COLLECTION FOR THE CLERGY EDUCATION & TRAINING FUND:

Thank you for your generosity. The collection in St Columba's was £165. Other donations were made directly and online.

CARITAS AT CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Bishop Mark has written to encourage us to take an extra collection on the weekend of 27/28 November to support those who have experienced increased hardship and poverty during this difficult year.

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 COFFEE ROTA:

If you would like to volunteer to join the rota and raise money for your cause, please contact Margaret Curtis 01244 318424.

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 you have any garden furniture you no longer want, it would be useful. Condition is not important. If so, please contact the parish office 01244 371660 and leave your name and number and we will contact you.

Many thanks for the sum of £645 which has been raised so far for this project. We hope you will all be able to use the garden next year.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Respect your body when it's asking you for a break. Respect your mind when it seeks a rest. Honour yourself when you need a moment for yourself.

WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER:

The Popes prayer intention for the month of November is for those who suffer from depression. He opened his video which accompanied his prayer intention with the following "Overwork and work-related stress cause many people to experience extreme exhaustion - mental, emotional, affective and physical exhaustion" He asks us to reach out to those who are struggling, but advises against comforting others with too many words, but listen in silence. He concludes by saying "let us pray that people who suffer from depression or burn out will find support and a light that opens them up to life".

RESOURCES:

Samaritans. To talk about anything that is upsetting you, you can contact Samaritans 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. You can call 116 123 (free from any phone), email jo@samaritans.org or visit some branches in person. A fuller list of listening services can be found on the Mind web site. It's good to talk.

LATEST NEWS FROM OAKS:

We have received a letter of thanks from Nic Phipps, one of the OAKS trustees, for our continued support and for the £250 we recently sent to them. OAKS has been one of our parish Third World Projects for 14 years now. When the school opened they had 100 pupils and now there are 650! An amazing difference has been made to the lives of these children in Bo, Sierra Leone. Nic says "Please pass on our gratitude –your donations mean so much and deliver such tangible progress". A copy of Nic's letter and the latest OAKS newsletter are on the Third World notice board. Thank you to those who give support by standing orders. Any other donations may be put in the Third World wall box in the front or back porch. The website of OAKS is www.oaks-sl.org if you would like further information.

FOODBANK APPEAL:

Thank you for your continuing support for our foodbank. Our help in providing food for local families who need crisis support is ongoing. Items in short supply at the moment are tinned meats, UHT milk, UHT juice, tinned deserts, instant custard, instant noodles, instant pasta, cup a soup, treats (small bags of sweets/chocolates.) We have plenty of beans and pasta in the warehouse. Please leave donations at local supermarkets or at other collection points mentioned on the website www.westcheshirefoodbank.org.uk Thank you.

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.

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:

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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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