



# The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 26TH JUNE 2022

### Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

St. Theresa's	5.00pm	Parishioners' Intentions
St. Columba's	6.30pm	Pauline Leech

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

St. Theresa's	9.30am	Priests' Intentions
St. Columba's	11.00am	The Comerford family

### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July

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

### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July

St. Theresa's		John McCann RIP
St. Columba's		Parishioners' Intentions

### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July- St Maria Goretti, V. M.

St Theresa's		The Gannon family
St. Columba's	9.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	10.15am	Novena Prayers
St. Columba's	10.30am	Eileen Waters

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July

St. Theresa's		Private Intention
St. Columba's		Priests' Intentions

### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July

St. Theresa's	9.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Devotions to Our Lady
	10.00am	Special Intentions
St. Columba's		The Parish

### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July

St. Theresa's	5.00pm	Sue Horton RIP
St. Columba's	6.30pm	John McCann

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July

St. Theresa's	9.30am	Parishioners' Intentions
St. Columba's	11.00am	Keith McCarthy

### 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 John McCann and Mary Kilcoyne who died recently. May the Lord grant them Eternal Life and console their families and friends. John's funeral will take place at 12.30pm on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July at St Werburgh's.

**Mary's funeral will take place at 1.15pm on Tuesday 12 July at St Columba's.**

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Kathleen Gallagher, Vincenzo (Larry) Pellegrini, Mary Teresa Rose, Fausto Nino Biasillo, Thomas Faust.

### STREAMING OF MASS

Mass will be streamed from St Columba's 11.00am. on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

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### OFFERTORY:

#### St Columba's:

Loose plate – £244.90, Planned Giving- £187.50, Average weekly SOs - £677.00

**St Theresa's:** Loose plate and Planned Giving: : £198.60  
Average weekly SOs £161.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

### HOLY GHOSTS FATHERS SPIRITAN MISSION APPEAL:

The Spiritans Mission Appeal in our Parish has been postponed until 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> October.

### 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).

### PRAYING TOGETHER:

We pray for:

- the residents of Dawpool Close, Ullswater Crescent, Orchard Close Palmerstone Close, Meadowside Mews, Highcliffe Avenue and Sherwood Road
- the Upton Churches Together Monday Coffee Morning. For the Churches Together in Upton

Committee.

### MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July 7.30 – 10.30 A Musical Evening in St Theresa’s Centre.** Enjoy a fantastic evening’s entertainment with some well-known singers/musicians from our church - marvellous value at only **£3.00** including refreshments. Pay at the door.

**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 returns this weekend at 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:

3<sup>rd</sup> July Volunteers needed please

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.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Thousands of candles can be lighted from a single candle, and the life of the candle will not be shortened. Happiness never decreases by being shared. Buddha.

### WE’RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER:

We have been watching with fascination nature playing out in our back garden. A cat has been taking residence on our warm paving slabs and the local resident magpies are not having it! They keep dive bombing the cat and jumping up and down and squawking. The cat generally just tries to ignore them and enjoy the warm spot, remaining incredibly resilient. Made me think what I would do in that kind of situation, rise to the bait, or calmly resist. With plenty of things to get worked up or worry about at the moment, maybe the cat has it right! I need to work on my resilience, how about you? Have a good week.

### RESOURCES:

Chester Art Beat walking trail. 1-3 July - 18 venues around Chester – 30 artists, live demonstrations, exhibitions, meet the artist, see the city, win art materials- fund raising for Claire House. [chesterartbeat.co.uk/trailmap](http://chesterartbeat.co.uk/trailmap)

### IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH OTHER CHURCHES:

Another opportunity to take part in this important work will occur on July 31st when St. Columba’s will host the next Fifth Sunday Service for Churches Together in Upton. There will be hymns, so if you like a good sing come along and add to the volume. 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

**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

### EXERCISE CLASS:

Want to stay strong, mobile and independent? Come and try a Seated to Standing exercise class on Mondays 1.45-2.45 p.m. at St Columba’s Parish Hall. All ages and abilities welcome! Contact Hilary on 07933306745 or e-mail [hifitnessuk@gmail.com](mailto:hifitnessuk@gmail.com)

### 200 CLUB:

The new envelopes are available at the back of St Theresa’s church.

### WHY DO YOU GO TO CHURCH?

This verse by Charles Spurgeon, a 19th century Baptist, fell out of my hymn book last Sunday.

“Some go to church to take a walk;  
some go there to laugh and talk.  
Some go there to meet a friend;  
some go there their time to spend.  
Some go there to meet a lover:  
some go there a fault to cover.  
Some go there for speculation;  
some go there for observation.  
Some go there to doze and nod;  
the wise go there to worship God”.

### QUIZ QUESTIONS – JUST FOR FUN:

Questions (answers below)

1. Can you name England’s only ever pope?
2. How many books are there in the bible?
3. Name the smallest country in the world?
4. Which calendar is the calendar used in most of the world, Julian or Gregorian?
5. How many humans were on Noah’s Ark?

- Answers
1. Pope Adrian IV (born Nicholas Breakspear). He was pope from 1154 to 1159.
  2. 66 books (39 are found in the Old Testament, 27 in the New Testament)
  3. Vatican City
  4. Gregorian calendar (introduced in the UK in 1752, 11 days were lost when the Gregorian replaced the Julian calendar)
  5. Eight humans (Noah, his wife Naamah, and his three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth and their wives)

### 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 Eileen Irwin

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Please ensure that items are emailed or phoned to the

Compiler by **9.00a.m. on WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JULY**

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