



The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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TWENTY FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

27TH AUGUST 2023

Saturday 26th August

St. Theresa's 5.00pm. Ann & Stephen Gannon's Ints (40th W. Anniv.) Katherine Gannon RIP and Thomas Byrne
 St Columba's 6.30p.m. Parishioners' Intentions

Sunday 27th August

St. Theresa's 9.30a.m. Stephen Taylor
 St. Columba's 11.00a.m. Deacon Tom RIP

Monday 28th August – St Augustine, B, D

St. Theresa's Parishioners' Intentions
 St. Columba's 10.30a.m. Conversion of Yearward and Leaman Family

Tuesday 29th August – The Passion of John the Baptist

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

Wednesday 30th August Ss Margaret Clitheroe, Margaret Ward, V and Anne Line, Mm

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

Thursday 31st August

St. Theresa's Private Intention (BW)
 St Columba's Private Intention

Friday 1st September

St. Theresa's 10.00a.m. Peter Lane RIP
 St. Columba's The Parish

Saturday 2nd September

St. Theresa's 5.00a.m. Guiseppa Bezzina RIP
 St Columba's 6.30p.m. Elsie Duff

Sunday 3rd September

St. Theresa's 9.30a.m. Kay George
 St. Columba's 11.00a.m. Joseph Francis

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.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS:

For September - For people living on the margins.
 Let us pray for those people on the margins of society in subhuman living conditions, that they may not be neglected by institutions and never be cast out.

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, Winifred Meakin and Reginald Read who died recently. Margaret Murray's funeral will take place on **Tuesday 5th September** at 12 noon at St Theresa's. 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:

Stephen James Taylor, John Albert Hodkinson, Peter Edge, Patricia Mary Blythe, Peter Lane, Jessie Teresa Andrews, Frederick Alexander Davies, Jane Redmond.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS:

Mass will be streamed from St Theresa's at 9.30a.m. **this Sunday 27th August 2023.**

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OFFERTORY:

St Columba's: Loose plate £346.10; Planned Giving £205.50; Average Weekly SO - £574.00; Candles £16.09.

St Theresa's: Loose plate & Planned Giving £259.84; Average weekly SO - £161.00.

THANK YOU for all your generous support.

PRAYING TOGETHER:

We pray for:

- Pray for the residents of Lumley Road, Demage Lane, Willow Close, Cotes Place, Bridgeman Road, Stubbs Place, South Way.
- For our secondary schools and their staff, especially those working in RE departments.
- For all young people attending these schools, especially those from our congregations.

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

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 **this** 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.

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: The man who moves a mountain must start by moving small stones. Chinese proverb.

WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER:

Ok, so how many of you sat down and watched the World Cup match last Sunday or streamed it after Mass? Over 12 million of us did according to the stats. We watched as a family, like many households, I think, and even though we didn't win that game, the team had already won in so many other ways, the heart of the nation, how to show compassion, resilience, the love for a game, and showed so many people role models that maybe we aren't used to seeing. It's a bit like life, we don't always get what we really want, but there's always a reason, even if we can't see that at the

time, we face the ups and downs, head on. Just like the team. Keep smiling and just like the song, "the whole world smiles with you".

RESOURCES:

School uniforms: If you live in the Chester and Blacon area, KidsBank Chester can help you access free school uniforms, as well as toys, baby supplies, books, bedding, and more. You can request a referral from your midwife, health visitor, social worker or other front-line professional. <https://kidsbankchester.com/>
Morrisons in Chester also have a free Uniform swap -customers can donate, swap and browse our second-hand uniform rail for free.

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 Carol Galvin, 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:

3rd September 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 30th AUGUST**
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