



# The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

31<sup>st</sup> JULY 2022

### Saturday 30th July

St. Theresa's	5.00pm	Parishioners' Intentions
St. Columba's	6.30pm	The Parish

### Sunday 31st July

St. Theresa's	9.30am	Stephen James Taylor RIP
St. Columba's	11.00am	Mary Kilcoyne RIP

### Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August – St Alphonsus, B, D

St. Theresa's		Private Intention
St. Columba's	10.30am	Mary Kilcoyne RIP

### Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August

St. Theresa's		Special Intention
St. Columba's		Parishioners' Intentions

### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August

St. Theresa's		Priests' Intentions
St. Columba's	9.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	10.15am	Novena Prayers
St. Columba's	10.30am	Priests' Intentions

### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August – St John Vianney, Priest

St. Theresa's		Special Intention
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### St. Columba's 12.00pm Funeral – Marion Baker RIP

### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August – Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary

#### Major

St. Theresa's	9.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Devotions to Our Lady
	10.00am	Kathleen Hoban RIP
St. Columba's		Private Intention

### Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August – Transfiguration of the Lord

St. Theresa's	5.00pm	Parishioners' Intentions
St. Columba's	6.30pm	The Parish

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August

St. Theresa's	9.30am	Keith Evans RIP
St. Columba's	11.00am	The Parish

## 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 (Marion) Baker who died recently. May the Lord grant her Eternal Life and console her family and friends. Marion's funeral will be held at St Columba's at 12.00 noon on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August.

## ANNIVERSARIES:

Margaret Watson, Maria Dolores Parry, Joan O'Hanlon, Maureen Frances Picken, John Dunne.

## SYNOD 2021-2023

### Communion Participation Mission

In his recent letter to Clergy Bishop Mark writes:

*'Since the completion of the Diocesan Listening Phase, a national synthesis of diocesan reports has been brought together. The bishops will be meeting this week (w/c 26 June) to reflect on our shared discernment to be offered to the continental phase of this process eventually leading to the October 2023 Synod of Bishops in Rome.'*

The National Synthesis Document can be found on the web site of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales

[www.cbcew.org.uk/Synod](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/Synod)

Please continue to pray for the Synod and for our participation, walking together along the way, united in Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life.

### 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 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 pursue 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.

## STREAMING OF MASS

Mass will be streamed from St. Columba's 11.00a.m. on Sunday 31st July.

[www.facebook.com/thecatholicparishofstcolumbaandsttheresa](https://www.facebook.com/thecatholicparishofstcolumbaandsttheresa)

## OFFERTORY:

### St Columba's:

Loose plate – TBA, Planned Giving: TBA, Average weekly SOs - £677.00

St Theresa's: Loose plate and Planned Giving: £184.44 Average weekly SOs £161. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

## PRAYING TOGETHER:

We pray for:

- The residents of Acres Lane, Alwyn Gardens, Brooke Avenue, Woodside Road, Oakfield Road, Highfield Road and Foxcote Close.
- The clergy of the Churches in Upton and for the congregations.

## ST COLUMBA'S SUNDAY COFFEE ROTA

31st July - Sue Carr for the Parish

7th Aug - volunteers please

14<sup>th</sup> Aug - volunteers

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:

St. Columba's are hosting the Fifth Sunday Service for Churches Together in Upton today (31 July) at 4.30pm. You are all invited to come along and show our commitment to working more closely with other faiths. More information from David Savage 380626.

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

You, yourself, as much as anybody in the entire universe, deserve your love and affection." — *Buddha*

## WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER:

It is clear from the news and newspaper reports that waiting is the thing of the moment, whether it is to get away on holiday or finding a new PM, waiting is the name of the game. How are you at waiting? What does it teach us about ourselves? Sometimes waiting can make you feel powerless and not in control. But waiting may also be seen as a spiritual discipline, resting in the Lord, while he recharges our batteries? Maybe it will increase our trust in Gods timings, and allow us time out, but I haven't quite worked out how to translate that with the kids who ask "are we there yet" again! Any thoughts?

## RESOURCES:

For those of you with a concessionary bus pass - English National Concessionary pass holders will now be able to travel before 9.30am, where journeys begin or end in the borough, during the school summer holidays following a successful proposal suggested by Cheshire West and Chester Council. The offer is for a limited time and will run from 25 July until 2 September 2022.

## 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.

## 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<sup>TH</sup>/7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST:

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

## SAVE THE DATE:

**Saturday 8th October** - Cheese and wine evening with music in the church hall for Meningitis Now. More details nearer the time from Cathy Murphy [c.murphy900@btinternet.com](mailto:c.murphy900@btinternet.com).

## NEWS ABOUT CAFOD'S LATEST CAMPAIGN:

"Fix the Food System" – There's enough food in the world to feed everyone, but millions still live in poverty, *including many of those who grow the food*. Profits come before people and large-scale commercial agriculture, dominated by a few big businesses, is accelerating the climate crisis. The system is broken but we **can** do something. Go to [cafod.org.uk/fixfood](http://cafod.org.uk/fixfood) to find out more.

## 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 Harry Sweeney

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Please ensure that items are emailed or phoned to the Compiler by **9.00a.m. on WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST**

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