



The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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TWENTIETH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

20TH AUGUST 2023

Saturday 19th August

St. Theresa's 5.00a.m. Parishioners' Intentions
 St Columba's 6.30p.m. Private Intention (CT)

Sunday 20th August

St. Theresa's 9.30a.m. Nicholas Huber & Mark Palatino
 St. Columba's 11.00a.m. The Parish

Monday 21st August – St Pius X

St. Theresa's Keith Evans RIP
 St. Columba's 10.30a.m. Evelyn Broadbent

Tuesday 22nd August – The Queenship of the BVM

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

Wednesday 23rd August

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

Thursday 24th August – St Bartholomew, Ap

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

Friday 25th August – St Thomas of Hereford, B

St. Theresa's 10.00a.m. Roxanne Mair B.Day Ints.
 St. Columba's The Parish

Saturday 26th August

St. Theresa's 5.00a.m. Ann & Stephen Gannon's Ints. (40th Wed. Anniv.)
 St Columba's 6.30p.m. Parishioners Intentions

Sunday 27th August

St. Theresa's 9.30a.m. Steven Raylor RIP
 St. Columba's 11.00a.m. Deacon Tom Coyle RIP

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.

CONFESSIONS:

There will be Confessions after each weekday Mass until 11.30am,

St Columba's: From 6pm before the 6.30pm Saturday evening Mass.

St Theresa's: From 4.30pm before 5pm Saturday evening Mass.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Please remember in your prayers Deacon Tom Coyle, Thomas Byrne, Margaret Murray and Winifred Meakin, who died recently. Deacon Tom's Requiem will take place at St Columba's Church on **Wednesday 13th September** at 12 noon.

WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS AND FUNERALS:

Please contact one of the Parish Offices to make your arrangements.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Francisco Senhorinho.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS:

Mass will be streamed from St Columba's at 11a.m. **this Sunday 20th August 2023.**

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OFFERTORY:

St Columba's: (30/07 & 06/08) Loose plate £346.10; Planned Giving £205.50; Average Weekly SO - £574.00; Candles £16.09.

St Theresa's: Loose plate & Planned Giving £421.08; Average weekly SO - £161.00.

THANK YOU for all your generous support.

PRAYING TOGETHER:

We pray for:

- Pray for the residents of Greenfields, Flag Lane North, Oakfield Avenue, Venable's Road, St Chad's Road, Church Hall Close and Cedar Mews.
- For the Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Lay Readers, Parish Assistant and Local Church Leaders.
- For all those not yet connected to the life of the Church or who have lost their faith.

FUNERAL OF DEACON TOM COYLE:

Deacon Tom's funeral will take place at St Columba's Church on Wednesday 13th September at 12.00 noon and will be celebrated by Bishop Mark Davies. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend both the Requiem Mass and the reception after wards which will be held in the hall. It will very much help catering arrangements if you would please put your name on the list in the entrances to St Columba's and St Theresa's churches if you wish to attend the reception. Anyone from St Theresa's needing a lift please mark it on the list at the back of church. Thank you.

RED MISSION BOXES, ST COLUMBA'S

If you have a Red Mission box for collection, please leave it in the sacristy. When counted I can return your box to your home. Thank you, Margaret Curtis 01244 318424.

ST COLUMBA'S COFFEE ROTA

20th Aug - Lina Greig for Uganda Orphanage

27th Aug - volunteers please

3rd Sept - Rippon family for Camps International Peru, Humanitarian Collaboration

Why not donate a little time to make tea and coffee 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).

FR WILLIAM:

Fr William will be leaving for his holiday on Thursday 14th September. We wish him a safe journey home and hope he has a well deserved rest.

POOR CLARE'S COLLECTION:

There will be a retiring collection for the Poor Clare's at all Masses next weekend 26/27 August.

