



The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7 November 2021

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 3, 2021

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

Monday 8th November

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

Tuesday 9th November Dedication of the Lateran Basilica of the Most Holy Redeemer

St. Theresa's Priests' Intentions
St. Columba's Bob Lannin B

Wednesday 10th November St Leo the Great, Pp, D

St. Theresa's Angela Woodworth RIP
St. Columba's 10.30 a.m. Theresa Bartliff's Intentions.

Thursday 11th November St Martin of Tours, B

St. Theresa's Private Intention (GB)
St. Columba's Holy Souls

Friday 12th November St Josaphat, B, M

St. Theresa's 10.00 a.m. Kath Maguire RIP
St. Columba's Priests' Intentions

Saturday 13th November Blessed Virgin Mary, M

St. Theresa's 5.00 p.m. George Becker RIP
St. Columba's 6.30 p.m. Priest's Intentions

Sunday 14th November

St. Theresa's 9.30 a.m. John & Kitty Dolan's
Intentions
St. Columba's 11.00 a.m. Parishioners' Intentions

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, Kathleen Holden and Catherine Haslam who died recently, and their families and friends. Kathleen's funeral is at St Theresa's on Tuesday 9th November at 11am.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Marie Margaret Bennett, Cecelia Margaret Redmond, Graham James George, Sheila Mary Cherry, Kathleen Maguire

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; £201.63; Planned Giving £94.50 and Average weekly SOs £677.00 Holy Souls, £133.00
St Theresa's: Loose plate £134.84; Average weekly SOs £149
Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

EXTRA COLLECTION:

Please note that there will be an extra collection this weekend for the Clergy Education & Training Fund. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity.

CHURCHES TOGETHER - PRAYING TOGETHER:

This week we pray for,:

The residents of Longfield Avenue, Iver Road, Iver Close, Bowyer's Close, Ashfield Crescent, Glenside Close & Longdale Drive.

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children. For all who are not able to attend church.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN UPTON EVENTS:

The Quiz Evening raised £150 to be split between CAFOD and Christian Aid. Thank you for your support.

The Coffee Mornings have restarted. The next one is this Thursday 11th November at 10 -12 at the United Reformed Church.

The joint Remembrance Sunday Service is at 4.30 p.m. on Sunday next 14th November also at the United Reformed Church.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY:

On Sunday 14th November there will be a short Act of Remembrance at the War memorial at Blacon Cemetery at 12.00pm led by Rev. Tina Upton. All welcome.

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 next Sunday 14th November. All are welcome.

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 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:

If you think you can, you can!

WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER:

The Pope last week prepared a special Thought for the Day message on Radio 4, some of you may have heard it. In his message, the Pope called for "a renewed sense of shared responsibility for our world", adding that "each one of us – whoever and wherever we may be – can play our own part in challenging the unprecedented threat of climate change and the degradation of our common home". In an optimistic tone he indicated that the COP26 presented an unmissable opportunity to make "radical decisions". How radical can each one of us be to help reduce our carbon footprint?

RESOURCES:

Four things we can all do to help our planet.

1 Energy: insulate and draught proof our homes, switch off appliances when not in use.

2 Food: reduce meat and dairy in our diet, particularly red meat such as beef and lamb, reduce food waste, buy local.

3 Drive less, fly less.

4 Think before we buy, repair if we can, second hand is good, buy sustainably.

A THANK YOU FROM MISSIO:

Thank you very much for your donations to World Mission Sunday recently. 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).

ST. COLUMBA'S SUNDAY COFFEE ROTA:

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

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

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.

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 Rebecca Vaughan

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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

