



# The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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## TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

16TH OCTOBER 2022

### Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October

St. Theresa's	5.00pm	Parishioners' Intentions
St. Columba's	6.30pm	Nuala Mullans

### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October

St. Theresa's	9.30am	Dorothy Groom RIP
St. Columba's	11.00am	The Parish

### Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October – St Ignatius of Antioch, B. M. Mem

St. Theresa's		John Gallagher RIP
St. Columba's	10.30am	David Holland

### Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October – St Luke, Ev

St. Theresa's		Kathleen Holden RIP
St. Columba's		Howard Sherman RIP

### Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October – St Peter of Alcantara, P. Mem

St. Theresa's		Private Intention (BW)
St. Columba's	9.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sac.
	10.15am	Novena Prayers
	10.30am	Jane Scott

### Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October

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

### Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October

St. Theresa's	10.00am	Thanksgiving (K)
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### St. Columba's 1.30pm Funeral – the late Mrs Barbara Fry

### Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

St. Theresa's	5.00pm	Deceased of the Rigby family
St. Columba's	6.30pm	The Parish

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

St. Theresa's	9.30am	James Casey RIP
St. Columba's	11.00am	Anulfo Angara, Gary John Angara and Adelaide Angar

### **ALL SAINTS – 1<sup>st</sup> November -Holy Day of Obligation:**

There will be Mass at 10am at St Theresa's and at 10.30am at St Columba's on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

### **COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL**

#### **DEPARTED – 2<sup>nd</sup> November:**

There will be Mass at St Columba's at 10.30am. All are invited.

### **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.

We welcome into our church family Gabrielle Rose Turley Daly, who was baptized here recently. May God bless her and her family.

### **RECENTLY DEAD**

Please remember in your prayers **Barbara Fry, Howard Sherman and Peter Morgan**, who died recently. May the Lord grant them Eternal Life and console their family and friends.

Barbara's funeral will take place at 1.30pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October at St Columba's, Howard's at Chester Crematorium at 1.20pm on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October and Peter's at St Werburgh's at 11.15am, also on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Doreen Mary Judge, Lionel William Steele

### **HOLY SOULS:**

During the month of November there will be a basket near the altar for you to put any names for remembrance during this month. There are envelopes available in the front and back porches of both churches.

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

Mass will be streamed from St Theresa's at 9.30am this Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October.

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### **PRAYING TOGETHER:**

We pray for:

- the residents of Marl Heyes, Upton Park, Delvine Drive, Dyserth Road, Cadnant Close, Aberdaron Drive and Cemlyn Close.
- For the magazine committee, newsletter editors, distributors and those who run the bookstalls in our churches.

For a deepening of our faith through the written word.

### **UPTON CHURCHES – FIFTH SUNDAY SERVICE:**

This service, for all the Upton churches, will be held at the United Reformed Church in Heath Road on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 4.30 p.m. You are cordially invited to join our friends from the other churches at this service.

### **ZOOM ROSARY FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER:**

We will be hosting a Parish rosary for the month of October continuing at 8pm 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.

### **ANNUAL SPIRITAN APPEAL:**

There will be a second collection after Masses on 22/23 October in support of Fr William's and Fr James' order – the Congregation of the Holy Spirit. Information is available at the back of church.

#### **OFFERTORY:**

**St Columba's:** Loose plate: £320.40 Planned Giving: £136.70  
Average weekly SOs - £574.00.

**St Theresa's:** Loose plate and Planned Giving: £188.70  
Average weekly SOs £161.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

#### **CAFOD – 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 by using the envelopes which are in the church porches or go to [cafod.org.uk/donate](http://cafod.org.uk/donate) Many thanks

#### **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – 23<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER:**

The Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission. Please support Missio in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Join in on this special day, that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and celebration of our Church's mission to share God's love with all people. Please call **020 7821 9755** (office hours) or visit Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible: [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk)

#### **MENINGITIS NOW:**

Many thanks to everyone who helped in any way towards our cheese and wine evening for Meningitis Now. We are thrilled to be able to tell you that along with all the on line donations etc. together we raised £5,000, a fantastic effort.

#### **THANK YOU FROM SVP:**

Thank you to all who joined us for coffee & cake after Mass at St Theresa's last Sunday. Your generous donations raised £40.08. Thank you.

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

16th Oct – Sue McCarthy for Food Bank

23rd Oct – Christine for Mary's Meals

30<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

#### **RED MISSION BOXES, ST COLUMBA'S**

**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](tel:01244318424).

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

#### **USE OF ST THERESA'S CAR PARK BY CCS:**

CCS are holding a community day at the parish social club on Thursday 20 October from 10am to 4pm. Members of staff will be available to provide expert advice on how to save energy, also we will explain what we are doing in partnership with Sanctuary to bring the properties up to the required band to save energy and money .

There will be free LED bulbs, trolley coins, packets of winter vegetable seeds, CCS mugs and pens. There will be a multi trader with a van to help anybody who has small jobs (labour only). Free raffle on entrance - prizes £50 and £200 Love to Shop vouchers.

