



# The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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## TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**2 OCTOBER 2022**

### Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October – St Theresa

St. Theresa's 5.00pm Michelle Mayers RIP  
St. Columba's 6.30pm Priests' Intentions

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

St. Theresa's 9.30am Parishioners' Ints  
St. Columba's 11.00am Mary Kilcoyne & William Pollock

### Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

St. Theresa's Priests' Intentions  
St. Columba's 10.30am Joyce Bownas

### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October – St Francis of Assisi

St. Theresa's 9.30am St Theresa's School  
Feast Day Mass  
St. Columba's John Gannon RIP

### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October – St Maria Faustina(Helena)

Kowalska  
St Theresa's Private Intention  
St. Columba's 10.00am Requiem Mass for Winifred McGlown

### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October

St. Theresa's Parishioners' Intentions  
St. Columba's Adriana Wheatley RIP

### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October – Our Lady of the Rosary

St. Theresa's 10.00am Joseph Russell RIP  
St. Columba's Eddie McGuire

### Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October

St. Theresa's 5.00pm Tony Davies RIP  
St. Columba's 6.30pm Frank Stone Snr A

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October

St. Theresa's 9.30am Charles Woods RIP  
St. Columba's 11.00am The Parish

### **ANNUAL MASS ATTENDANCE COUNT:**

The third Annual Mass Count will take place this weekend.

### **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.

### **ST THERESA'S FEAST DAY:**

Thank you to those who donated towards flowers for this and who came along to help us celebrate our Feast Day.

### **RECENTLY DEAD**

Please remember in your prayers **Winifred McGlown & Kathleen Baxter** who died recently. May the Lord grant them Eternal Life and console their family and friends. Winifred's funeral service will be held at St. Columba's on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00am. Kathleen's funeral is on Thursday 13 October at St Columba's at 1.45pm.

### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Eric John Hocking, Elizabeth Rogerson, Elsie Maguire, Julie Townsley, Mary Dorothy Groom, Kathy Dempsey and Winifred McGlown.

### **LIVE STREAMING OF MASS:**

Mass will be streamed from St. Columba's at 11a.m. on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September.

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### **OFFERTORY:**

**St Columba's:** Loose plate: £253.36 Planned Giving: £142.50  
Average weekly SOs - £574.00. Badminton Group: £256.00.

**St Theresa's:** Loose plate and Planned Giving: £236.78  
Average weekly SOs £161.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

### **PRAYING TOGETHER:**

- Pray for the residents of Garth Drive, Liverpool Road, Ennerdale, Hafod Close, Nevin Road, Penman Close and Treborth Road.
- For the Church Hall Secretaries and Electoral Roll Secretary.
- For those who come to our church halls, that they will find fellowship.

### **ST COLUMBA'S SUNDAY COFFEE ROTA:**

2nd Oct - Macmillan Coffee Morning

9<sup>th</sup> Oct - Volunteers please

16<sup>th</sup> Oct- 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

### **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

Cakes will be on sale after the 6:30pm Mass on Sat 1<sup>st</sup> October after the 11am Mass on Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> October for this annual fundraiser. Myra Bowyer has donated some of her handcrafted greeting cards, to sell on 1st and 2nd Oct, to add to our McMillan donation.

## ANNUAL SPIRITAN APPEAL:

The Spiritans will be holding a Mission Appeal in our parish on the 22/23 October.

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:pauline.payne4@btinternet.com)

## RCIA: ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Wants to learn more about the Catholic faith
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information please contact Fr. William or Fr. James who will put you in touch with the RCIA team. Sessions will begin in October.

## CAFOD Family Fast Day 7<sup>th</sup> October – World Food Crisis Appeal

Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. Your donations can help CAFOD's local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table. Please give today or start a monthly gift to CAFOD. Use the envelope which are in the church porches or go to [cafod.org.uk/fastday](http://cafod.org.uk/fastday)

## RICHARD CURTIS RUNNING THE 2022 LONDON MARATHON:

This Sunday 2nd October, Richard Curtis is running the 2022 London Marathon in aid of the Countess of Chester Neonatal Unit. Thank you so much to everyone who has donated so far. If you would like to make a donation, the link to the JustGiving page is: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Richard-Curtis-LM22>

## ALTAR SERVER OUTING – 22 OCTOBER 2022:

There will be an altar server outing bowling trip on Saturday 22nd October at 12:00pm, at Ten Pin Cheshire Oaks, for altar servers of St Columba's and St Theresa's. Everyone should have RSVP'd by now, but if you are still interested, please contact Richard Curtis on Tel: 07787782255. email: [rich.curtis89@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rich.curtis89@yahoo.co.uk)

## T 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.

## ZOOM ROSARY FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

We will be hosting a Parish rosary for the month of October beginning Tuesday evening 3rd October at 8.00pm and continuing every Tuesday for the rest of the month. If you like to join us please send your email address to Mark Traynor [marktraynor96@gmail.com](mailto:marktraynor96@gmail.com) before 7.30pm

## THE TEN MILLION

On 23 September 2022, at 11:41am, thousands of people across the UK stopped for a minute of silence to commemorate the ten million lives that have been lost to abortion across Great Britain since the Abortion Act was introduced in 1967. Right To Life UK have released a short two-minute video called *The Ten Million*, which attempts to illustrate what the UK has lost through the death of these millions of people. They are encouraging people to share the video with friends and family who may find it of interest:

[www.righttolife.org.uk/thetenmillion](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/thetenmillion)

## VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED!

A long overdue clear out of St Columba's Hall is planned for Friday 14 October/Saturday 15 October and we urgently need 4 willing volunteers please. Lifting and shifting old, surplus furniture and moving rubbish is involved. A skip has been ordered. Work will take place Friday 14 October 3.00pm – 5.00pm and Saturday 15 October 9.00 – 12 noon. If you can help, even for an hour or two, that would be much appreciated. Please let Nuala or Carol in the Parish office (01244 624019) know if you are available. Thanks in advance

## LOVING 4 LIFE

Take time out to turn your marriage into a great marriage. The Diocese organise retreats if you are just married, married for a while or in the golden years. The next retreat is 8-9 October 22. For further information visit [www.loving4life.co.uk](http://www.loving4life.co.uk) or contact Jane Deegan on 07517906435

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

The whole world is a series of miracles, but we are so used to seeing them that we call them ordinary. Hans Christian Anderson.

## HELP NEEDED:

We urgently need more adult helpers to join the very small team of youth group leaders so we can start the youth group up again. The sessions are easy because we have nice young parishioners. If you're not sure, why not try it and see if you enjoy it. If you are 18+ and could give a couple of hours a month please contact Denise Lusk on 01244 379742.

## 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

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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 9.00 a.m. on WEDNESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> September  
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**YOUTH GROUP:**

We would like to restart our youth group in October, as long as we have enough leaders. We had a lovely group of young parishioners who regularly met pre pandemic and invite them and any other young parishioners aged 10 to 14 years to come along, meet old friends, make new friends, play games, eat snacks, have fun and learn a bit about our faith. We will meet on the third Monday of the month from 7.15pm to 8.45pm at St Columba's. More details will follow soon.

**PEW KNEELERS**

There was an accident recently at St Columba's when a kneeler fell on a parishioner's foot causing injury. Consequently Fr William has requested that all kneelers are left in the down position. **Please would all parishioners help us to avoid further injuries and comply with this request.** Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

**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.

**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 on 01244 318424.  
**St Theresa's:** Please bring it to church for emptying or contact Sean Baker on 07920174529 to arrange for it to be emptied.