



The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7th AUGUST 2022

Saturday 6 August

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

Sunday 7th August

St. Theresa's 9.30am Keith Evans RIP
St. Columba's 11.00am Relatives living & deceased of the Williams family

Monday 8th August - St Dominic, P

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

Tuesday 9th August - St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross V, M

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

Wednesday 10th August - St Lawrence, M, Dn

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

Thursday 11th August - St Clare, V.

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

Friday 12th August - St Jane Francis de Chantal

St. Theresa's 9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Devotions to Our Lady
10.00am Br. Adrian Marsh RIP
St. Columba's The Parish

Saturday 13th August

St. Theresa's 5.00pm Parishioners' Intentions
St. Columba's 6.30pm Ian Bullough (A)

Sunday 14th August - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin

Mary
St. Theresa's 9.30am Joan & Charles Woods RIP
St. Columba's 11.00am Marion Baker RIP

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 Brother Adrian Marsh OFM Cap. who died recently. May the Lord grant him Eternal Life and console his Brothers, the Franciscan community, his family and friends.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Graham William Leech, Michael Paziuk.

STREAMING OF MASS:

Mass will be streamed from St. Columba's 11.00a.m. on Sunday 7th August

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OFFERTORY:

St Columba's:

24 July: Loose plate - £254.90, Planned Giving: £158.50, Average weekly SOs - £677.00

31 July: Loose plate - £190.20, Planned Giving: £102.50
Average weekly SOs - £677.00

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

PRAYING TOGETHER:

We pray for:

- Pray for the residents of Caughall Road, Acorn Court, The Acorns, Rosedene Close, Endsleigh Gardens, Endsleigh Close, Bowyer's Close, Ashfield Crescent, Glenside Close and Longdale Drive .
- For the PCC Members, Elders and all who hold Office in the Church. For strong leadership by those elected and appointed.

IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH OTHER CHURCHES:

Thanks to all of you who helped in any way with the Fifth Sunday service last week.

ST COLUMBA'S SUNDAY COFFEE ROTA:

7th Aug - Sue McCarthy for SVP

14th Aug - volunteers please

21st Aug - Margaret and Jane Nash

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](tel:01244318424)

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"our present circumstances don't determine where you can go; they merely determine where you start." - Nido Qubein

WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER:

Speaking to a friend the other day who was helping to house a mother and son from Ukraine, the thought for the week seems to bring into stark reality what some people are having to deal with and what their current starting point maybe. Their reality, slightly softened by someone's else's hospitality and kindness. This is happening all over the country as well as within our City but, as with all things, the "giver" receives as much as the recipient. "Give and you will receive." (Luke 6:38) How true. We wish all our visitors a safe and happy space from which to move forward.

RESOURCES:

The Pilgrimage of the Relics of Saint Bernadette of Lourdes – in Chester 14 September

- We are pleased to be able to forward the national publicity materials provided for the pilgrimage of Saint Bernadette's relics which will come to our Diocese on 13th and 14th September this year. The relics will be at Shrewsbury Cathedral from 1.00 pm on Tuesday 13th September until 9.00 am on Wednesday 14th September, when the relics will travel to Saint Werburgh's, Chester until 4.00 pm that same afternoon. The Booking System is starting to go live! You'll find the link here to the [National Website](#). Click that and you'll find a wealth of information. For Booking purposes, click "Registration" on the menu bar at the top of the page. Find the Map Pin for Shrewsbury Diocese (hiding behind Liverpool) and that will bring up the two venues, our Cathedral and St Werburgh's. At the moment only the afternoon visits are bookable. The morning is exclusively for our schools, but we hope the Bookings for Mass (12.15 pm) will be bookable soon as well. Watch this space, everyone!

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.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

If you would like to become an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharistic please email st.theresas@btinternet.com or 'phone the presbytery on 01244 371660 and give us your name and contact details and we will get back to you.

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 6TH/7TH AUGUST:

This weekend there will be an appeal from a representative from Mary's Meals.

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.

ALTAR SERVER OUTING - AUTUMN 2022:

There will be an altar serving outing in September or October for altar servers of St Columba's and St Theresa's. A survey has been sent out to altar servers via the WhatsApp group and via

email - but if you are interested and haven't seen this, please get in touch with Richard Curtis. Tel: 07787782255.
email: rich.curtis89@yahoo.co.uk

ARRANGEMENTS FOR 14TH SEPTEMBER – ST BERNADETTE:

The Booking System is starting to go live at St Werburgh's!. Go to the St Werburgh Home Page on our website and click the button "St Bernadette Relics – 14th September". Eight lines down you'll find the link to the National Website. Click that and you'll find a wealth of information. For Booking purposes, click "Registration" on the menu bar at the top of the page. Find the Map Pin for Shrewsbury Diocese (hiding behind Liverpool – cheek!) and that will bring up the two venues, our Cathedral and St Werburgh's. At the moment – Saturday morning, 30th July – only the afternoon visits are bookable. The morning is exclusively for our schools, but we hope the Bookings for Mass (12.15 pm) will be bookable soon as well. Watch this space, everyone!

ST COLUMBA'S – HEALTH & SAFETY

Recently a parishioner was injured when a kneeler in the upright position fell on her foot. To avoid future injuries Fr William has requested that the kneelers be always kept in the down position. Please note that in the event of any accident in or around the church or church hall the event should be reported to Fr William or Fr James and the Accident Books held in the Church and Church Hall must be completed in full to comply with our insurance.

RICHARD CURTIS RUNNING THE 2022 LONDON MARATHON:

On Sunday 2nd October Richard Curtis is running the 2022 London Marathon. I am running in aid of the Neonatal Unit for The Countess Charity. This charity has a special place in my and Nina's hearts, because of the amazing care we received when Anya was born 8 weeks premature over 6 years ago at the Countess of Chester Hospital. If you could please spare a small donation, we would be most grateful. Link to the donation page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Richard-Curtis-LM22>

RED MISSION BOXES, ST COLUMBA'S

If you have a Red Mission box, please leave it in the sacristy and when Margaret has counted it, your new box will be ready for collection in the rear porch - please only take the box with your name on. Thank you, Margaret Curtis, [01244 318424](tel:01244318424)

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

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 Amy O'Donnell

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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 **9.00a.m. on WEDNESDAY 10TH AUGUST**
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**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.