



# The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 17<sup>th</sup> JULY 2022

### Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July

St. Theresa's 5.00pm Priests' Intentions  
St. Columba's 6.30pm Parishioners' Intentions

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July

St. Theresa's 9.30am Parishioners' Intentions  
St. Columba's 11.00am. Mary Kilcoyne RIP (CWL)

### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July

St. Theresa's Private Intention  
St. Columba's 10.30am Paula Graham

### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July – St John Plessington, P.M. Mem

St. Theresa's Special Int. (EM)  
St. Columba's Marion Baker RIP

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

St Theresa's Priests' Intentions  
St. Columba's 9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
10.15am Novena Prayers  
St. Columba's 10.30am. Pte Int. (90<sup>th</sup> Birthday)

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

**St. Theresa's 9.30am St Theresa's Primary School**  
St. Columba's Priests' Intentions

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – St Mary Magdalene. Mem

St. Theresa's Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Devotions to Our Lady  
10.00am Eileen Mapp's Intentions

### Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – St Bridget, R. Feast

St. Theresa's 5.00pm Priests' Intentions  
St. Columba's 6.30pm Anthony & Veronical Comerford

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

St. Theresa's 9.30am Parishioners' Intentions  
St. Columba's 11.00am Sheila Corcoran RIP

### **ST THERESA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL:**

There will be Mass for the whole school at St Theresa's on Thursday 21 July at 9.30am.

### **CONFESSIONS:**

**There will be Confessions after every weekday Mass until 11.30am. at both churches.**

**St Columba's:** From 6pm before the 6.30pm Saturday evening Mass.

**St Theresa's:** From 4.30pm before 5pm Saturday evening Mass.

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

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

### **RECENTLY DEAD:**

Please remember in your prayers Elizabeth (Marian) Baker who died recently. May the Lord grant her Eternal Life and console her family and friends.

### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

John Culshaw, Mary Devine, Adrienne Rosina Davis, Peter Quinton Sweetman.

### **STREAMING OF MASS**

Mass will be streamed from St. Theresa's 9.30am. on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July.

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### **OFFERTORY:**

#### **St Columba's:**

Loose plate – £207.43, Planned Giving- £230.00, Average weekly SOs - £677.00

#### **St Theresa's:** Loose plate and Planned Giving: £226.02

Average weekly SOs £161.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

### **NEWMAN ROOM:**

After a two-year delay due to the pandemic, we can now celebrate the completion of the **Our Mission Together** project with the fitting out of the Newman Room at St Columba's. We hope it will be used and enjoyed by all parishioners. The room can be booked by contacting Nuala Keegan at the Parish Office (St Columba's). The room is also available for hire by non-parish groups (£17.50 per hour).

### **ST. COLUMBA'S CHOIR SUMMER BREAK:**

The Choir at St Columba's will be having a well-earned summer break after this Sunday's 11.00am Mass. The Choir will return Sunday 4th September.

We would like to thank the Choir for the great work they do in leading the musical liturgy at St Columba's and wish them a restful summer.

If anyone would like to join the Choir (all are welcome, participation not perfection!), or have any ideas regarding the musical liturgy at St Columba's, please contact Mark Traynor.

### **ORDINATION TO THE PERMANENT DIACONATE:**

Mr Tony Nuttall of the Ellesmere Port Parishes was ordained to the Permanent Diaconate at Shrewsbury Cathedral on Saturday 16th July. We give thanks for God's grace which inspires all vocations; please keep Rev Tony and his family in your prayers as he begins his ministry.

### **PRAYING TOGETHER:**

We pray for:

- The residents of Keswick Close, Stanton Drive Caldry Close, Onslow Road, Springwood Close, Overwood Lane and Melverley Drive
- For the Army Chaplain and all at the Dale Camp, the work of the Armed Forces, the soldiers, and their families.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August** – parish coach trip to Llandudno, leaving St Columba's at 8.45am and St Theresa's at 9.00a.m. £13 per person. Please add your name to the lists which are in the front porch of both Churches or contact Margaret Curtis 01244 318424.

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY IS BACK!!:**

We are delighted that the Children's Liturgy has returned to the 11.00 mass at St Columba's, after such a long break. Very many thanks to the volunteer team who will run this once a month to begin with. We hope that if we can recruit more helpers we can increase the frequency.

