



The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

25TH SEPTEMBER 2022

Saturday 24th September – Our Lady of Walsingham

St. Theresa's 5.00pm Thanksgiving (MK)
St. Columba's 6.30pm John Patrick Campbell

Sunday 25th September

St. Theresa's 9.30am Catherine McHugh RIP
St. Columba's 11.00am SVP Mass Intention

Monday 26th September – Ss Cosmos and Damian

St. Theresa's Parishioners' Intentions
St. Columba's 10.30am Winefride McGlown RIP

REQUIEM MASS 1.30pm James Donnelly RIP

Tuesday 27th September – St Vincent de Paul. Mem.
St. Theresa's Kathleen & Jack Lawlor RIP
St. Columba's Parishioners' Intentions

Wednesday 28th September – St Wenceslaus, M

St. Theresa's Priests' Intentions
St. Columba's 9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
10.15am Novena Prayers
St. Columba's 10.30am Gladys & Bob Carr. A

Thursday 29th September – Ss Michael & Raphael,

Archangels
St. Theresa's Private Intention
St. Columba's The Parish

Friday 30th September – St Jerome, P D. Mem

St. Theresa's 10.00am Keith Evans RIP
St. Columba's Jean Sullivan. A

Saturday 1st October – St Theresa of The Child Jesus V

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

Sunday 2nd October

St. Theresa's 9.30am Catherine McHugh RIP
St. Columba's 11.00am Mary Kilcoyne & William Pollock. (Twins)

ANNUAL MASS ATTENDANCE COUNT:

The second 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.

RECENTLY DEAD

Please remember in your prayers **James Donnelly** and **Winifred McGlown** who died recently. May the Lord grant them Eternal Life and console their family and friends.

James' funeral service will be held at St. Columba's on Monday 26th September at 1.30pm and Winifred's funeral service will be held at St. Columba's on Wednesday 5th October at 10.00am.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Eric John Hocking, Stephen Blundell, Keith Alexander Evans, John Edward Parsons, Dorothy May Swinton, John Anthony Taylor, Lynley Gloyne, Margaret Carol Hughes.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS:

Mass will be streamed from St. Columba's at 11a.m. on Sunday 25th 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:

We pray for:

- Pray for the residents of Church Lane, Nield Court, Grangeside, Muir Road, Elm Muir, Beech Muir, Silver Muir, Birch Muir and Ash Muir
- For the church organists and music leaders, for the ministry of music in our worship.

ST COLUMBA'S SUNDAY COFFEE ROTA:

25th Sept - Sue & Mark SVP
2nd Oct - Macmillan Coffee Morning
9th 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 Saturday 1st October and 11am Mass on Sunday 2nd October at St Columba's.

CHESTER MARATHON – SUNDAY 2ND OCTOBER:

This is taking place on Sunday 2 October. Please check the route as it may affect parishioners travelling to St Theresa's for the 9.30am Mass.

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

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.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Your journey is not the same as mine, and my journey is not yours, but if we meet on a certain path, may we encourage each other. (source unknown)

WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER:

Sunday 25th is World Day of Migrants and Refugees. We live in a world where some 89.3 million people in 2021 were displaced as a result of persecution, conflict, violence, human rights violations or events seriously disturbing public order. 27.1m refugees; 53.2m internally displaced; 4.6m asylum seekers (UNHCR). As a comparison the UK population was 67.2 m in 2020. The Pope has issued a message which pays particular attention to the care of our common family, which, together with the care of our common home, encourages us to become ever more welcoming. Jesus taught us, "I was a stranger and you made me welcome." (Matt 25:35) May God give us all the grace to work together with migrants and refugees to build a better future for all.

ST THERESA'S FEAST DAY:

If anyone would like to give a donation towards flowers to decorate the church, please put it in an envelope marked 'ST THERESA'S FEAST DAY' and place it in the offertory basket. Your generosity and support is as always appreciated. We will be celebrating the Feast of St Theresa on Friday 30th September. There will be refreshments available after the 10am Mass at St Theresa's.

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.

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.

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.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:

The next meeting of the Pastoral Council will be held on Monday 26th September at 7pm in the Newman Room, St Columba's.

ANNUAL SPIRITAN APPEAL:

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

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.

MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

Thank you to those who came to the Family Quiz Night last Friday. It was a very enjoyable evening and we raised £30. However, the Social Committee were **very** disappointed with the turnout, especially since quite a lot of work had gone into the organisation. Perhaps parishioners would like to suggest "practical" events which would be more popular.

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. A further incident has since occurred at St Theresa's. **Please would all parishioners help us to avoid further injuries and comply with this request.** Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

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 Eileen Irwin

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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 28th September
Website: www.sscolumbaandtheresa.co.uk

FOUND

A red purse containing cash and some personal photos has been found on the back step at St Columba's. Please contact the Parish Office if you have any information about the owner. Thank you.

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>

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

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.