



The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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THIRTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

2ND JULY 2023

Saturday 1st July

St. Theresa's 5.00p.m. Rod & Josie Prescott's Ints
 St. Columba's 6.30p.m.

Sunday 2nd July

St. Theresa's 9.30a.m. Parishioners Intentions
 St. Columba's 11.00a.m.

Monday 3rd July – St Thomas Apostle. Feast

St. Theresa's 1.00p.m. **Funeral Service for Linda Barlow**
 St. Columba's 10.30a.m.

Tuesday 4th July

St. Theresa's Private Intention
 St. Columba's

Wednesday 5th July

St Theresa's Priests' Intentions
 St Columba's 9.30a.m. Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
 10.15a.m. Novena Prayers
 10.30a.m.

Thursday 6th July

St. Theresa's Private Intention
 St Columba's

Friday 7th July

St. Theresa's 10.00a.m. John Davies RIP
 St. Columba's

Saturday 8th July

St. Theresa's 5.00a.m. Prescott Family Intentions
 St. Columba's 6.30p.m.

Sunday 9th July

St. Theresa's 9.30a.m. Parishioners Intentions
 St. Columba's 11.00a.m.

Please note if there is no time next to Mass it means there is no Mass for parishioners to attend that day but the Priests will say Mass privately.

HOLY FATHERS INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY:

For a Eucharistic life, we pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Please remember in your prayers Linda Barlow and Bernard Walsh. Linda's funeral service is at St Theresa's on **Monday 3rd July** at 1pm and Bernard's Requiem Mass is at St Theresa's on **Monday 10th July** at 12.45pm.

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:

Fausto Nino Biasillo, Kathleen Gallagher, Elizabeth Marion Baker, Vincenzo (Larry) Pellegrini, Mary Teresa Rose

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS:

Mass will be streamed from St Theresa's at 9.30am this Sunday 2nd July 2023.

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OFFERTORY:

St Columba's: Loose plate (2 wks): **£577.95**; Planned Giving: **£289.80**; Average Weekly SO - **£574.00**; Candles: **£16.30**

St Theresa's: Loose plate & Planned Giving: **£255.68**; Average weekly SO - **£161**

THANK YOU for all your generous support.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES:

The approved Minutes of the Pastoral Council dated 4th May are now on the noticeboard in the front porch for perusal.

SISTERS OF ST PETER CLAVER MISSION APPEAL:

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will be here this weekend to appeal on behalf of the Sisters Missions Committee of England and Wales. They will tell us about their missionary work and will be grateful for your support

PRAYING TOGETHER:

We pray for:

- The residents of Dawpool Close, Ullswater Crescent, Orchard Close, Muir Road, Elm Muir, Beech Muir, Silver Muir, Ash Muir and Birch Muir.
- The Upton Churches Together Monday Coffee Morning.
- The Churches Together in Upton Committee.

ST COLUMBA'S COFFEE ROTA:

2nd July - volunteers please

9th July - Rippon family for Camps International, Humanitarian Collaboration with Peru

16th July volunteers please

Why not donate a little time to make tea and coffee to refresh the parishioners after 11:00 Mass on Sunday? You can make some money for your favourite charity, too. Call Margaret Curtis 01244 318424 to book your date(s).

ANNUAL PARISH COACH TRIP – YORK, 27th JULY:

The list for the coach trip is now closed. If you want to be added to the reserve list, in case of cancellations, please call Margaret Curtis on 01244 318424. For those booked on the coach, can you please pay £20 in advance to Paul Wigglesworth (07708 304246) at St Theresa's or Margaret C at St Columba's.

SVP COFFEE & CAKE SALE AT ST THERESA'S:

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society will be holding a coffee and cake sale after 9.30a.m. Mass on **Sunday 9th July**. Look forward to seeing you there.

