



# The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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## TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022

### Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

St. Theresa's 5.00pm

St. Columba's 6.30pm

**Baptism: 12.30pm**

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September

St. Theresa's 9.30am

St. Columba's 11.00am

### Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September

St. Theresa's

St. Columba's 10.30am

### Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September

St. Theresa's

St. Columba's

### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September

St Theresa's

St. Columba's 9.30am

10.15am

St. Columba's 10.30am

### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September-The Nativity of the Blessed

#### Virgin Mary

St. Theresa's

St. Columba's

### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September

St. Theresa's 10.00am

St. Columba's

### Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September

St. Theresa's 5.00pm

St. Columba's 6.30pm

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September

St. Theresa's 9.30am

St. Columba's 11.00am

### 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:

Kathleen Joy Borg, Derek Mycock, Carol Hughes, Jane Redmond, Dorothea Steiner, Brian Francis Kelly, Carole Joan Bowness, Ellen Lavinia Lally, Mary Wilde, Robert Charles Jones, Maureen Maiden, Nancy Banks, Paul Bowler.

Parishioners' Ints

Joseph Francis

Lily Rose Mandy Dudley

Rita Smith

Angela Woodworth

Private Intention (BW)

Michelle Byrne

Special Intention

Lynn Patchett

Priests' Intentions

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Novena Prayers

Gordon Sharpe RIP

Jean Hehir RIP

Dennis Twilley RIP

### COMMUNION SERVICE

Naomi Hardy

Parishioners' Intentions

The Parish

Private Intention (TE)

Michelle Mayors

### STREAMING OF MASS:

Mass will be streamed from St. Columba's at 11.00a.m. on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

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### OFFERTORY:

St Columba's: Loose plate: £ 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.

### BAPTISM:

We welcome into the Church Family Lily Rose Mandy Dudley who is being baptized this week-end. Also Harmony Danya Pell And Finlay Hart James Toop who were baptized last week.

### PRAYING TOGETHER:

We pray for:

- the residents of Darwin Rd. Brisbane Rd. Chevron hey, Chevron Close, 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:

4<sup>th</sup> Sept. Volunteers please

11<sup>th</sup> 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 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)

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

If you would like to become an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharistic please email [st.theresas@btinternet.com](mailto: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.

## 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.

**Thought for the week:** From 1<sup>st</sup> September to 4 October is the Season of Creation, a global ecumenical celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. With this in mind "For a long time, we carried on thinking we could be healthy in a world that was sick. But the crisis has brought home how important it is to work for a healthy world... To come out of this crisis better we have to see clearly, choose well and act right. Let's talk about how, let us dare to dream." (Pope Francis, Let us Dream).

**We're all in this together:** With schools, colleges and universities going back over the following weeks, we wish all our students the very best for the new term and year and wish all staff involved in our education establishments all the very best. After the years of covid disruption we hope and pray that "all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well" (Julian of Norwich). Our prayers and support are with you all. Here's to a successful and fulfilling year ahead for all.

**Resources** Residents can now access free, confidential and impartial welfare support and financial advice in more ways than ever across West Cheshire. Citizens Advice Cheshire West (CACW) provides independent support to residents on behalf of Cheshire West and Chester Council. It ensures residents have information and advice on a range of topics from benefits, housing matters and debt and money management to employment rights and redundancy, and social care related issues. The newly improved service means a vast amount of information and help can now be found by visiting [citizensadvicecw.org.uk](http://citizensadvicecw.org.uk). Residents can talk to an advisor via live chat and by calling the free phone number or arrange to speak to an advisor by emailing via the website. Contact details: Website: [citizensadvicecw.org.uk](http://citizensadvicecw.org.uk) ; Free advice line: 0808 2787 806 (10am-4pm Mon-Fri) Help Through Hardship: 0808 208 2138; Email (via website); Live online chat.

**Seated Keep fit** class resuming at St Columba's Church Hall - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 1.45-2.45. Keep fit, have a chat and enjoy yourself. No need to book, but charge applies for class.

## ST PIO PRAYER GROUP.

The next meeting is on Thursday, 8 September, in the Newman Room at St Columba's at 2pm. Everyone welcome.

## 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](mailto:rich.curtis89@yahoo.co.uk)

## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

**Family Fun Quiz Night** - We are going to hold a family quiz night at St. Columba's Church Hall on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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

## WEST CHESHIRE FOOD BANK

The coffee morning last week raised £69.30. Thank you so much for your generosity. We were able to donate 75kg of food to help replenish the stock at the food bank. This was as well as the incredible 103 kg that was donated during the school holidays. Unfortunately more and more people are having to depend on the foodbank for their essentials so your continued support is very much appreciated.

## MENINGITIS NOW TICKETS

Tickets are now available for the Meningitis Now cheese and wine evening on 8th October at 7.30 p.m. with music, a raffle and great auction items. Price £10 to include a small glass of wine. You are welcome to bring along your own drinks. I will be selling the tickets in the hall after Mass or you can contact me on [c.murphy900@btinternet.com](mailto:c.murphy900@btinternet.com). If you are unable to come but wish to make a donation remembering Richard and Helen then please go to <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/richard-helen>. Any offers of help on the day in the afternoon or evening will be greatly appreciated.

## 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](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:

This will be compiled by Rebecca Vaughan  
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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 7<sup>th</sup> September**  
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**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 13<sup>th</sup> September and move to St Werburgh', Chester on 14<sup>th</sup> September. There is information available at the back of church. 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](mailto: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.