



The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

28th August 2022

Saturday 27th August

St. Theresa's 5.00pm

St. Columba's 6.30pm

Marion Baker RIP

Mary McGee

Sunday 28th August

St. Theresa's 9.30am

St. Columba's 11.00am

Patrick Smith RIP

The Parish

Baptism: 12.30pm

Finlay Hart James Toop

Monday 29th August

St. Theresa's

St. Columba's 10.30am

Parishioners' Intentions

Mrs Malagra

Tuesday 30th August

St. Theresa's

St. Columba's 2.00pm Funeral Service Sarah Jean Flynn

Special Intention

Wednesday 31st August

St Theresa's

St. Columba's 9.30am

Priests' Intentions

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

10.15am

Novena Prayers

St. Columba's 10.30am

John Utting RIP

Thursday 1st September

St. Theresa's

St. Columba's

Peter Lane RIP

Ralph Mortlock

Friday 2nd September

St. Theresa's 9.30am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &

Devotions to Our Lady

10.00am

Jenny Casey's Intentions

St. Columba's

Priests' Intentions

Saturday 3rd September

St. Theresa's 5.00pm

St. Columba's 6.30pm

Parishioners' Intentions

Joseph Francis

Baptism: 12.30pm

Lily Dudley

Sunday 4th September

St. Theresa's 9.30am

St. Columba's 11.00am

Rita Smith

Angela Woodworth. A

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 Sarah Jean Flynn who died recently. May the Lord grant her Eternal Life and console her family and friends. Sarah's Funeral Service will be held at St. Columba's on Tuesday 30th August 2022 at 2.00 p.m.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Frank Barcorft, Margaret Watson, Frederick Aloysius Eadon, Eileen Morris, James Aloysius Brennan, Maria Dolores Parry, Joan O'Hanlon.

STREAMING OF MASS:

Mass will be streamed from St. Theresa's at 9.30a.m. on Sunday 28th August

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OFFERTORY:

St Columba's: Loose plate: £267.85 Planned Giving: £241.50 Average weekly SOs - £677.00

St Theresa's: Loose plate and Planned Giving: £425.13 (for 2 weeks) Average weekly SOs £161.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

PRAYING TOGETHER:

We pray for:

- the residents of Cairns Crescent, Hobart Way, Auckland Road, Wyndham Road, Lumley Road, Demage Lane and Willow Close.
- For our senior schools: Upton High School, The Catholic High School and Bishops High School.
- For all teachers especially those working in RE departments.
- For all young people attending these schools, especially those from our congregations..

ST. COLUMBA'S SUNDAY COFFEE ROTA:

28th Aug Sue McCarthy Food Bank

4th Sept. Volunteers please

11th Sept. Jane Hickson World Scout Jamboree

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

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION CLASSES:

These classes are for children who come to either St Columba's or St Theresa's churches but do not attend one of the RC Primary Schools. They are held in St Columba's Hall on Wednesday evenings in term time from 5pm to 6pm. The classes will begin on Wednesday 5th October. If you have a child in Year 3 or above who would like to enrol to join these classes to prepare for First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion or if you would like any

further information, please ring Pauline Payne on 01244 350323 or email pauline.payne4@btinternet.com

SYNOD 2021-2023 Communion Participation Mission

In the Newsletter last month attention was drawn to The National Synthesis Document prepared by the Bishops of England and Wales, following the Listening Phase of the Synod. Subsequent to the compilation of the Synthesis The Bishops have published a Reflection – *Seeking Our Hearts' Desire*. This, and much more about the Synod (including a link to international comment on Twitter), can be found on the web site of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales 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 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.

Thought for the week: 1st September is World Day of Prayer for the care of creation. Pope Francis is encouraging the Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home. The Pope calls us to use the season to "cultivate our ecological conversion" and to pray together in "the great cathedral of Creation". He warns that we are reaching "a breaking point" and must act decisively so that "we and future generations can continue to rejoice in creation's sweet song of life and hope."

We're all in this together: Having travelled down south recently and seen how parched the land was, I can understand why people were running out and dancing in the rain to celebrate when it came. Did you go out and dance in the rain? What kind of things make you dance for joy? Life can sometimes be tough and every once and a while it's good to let those worries go and do your dance in the rain, or whatever makes you happy. We all need those breaks. Keep talking and remember what JK Rowling said, "It's important to remember that we all have magic inside of us."

Resources for those of you who may be running out of ideas with children still at home on school holidays have you tried the 10-minute [shake up games on the NHS](http://shakeupgamesontheNHS.com) website? Why not give it a go!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

Children's liturgy at St. Columba's Church Hall will continue at 11am Mass on the first Sunday of each month. We would love to be able to increase the frequency as our children are the future of our parish. We

currently only have four volunteers. Should you wish to become involved we would be delighted to hear from you.

Our next session will take place on Sunday 4th September at 11am Mass. Children of all ages are welcome.

SHEILA BURRELL:

Sheila was the devoted and caring 'housekeeper' for Fr. John ('Jackie') Warnock, when he was parish priest at St Columba's in the 1970's/early 80's, and subsequently when he transferred to St Anne's, Nantwich; older parishioners will remember her well. We have received news that Sheila is 'very poorly', please keep her in your prayers.

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 379443 and give us your name and contact details and we will get back to you.

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

RECRUITING LOURDES HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH THE VISIT OF THE RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE OF LOURDES:

These relics will be coming to the Cathedral on Tuesday 13th September and move to St Werburgh', Chester on 14th September. Lourdes Hospitality members have been approached to carry the reliquary and statue and then stand on guard throughout the visit. This is a real honour so please consider helping if you are a member of the Lourdes Hospitality. If you cannot help yourself, then please do invite others to do so. For further details please contact the Hospitality President, Siobhan Cartwright: siobhanbc@gmail.com or phone on 07761138947.

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)

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

Family Fun Quiz Night - We are going to hold a family quiz night at St. Columba's Church Hall on Friday 16th September at 7 p.m. so please bring the family along and join in the fun. There will be questions suitable for all age groups.

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:

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Please include a phone number in case of queries, and Please ensure that items are emailed or phoned to the

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>