HOSPITAL MASS:

Roman Catholic Mass is to be celebrated on **Thursday 6th July** at 12.15p.m. in the Countess of Chester Hospital Chapel. This month, Fr Desmond from St Columba's and St Theresa's Parish is joining us. This Mass is for all the staff, patients, patients' families, volunteers and parishioners of our area. If you are able to attend, we would love to welcome you to Holy Mass once a month in the COCH chapel. May God bless you all, and your families. Deacon Anthony Nuttall.

STELLA MARIS SEA SUNDAY 2023:

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health. Sea Sunday is **Sunday 9th July**. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) to continue its important work - so please give generously. Thank you.

YOUTH GROUP:

Youth Group met on **Monday 19th June** and enjoyed an evening of planting flowers for the Peace Garden at St Theresa's and playing rounders in the sunshine. Our next meeting will be on **Monday 17th July**, at St Columba's from 7p.m to 8.30p.m. All young parishioners, school year 5 and older are most welcome to join our happy friendly group.

HIGHLIGHT FROM THE CHESTER CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:

On **Friday 23rd June**, Samantha Dixon MP visited representatives from the 'Faith in Action Award' group in response to letters the students sent to the MP campaigning for 'Families Together' and for the Cost-of-living crisis. The students were delighted to know that their voices were heard.

SVP MUSIC NIGHT:

On **Friday 14th July** at 7.30 pm, an evening of great music by the City Jazz Orchestra and singers from the Catholic High School at the High School in aid of the SVP Holiday Home. Tickets £10 from Sue McCarthy 07515 491251 or any member of the SVP team.

ST PIO PRAYER GROUP:

The next meeting is on **Thursday 6th July**, starting at 2pm in Flat 5, Abbots Court, Eversley Park, Chester CH2 2DY. Everyone is welcome.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE:

There are still a few spaces available. Booking details can be found on the pilgrimage website: www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk

THANK YOU:

Thank you to all of you who donated socks for the sock puppets – I have a suitcase full and am now looking forward to working with the children in Uganda over the coming week. Much appreciated. Alex.

CYCLING WITHOUT AGE CHESTER:

This is an initiative to get the elderly back on bikes. Specially adapted trishaws take passengers out for free. For further information contact chester@cyclingswithoutage.org.uk

CHESTER SINFONIA:

Chester Sinfonia has earned a reputation as being one of the fastest growing amateur orchestras in the Cheshire/North Wales area. They are a group of enthusiastic amateur musicians who rehearse in St Columba's Hall. You are warmly invited to their final rehearsal of the year on **Friday 7th July at 7pm** followed by a social picnic. Please bring your own food/drink but tea and coffee will be served. Donations welcome for Dee Banks School.

CAR BOOT SALE:

This will take place on **15th July** from 9a.m. – 12p.m. at Cheshire County Sports Club, Plas Newton Lane. £5 per car, 1 table only. 01244 318167.

WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER:

On a walk recently, I met a person who said that she tries to do something new every day. Made me think about the old adage that we never stop learning, no matter who we are or how old we are. What we experience and what we observe all feed into our learning experiences. By listening and through conversations, we learn. By trying and participating, we learn. By learning, we grow. But maybe alongside of learning we should also add in never stop dreaming, never stop believing, never give up and never stop trying. These all make for a fulfilling life. And who knows what might happen?

VATICAN II PODCAST AND HANDOUT:

We continue our reflections on **Vatican II, in Part III On The Church**. This time, we ask the question: '**Why is the Church?**' Why does she exist...? The Council's answer is that her mission is to call all people of all times to holiness, which is why she must evangelise. What this means for us is given in **Lumen Gentium Chaps 5 and 6, taken together**. **Podcast 9** and its **handout** are now available on the diocesan website at dioceseofshrewsbury.org in the section on '**News and Events**'. A leaflet outlining the content of all of the podcasts is available in the parish. If you have difficulty accessing this material or have questions and reflections, please don't hesitate to contact Barbara at barbara.davies@dioceseofshrewsbury.org or 07730 526821.

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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:

9th July Edition will be compiled by

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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 5TH JULY**

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