



The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9TH OCTOBER 2022

Saturday 8th October

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

Sunday 9th October

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

Monday 10th October

St. Theresa's		Special Intention (EM)
St. Columba's	10.30am	Eddie McGuire

Tuesday 11th October

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

Wednesday 12th October

St. Theresa's		Anthony Baker RIP
St. Columba's	9.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sac.
	10.15am	Novena Prayers
	10.30am	John Briody RIP

Thursday 13th October

St. Theresa's		Private Intention (LB)
St. Columba's	1.45pm	Funeral Service Kathleen Baxter

Friday 14th October

St. Theresa's	10.00am	John Murphy RIP
St. Columba's		Marion Baker RIP

Saturday 15th October – St Theresa of Avila, V, D

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

Sunday 16th October

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

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY (APF)

There will be a second collection after Masses next weekend

ANNUAL MASS ATTENDANCE COUNT:

The fourth Annual Mass attendance 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 **Kathleen Baxter and Barbara Fry** who died recently. May the Lord grant them Eternal Life and console their family and friends.

Kathleen's Funeral Service will be held at 1.45pm on Thursday 13th October at St Columba's Church

ANNIVERSARIES:

Mary Agnes Dutton, Joseph Patrick Edwards, Sylvia Joan Bulmer, Teresa White, James Clarke, Mary Brenda Duffy, Mary Parry, Matt Delaney.

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. Columba's at 11a.m. on Sunday 9th October.

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OFFERTORY:

St Columba's: Loose plate: £298.60 Planned Giving: £84.30
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.

PRAYING TOGETHER:

We pray for:

- Pray for the residents of Old Mill Court, Mill Lane, Mill Close, Deans Close, Dinas Close, Tregle Close, Caernarfon Grove, Conway Grove and Beaumaris Grove.
- For all those involved with the upkeep of our church buildings and church grounds.

ST COLUMBA'S SUNDAY COFFEE ROTA:

9th Oct - volunteers please

16th Oct - volunteers please

23rd 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:

Our cake sales this year on Sat 1st Oct and Sun 2nd Oct made £261.72 for MacMillan, thank you very much to all those who baked or bought cakes or donated and Myra Bowyer for donating greetings cards.

ST THERESA'S AFTER MASS COFFEE EVENT:

Coffee and cake will be available after the 9.30a.m. Mass on Sunday 9th October to support the SVP. Please come and join us.

SYNOD 2021-2023 Communion Participation Mission

In the words of St John Henry Newman, *'To live is to change and to be perfect is to have changed often.'* We may not (yet) be a perfect parish but we can thank the Holy Spirit for inspiring us to change through the Listening Phase of the Synod, signs of which have appeared in recent Newsletters: re-establishment and refreshment of Children's Liturgy of the Word and a Youth Group, changes to the Music Liturgy, and establishment of a faith sharing group offering a way to the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Watch out for others from our Parish Development Plan in future. Please pray for all these, for the Synod and for our participation, walking together along the way, united in Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Adsumus Sancte Spiritus:

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

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.

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 4.30 p.m. You are cordially invited to join our friends from the other churches at this service.

ST PIO PRAYER GROUP:

The next meeting is on Thursday, 13 October, in the Newman Room at St Columba's at 2pm. Everyone welcome.

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 if you would like further information or get in touch with: 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. For information, please contact Fr. William or Fr. James who will put you in touch with the RCIA team. Sessions will begin in October.

YOUTH GROUP:

We are relaunching our youth group on 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 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.

ANNUAL SPIRITAN APPEAL:

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

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

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 Muriel Green

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Please include a phone number in case of queries, and
Please ensure that items are emailed or phoned to the
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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. 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, 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