OUT OF THE BLUE JAZZ ORCHESTRA:

Out of the Blue Jazz Orchestra will be performing in St Columba's Hall on Tuesday 29th August at 7.30p.m., organised by Cheshire Swing Cats. Tickets cost £12 each, pay at the door.

SYNOD 2021 – 2024:

In Rome, from 4-29 October, bishops, priests, religious and lay people will be asked to consider a series of questions as part of the global synod process. The document for discussion will consider how women can better participate in "governance, decision-making, mission and ministries at all levels of the church." Pope Francis has ruled that, for the first time, women will take part in the assembly as voting members. Questions to be considered include the ordination of married men, greater acceptance of LGBTQ+ Catholics, a reform of governance, the selection of bishops and lay leadership. These are all issues which emerged from last year's consultation process in which our parish played its part. *Pauline Rourke*

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. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information please contact Fr. William or Fr. Desmond who will put you in touch with the RCIA team

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH HALL:

The boiler in the hall is close to final expiry so a new one is about to be fitted and the heating system overhauled. It should make the hall warmer in the winter and more economical to heat. Preliminary work for the installation will start on Friday 18 August and continue into the following week. It is hoped that disturbance to activities in the hall will be kept to a minimum. The work will be finished in mid September.

Pauline Rourke

WELFARE OFFICER: The Diocese is looking to appoint a Welfare Officer. The role is for 3 days per week. Salary: £38 - £42K FTE pro rata depending on experience. For further details of the role and application form, please see the Diocesan website: <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/> Completed application should be sent to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Closing date 25 August 2023.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: – Blessings. Mary Davis

Be Present

Let the day flow with grace

Expect joy. Be positive

Serve with compassion

Speak only kindness

Impart only love

Never forget you're not alone

Give thanks for everything.

See goodness in others.

WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER:

The Pope and Youth talking at the World Youth Day in Lisbon, the Youth only seeing "old people" in church. They then ask, "Is the Church only for old people?" The Pope replied, "The Church is not an old people's club any more than it is a youth club." He added: "If it becomes something for old people, it will die." He then references Pope St. John Paul II, who said: "If you live with young people, you become young yourself." Our Parish needs our Youth, they will be our community's future. We learnt through our synod parish meetings and feedback that families and young people were really important to the parish. We have plenty of opportunities to volunteer with our families and younger members of the community. If you are interested, let the Church secretaries know and someone will be in touch.

NEEDLES AND PINS - WED 23RD AUGUST:

Everyone is welcome to come along to this friendly needlecraft group in St Columba's Hall, between 2:00-4:00pm every fourth Wednesday of the month. Hope to see you.

SUPPORT FOR ONE OF YOUR PRIMARY SCHOOLS:

Currently St. Werburgh's & St. Columba's Primary School is bidding for up to £1,500 from a Tesco Community Grant. The project is for their Gardening and Wellbeing Club. Voting is open now in these Tesco stores: Chester Pepper St; Chester Delamere St; Chester Sealand Road CH1; Chester Weston Grove; Chester Broughton. Voting closes at the end of September. Customers vote using tokens at the check-out each time they shop.

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ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH & HALL BOOKINGS

To arrange meetings etc. in either the Church, Newman Room or the Iona Chapel, please book through St. Columba's Church Office

Phone: 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:

27th August 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 23RD AUGUST**

Website: www.sscolumbaandtheresa.co.uk

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.

YORK COACH TRIP - LOST PROPERTY:

There was a pair of glasses left on the trip on 27th July. Call Margaret Curtis to arrange their return. 01244 318424.

RESOURCES:

Have your say on our local River Dee consultation on how we use the Dee and the possibility of applying for bathing water status. Questionnaire can be found

at <https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/news/still-time-to-give-your-views-on-the-clean-dee-consultation> or in

addition to the online survey, respondents can give their views in other ways: By telephone on: 01244 973708, Email

at: regulatoryservices@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk Post:

Public Protection Service, The Portal, Wellington Road, Ellesmere Port, CH65 0BA. The consultation will close on 31 August 2023.