



The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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THIRTIETH SUNDY IN ORDINARY TIME

23RD OCTOBER 2022

Saturday 22nd October

St. Theresa's 5.00pm
St. Columba's 6.30pm

Deceased of the Rigby family
The Parish

Sunday 23rd October

St. Theresa's 9.30am
St. Columba's 11.00am

James Casey RIP
Anulfo Angara, Gary John
Angara & Adelaide Angar

Monday 24th October

St. Theresa's
St. Columba's 10.30am

Parishioners' Intentions
Howard Sherman RIP

Tuesday 25th October

St. Theresa's
St. Columba's

Private Intention (LB)
Catherine Haslam

Wednesday 26th October – Ss Chad & Cedd, B. Mem

St Theresa's
St. Columba's 9.30am
10.15am
10.30am

Priests' Intentions
Exposition of the Blessed Sac.
Novena Prayers
Elizabeth Allingham

Thursday 27th October

St. Theresa's
St Columba's

Private Intentions
Priests' Intentions

Friday 28th October – Ss Simon & Jude, Ap. Feast

St. Theresa's 10.00am
St. Columba's

Thanksgiving (S)
Barbara Fry RIP

Saturday 29th October

St. Theresa's 5.00pm
St. Columba's 6.30pm

Katherine Gannon RIP
Ted Burgess BA

Sunday 30th October

St. Theresa's 9.30am
St. Columba's 11.00am

Nicholas Lancaster RIP
The Parish

PLEASE NOTE ADDITIONAL MASSES – details below:

ALL SAINTS – 1st 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 1st November**. There will also be an evening mass at 7.00pm at St Theresa's.

ALL SOULS - COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED – 2nd November:

There will be Mass at St Theresa's at 10.00 am and 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.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Mary Keating, Breda Mary Wright, Marie Willetts, Catherine Haslam.

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 23rd October.

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PRAYING TOGETHER:

We pray for:

- The residents of Upton Drive, Pine Gardens, Bache Avenue, Cyman Close, Willan Road, Wemyss Road and Phillips Road.
- The British Legion, Golf Club and Village Hall Committee, and all who use their facilities.
- Those who have served their country.

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 30th October** at 4.30p.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 before 7.30pm.

ANNUAL SPIRITAN APPEAL:

There will be a second collection after Masses on **22nd/23rd 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: £340.81 Planned Giving: £128.50 Average weekly SOs - £574.00. Wednesday – Badminton: £260.00; Wednesday - Tai Chi: £10.00

St Theresa's: Loose plate and Planned Giving: £252.45 Average weekly SOs £161.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

ST COLUMBA'S SUNDAY COFFEE ROTA:

23rd Oct – Christine for Mary's Meals

30th Oct – volunteers please

6th Nov – Elizabeth & Margaret for CWL

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

WEDNESDAY SEWING GROUP:

Wednesday Sewing Group will gather for their monthly meet-up in St Columba's Hall, 2:00-4:00pm on **Wed 26th October**. All welcome.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace" - Jimi Hendrix

RESOURCES:

With the season of creation and with half term both in mind take a look at the chesterzoo.org/connections and their learning resources for home with such things as how to make yoghurt pot bird feeders, toad abodes and wildflower wellies. Or try the [nature trail](#) downloadable map available.

CHRISTIAN AID UNITED SERVICE:

"Singing for Justice, Singing for Peace" – 4.00pm at Saughall Methodist Church on **Sunday 30th October** followed by refreshments.

PASTORAL COUNCIL AGM:

The Annual General Meeting of the Pastoral Council will be held at 7.00pm on Thursday 10 November at St Columba's Hall, followed by refreshments. The AGM is open to all parishioners, and you are encouraged to attend. It is a good opportunity to meet fellow parishioners and find out more about what the Pastoral Council does, why it does it and how it operates. There will be an opportunity to ask questions at the AGM, but these must be submitted in writing to the Pastoral Council Secretary (Nuala Keegan, stcolumbaschurch@outlook.com), before 1st November. They will then be considered by Fr William and the Co-Chairs of the Pastoral Council. Copies of the AGM Agenda will be displayed on noticeboards prior to the meeting.

SPUC NATIONAL PRAYER CAMPAIGN – 10 MILLION PRAYERS FOR 10 MILLION LOST LIVES:

On 27th October 2022, it will be exactly 55 years since the Abortion Act of 1967 was passed. Since then, 10 million babies have lost their lives in this country to abortion. The battle to defend life is, above all, a spiritual one on 27th October 2022 the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be launching a major National Prayer Campaign, in collaboration with the Knights of St. Columba, to encourage more people to pray with renewed faith and trust for an end to the culture of death and for a flourishing of the culture of life. The aim is to reach a milestone of 10 million prayers being pledged in memory of the 10 million lives lost to abortion, between 27th October 2022 and 27th April 2023. Pledge postcards for you to fill in can be found at the back of church. Alternatively, you can pledge your prayers by filling in the online form at the following web address: www.spuc.org.uk/national-prayer-campaign.

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. Many thanks.

THANK YOU:

Fr William would like to thank everyone for his birthday cards and wishes. He is very grateful.

TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – 23RD OCTOBER:

World Mission Sunday is being celebrated in every Catholic parish around the world today! It supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, you will help missionaries like Maria witness to their faith and offer vulnerable women in Ethiopia hope for a better future. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can to this very important collection which will sustain the future of our Church.

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

There will be a collection for this NEXT Sunday, **30th October**.

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.

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.

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

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 9.00am on **WEDNESDAY 26th OCTOBER**

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