CCS will provide refreshments: tea, coffee, water, biscuits, cakes, sandwiches. All welcome.

#### **YOUTH GROUP:**

We are relaunching our **youth group this Monday, 17th October, starting at 7.15pm in the Iona chapel**, finishing promptly at 8.45pm in the St. Columba's hall. We encourage the lovely group of young parishioners who came pre pandemic to return and invite any other young parishioners aged 10+ years to come along, meet old friends, make new friends, play games, eat snacks, have fun and learn a bit about our faith. At the start of the first meeting we will need parents to pop into the Iona chapel for a few moments to complete permission forms. If you need a lift to St. Columba's or would like more information please phone Denise Lusk on 01244 379742.

Thank you very much to those who have come forward to help run the group. We have enough leaders to run the group, but could still do with a couple more to allow for a leaders' rota. Please think about joining the team. You won't have to lead any activities, unless you want to!

#### **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.

#### **ST BERNADETTE:**

Many have said how moving it was to venerate the relics of **Saint Bernadette**. Next year, will be the **90th anniversary of her Canonisation, on Dec 8th, 1933**. To commemorate this, the Department for Evangelisation is planning a Conference and preparing a booklet, and would like to hear from anyone with a story to tell. It could be about the visit of the relics, or a pilgrimage to Lourdes; the cure of a friend, or a family member; or simply what Bernadette means to them. No story is too small - yours could be a source of great encouragement to others. So don't hesitate to get in touch, either by calling Barbara Davies on 07730 526 821 or by emailing: [StBernadette2033@gmail.com](mailto:StBernadette2033@gmail.com).

#### **AUTUMN FAYRE:**

If anyone has any bottles etc they would like to donate towards the Tombola at this year's Autumn Fayre, would they please leave them in the back porch at St. Columba's or the front porch at St. Theresa's. Thank you.

**Please note that the electronic version of the newsletter on the website may contain additional items which it has not been possible to include in the printed copy this week.**

#### **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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**Thought for the week:** You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream. C S Lewis.

**We're all in this together:** No matter what the situation there always seems to be someone out there trying to pull the wool over our eyes, it seems that friends and family scams are up 58% in a year. It's a cost-of-living scam where people pretend to be friends or family members contacting via text or WhatsApp messages, who need help paying bills etc. They always have plausible reasons for having a different telephone number and can be very, very, convincing. The Banks advise us to take our time and don't rush in, no matter how emotive and urgent the request. The banks are also urging people to be aware of paying up front fees for loans, services or prizes which don't exist. Recent police reports are also warning of energy payment frauds, by phone and text. Your grant will be applied to your energy account automatically. You can report fraud or cyber-crime to Action Fraud **any time of the day or night** using the [online fraud reporting tool](#). You can also report and get advice about fraud or cyber-crime by calling 0300 123 2040. Remember, if it seems too good to be true, it probably is, please be careful.

**Resources** Cheshire West and Chester Council is planning to establish a network of Warm Hubs that residents can access, starting with libraries across the borough from Saturday 15 October 2022. This winter, residents of all ages across the borough will be welcome to come into the Council's libraries, to stay warm, and enjoy refreshments as part of a new Warm Hub initiative. Residents who are worried about the cost of living and rise of energy bills can find useful information from the Council and other local organisations on the Council's website - [www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/costofliving](http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/costofliving)

#### **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. For information, please contact Fr. William or Fr. James who will put you in touch with the RCIA team. Sessions will begin in October.

#### **FREE ROSARIES FROM THE CATENIANS:**

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. At Fatima Our Lady said, "*Pray the Rosary every day to obtain peace and an end to war*". In these times of anxiety and war and talk of nuclear weapons, what greater incentive can we have? To encourage all to pray this powerful and life-changing prayer daily the Catenian Rosary Group has placed a box with free children's Rosaries and larger adult Rosaries in church porches. There are also 'How to Pray the Rosary' cards which cover the prayers, mysteries and method of praying this beautiful prayer. Please only take them if you don't have a Rosary of your own, or for your children or grandchildren.

#### **LATEST NEWS FROM OAKS:**

We recently sent £300 to OAKS(Overseas Aid for the Kids of Sierra Leone) which has been one of our parish Third World Projects for 15 years now. Nic Phipps, one of the trustees has sent his thanks and a copy of his latest letter to supporters is on the notice board in the porch. The school, ever expanding, now has nearly 700 pupils and an amazing difference has been made to the education and health of these children through the work of this small charity. Nic says" your donations make a huge difference to us continuing to help even more in this poor community."

Thank you very much to those who give support by standing orders. Any other donations would be gratefully received and can be put in the Third World wall boxes in the porches. The website of OAKS is [www.oaks-sl.org](http://www.oaks-sl.org) if you would like further information or get in touch with: [pauline.payne4@btinternet.com](mailto:pauline.payne4@btinternet.com)