



The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11th SEPTEMBER 2022

Saturday 10th September

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

Sunday 11th September

St. Theresa's	9.30am	Private Intention (TE)
St. Columba's	11.00am	Michelle Mayors

Monday 12th September – The Name of the Most Blessed

Virgin Mary

St. Theresa's		Private Intention (AG)
St. Columba's	10.30am	Lisa Seasman RIP

Tuesday 13th September – St John Chrysostom, B, D

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

Wednesday 14th September- Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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

Thursday 15th September – Our Lady of Sorrows

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

Friday 16th September – Sts Cornelius & Cyprian

St. Theresa's	10.00am	Priests' Intentions
St. Columba's		The Parish

Saturday 17th September- St Robert Bellarmine, B

St. Theresa's	5.00pm	Joan Woods RIP
St. Columba's	6.30pm	Parishioners' Intentions

Sunday 18th September

St. Theresa's	9.30am	Parishioners' Intentions
St. Columba's	11.00am	Julie Briody

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.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Maureen Maiden, Nancy Banks, Paul Bowler, Hannah Connolly, Peter McLean, Eileen Letitia Jones, John Michael Gain, Janet Marie Heath Jones, Joan Margaret Mary Woods, Kathleen Jones.

STREAMING OF MASS:

Mass will be streamed from St. Theresa's at 9.30a.m. on Sunday 11th September.

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OFFERTORY:

St Columba's: Loose plate: £369.28 Planned Giving: £128.40

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 Fowler Road, Clifton Drive, Blacon Point Road, Dalton Close, St Christopher's Close. Dale Drive and Heath Road.
- The Treasurers, Finance Organisers and the Gift Aid Recorders.
- Those who are responsible for the financial affairs of our Churches.

PARISH OFFICE – ST COLUMBA'S:

With effect from Monday 12th September, Nuala will be reducing working hours and Carol will be returning as her job share partner. Nuala will be in the office on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings each week and Carol will be in the office on Monday and Friday mornings each week.

ST COLUMBA'S SUNDAY COFFEE ROTA:

11th Sep - Jane Hickson for World Scout Jamboree

18th Sept - volunteers please

25th Sept - volunteers 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

WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE – COFFEE THIS SUNDAY:

Coffee this Sunday (11th September) is to raise funds to enable a group of local Scouts to attend the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea in 2023. Please do support these local young people.

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

DEC PAKISTAN FLOODS APPEAL – SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND:
Devastating floods have hit Pakistan, leaving millions in urgent need of help to survive. A third of the country is now underwater (that's an area almost the size of Great Britain). Your donation will help CAFOD's local partners support communities with food and emergency medical assistance. Please pray for those affected. You can also donate online at cafod.org.uk/give

**MISSION SUNDAY – SPECIAL COLLECTION
18/19 SEPTEMBER:**

There will be a second collection on 18th/19th September for Mission Sunday. Your generosity and support is appreciated. Thank you.

WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER:

Sunday 11th September is Education Sunday, which "gives us the opportunity to give thanks to God for all who teach and all who study, for all who continually have to find the right words and deliver them with enthusiasm and graciousness... we pray that God will fortify those working to make our schools places of learning and sanctuary – not just teachers and leaders but all the support staff whose tireless work sometimes goes unnoticed. We pray for all our primary and secondary pupils – particularly school leavers who have had such a difficult journey in recent times – not to mention students in higher education and vocational training." (Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales). With our educational establishments going back for the new year, let us pray and remember all who are involved.

RESOURCES:

Know your numbers week - Measure, Modify, Manage. This refers to measuring your blood pressure to see if it is under control, modifying your lifestyle if necessary and managing your blood pressure and health to prevent serious illness. The aim of the campaign, supported annually by Cheshire West and Chester Council and Brio Leisure, is to reach those who have high blood pressure and do not know it. People can then access the treatment and support they need to bring it under control. Free blood pressure checks are offered by GPs, pharmacies, some workplaces, some gyms and health clubs and as part of an NHS Health Check or Well Man Clinic. So, know your numbers.

CCS IN ST THERESA'S CAR PARK:

CCS are using the far end of St Theresa's car park as a base for a few months while works to some of Sanctuary's houses are carried out. In return they have offered to do some odd jobs or rubbish removal for our parishioners who are tenants of Sanctuary Housing. They would provide the labour, you would provide the materials. If you would like to take them up on this, please phone St Theresa's presbytery 01244 371660 and leave your name and number and a brief description of the work required. This will be on a first come first served basis.

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. Entrance Adults £2 Juniors under 15 £1 tea and coffees provided.

Anyone wanting a lift from St Theresa's, please contact Ann McCarthy 07751970388.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

Children's liturgy at St. Columba's in the Newman Room will continue at 11am Mass on the first Sunday of each month. Children of all ages are welcome. 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.

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"When I despair, I remember that all through history the way of the truth and love has always won. There have been tyrants and murderers and for a time they seem invincible, but in the end, they always fall...think of it, always." Mahatma Gandhi

CHANGES TO THE MUSICAL LITURGY AT ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH:

From September we are introducing some changes to the musical liturgy at St Columba's. The Choir will lead the singing every 1st and 3rd week of the month. The 2nd week will be organ led. The fourth week will be left open to allow any other members of our parish community, with support, to provide the musical liturgy. It's hoped that open week will be taken up by some of our younger parishioners. Of course, if you would like to join our Choir, as a singer or musician (particularly a keyboard player to give Rob a break from time to time) you would be more than welcome, just contact Mark Traynor.

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>

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 Harry Sweeney

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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 14th September**
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