The next two sessions will be on Sunday 14th August and Sunday 4th September.

### **ST. COLUMBA'S COFFEE ROTA:**

If you would like to volunteer to raise money for your cause, write your name on the rota in the hall or contact Margaret Curtis on 01244 318424.

### **IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH OTHER CHURCHES:**

Another opportunity to take part in this important work will occur on Sunday July 31st when St. Columba's will host the next Fifth Sunday Service for Churches Together in Upton. Most of the solo parts have been filled but there are unlimited places available in the chorus.

Watch this space for more information on opportunities to join in. David Savage 380626

### **EVENTS FOR UKRAINIAN REFUGEES AND THEIR HOST FAMILIES:**

Our friends at Upton URC have asked me to publicise some "Meet and Chat Drop-ins" which they have organised on Tuesday mornings. Please see details on the Notice Boards

### **MARY'S MEALS 6/7 AUGUST**

There will be an appeal from a representative from Marys Meals over the weekend of 6/7 August.

### **HOLY GHOSTS FATHERS SPIRITAN MISSION APPEAL:**

The Spiritans Mission Appeal in our Parish will be over the weekend of 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> October.

### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

We can all make a difference to the lives of others in need because it is the most simple of gestures that make the most significant of differences. — *Miya Yamanouchi.*

### **WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER**

Longevity seems to run in our family, this month my Great Uncle will be 101 and his brother will be a young 96. We are still learning from them both and enjoying their company. As we come to the 2nd World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly on 24 July, Pope Francis is calling on Catholics to pray throughout the month of July for the elderly. The Pope said "Let us remember grandparents and the elderly they are the bread that nourishes our lives; they are the hidden wisdom of a people. Let us pray for the elderly, that they may become teachers of tenderness so that their experience and wisdom may help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility."

### **RESOURCES:**

Are you worried about the rising cost of energy bills, food, and transport? You are not alone, the cost of living is rising and this could have an impact on all aspects of your finances. You may want help accessing welfare rights, benefits and debt advice, support getting all the money you're entitled to, or simply want to know more about the Government's recent support measures. Whatever your money worries may be, [Cheshire West and Chester Council](https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/housing-benefit-council-tax/cost-of-living-support) have put together some useful information to help you. It can be found on their website: <https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/housing-benefit-council-tax/cost-of-living-support>

### **CHESTER CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL. GOVERNOR VACANCIES – SEPT. 2022**

From September 2022 we will be looking to recruit 2 new Foundation governors and one community governor to join the local governing board at Chester Catholic High.

*Is a foundation governor different to other governors?* No, Foundation governors do exactly the same as everyone else but the difference is that they are appointed by the Bishop to oversee that the Catholic ethos is developed throughout the school. As a Foundation governor you would ensure the Catholic teachings are preparing all our students, Catholic and non-Catholic alike, to be ready to leave school prepared for their future in an ever changing world.

You must be a practicing catholic to apply and belong to a parish. This is so your parish priest can vouch for you and sign your application form.

*What is the role of a Community governor?* The Community governor has the same involvement as all governors but they represent the views of the local community around CHS. This role can be applied directly through the school and is open to everyone regardless of their faith.

If you would like an informal chat about governance, or wish to express an interest in the Community governor role, please contact the Chair of Governors via the school email: [johnsonj@christofidelis.org.uk](mailto:johnsonj@christofidelis.org.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: [stcolumbaschurch2016@outlook.com](mailto:stcolumbaschurch2016@outlook.com)

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 Alison Wrigglesworth

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Please ensure that items are emailed or phoned to the

Compiler by **9.00a.m. on WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JULY**

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**JUST FOR FUN QUIZ QUESTIONS:**

1. How many years did Noah live for after the flood?
2. There are only three angels named in the bible, Michael and Lucifer are two, name the other?
3. The book of Esther is unique because it does not mention which word?
4. The Bible was written in three languages - Hebrew, Koine Greek and which other language?

[freequiz.co.uk](http://freequiz.co.uk)

QUIZ ANSWERS:  
1 350 years; 2 Gabriel; 3 The word 'God' 4 Aramaic