



The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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SEVENTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

30TH JULY 2023

Saturday 29th July – Ss Mary, Martha & Lazarus

St. Theresa's 5.00p.m. Parishioners' Intentions
 St. Columba's 6.30p.m. The Parish

Sunday 30th July

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

Monday 31st July – St Ignatius of Loyola, P Mem

St. Theresa's Priests' Intentions
 St. Columba's 10.30a.m. The Parish

Funeral Mass 1.00p.m. for Evelyn Broadbent

Tuesday 1st August – St Alphonsus Liguori B.D. Mem

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

Wednesday 2nd August

St Theresa's June Lawrence RIP
 St Columba's 9.30a.m. Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
 10.15a.m. Novena Prayers
 10.30a.m. Linda Barlow RIP

Thursday 3rd August – St Oswald, K, M

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

Friday 4th August – St John Vianney, P. Mem

St. Theresa's 10.00a.m. Tom Groom RIP
 St. Columba's Rev Russell Cooke RIP

Saturday 5th August

St. Theresa's 5.00a.m. Parishioners' Intentions
 St Columba's 6.30p.m. The Parish

Sunday 6th August

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

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.

JULY – HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS -Month of the Blessed Blood of Jesus:

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.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION- 15th August:

The Vigil Mass will be at St Theresa's on Monday 14th Aug at 7pm. Mass on the 15th Aug will be at St Columba's at 10.30am

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 Evelyn Broadbent and Winifred Meakin, who died recently. Evelyn's Funeral Mass will take place on Monday 31st July at 1.00 p.m. at St. Columba's followed by cremation at Blacon Cemetery. Winifred's Requiem Mass will take place on Wednesday 9th August at 12 noon at St. Columba's.

WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS AND FUNERALS:

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

ANNIVERSARIES:

James Aloysius Brennan, Maria Dolores Parry, Joan O'Hanlon, Frank Barcroft, Margaret Watson, George Kelly and Clara Reade.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS:

Mass will be streamed from St Theresa's at **9.30am this Sunday 30th July 2023.**

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OFFERTORY:

St Columba's: (w/e)16/7 Loose plate: £335.00; Planned Giving: £130.50; Average Weekly SO - **£574.00**; Candles: £23.05; Piety Stall: £100.30 **(w/e 23/7)** Loose Plate: £241.34p; Planned Giving: £72.00; Average Weekly SO - £574.00; Candles: £29.23;

St Theresa's: Loose plate & Planned Giving: **£259.80**

Average weekly SO - **£161**

THANK YOU for all your generous support.

CHURCH FINANCES:

A summary of both churches' income and expenditure for the most recent financial year can be found on the notice boards. Our overall financial position is much weaker than pre Covid and later in the year we shall be presenting further information as to how we may be able to address this position.

PRAYING TOGETHER:

We pray for:

- Pray for the residents of Acres Lane, Alwyn Gardens, Brooke Avenue, Cyman Close, Willan Road, Wemyss Road and Phillips Road.
- For the clergy of the Churches in Upton and for their congregations.

ST COLUMBA'S COFFEE ROTA:

30th July - volunteers please

6th Aug - volunteers please

13th Aug – volunteers please

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).

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

CARITAS-HOME FOR UKRAINE:

Are you interested in making a difference by hosting a family fleeing the war in Ukraine? For more information please take a leaflet from the back of church or visit the website: www.sjog-homesforukraine.uk

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@cyclingwithoutage.org.uk

SYNOD 2021-2024

Communion Participation Mission

An earlier posting of this monthly Synod News item announced approval, by the General Secretariat of the Synod, of the *Instrumentum Laboris (IL)*, the working document for the participants in the October 2023 session of the Synod.

The **IL** can now be downloaded at:

www.synod.va>Synodal Process>Universal Phase>Documents

The Foreword of the **IL** includes the following: *The Members of the Synod Assembly are the primary recipients of the IL, which is also made public not only for reasons of transparency but as a contribution to the implementation of ecclesial initiatives. In particular, it can encourage participation in the synodal dynamic at the local and regional levels, while waiting for the outcome of the October Assembly. This will provide further material on which the local Churches will be called to pray, reflect, act and make their own contribution.*

The **IL** is a long read but even a short look could help us understand the Synodal process a little more.

Please continue to pray for the Synod and for our participation, walking together along the way, united in Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life.

<https://sscolumbaandtheresa.co.uk/prayer-for-the-synod/>

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – ST. COLUMBA'S:

Children’s Liturgy would like to say a big thank you to all those families who have attended over the past year. We are having a short break over August but will be back on Sunday 3rd September. We hope everyone has a lovely, relaxing, and fun summer holiday.

Thought for the week With World Youth Day taking place in Portugal 1-6 August, the Pope compared the event to a very special “World Cup,” a friendly match “where there are no winners or losers, but we all win.” He highlighted how “when we step out of ourselves and meet others,” giving what we have

and being open to receive what others offer, “we are all winners and we can raise together the ‘cup of brotherhood.’”

Resources summer holiday activities with spaces and with food offer can be found at the [following link https://edsential.com/haf/](https://edsential.com/haf/) Asda has confirmed it will be running its popular £1 kid's meal scheme throughout the summer holidays across all of its 205 cafes. No adult minimum spend. **Warburton's 'Ask for Ellen'** initiative: "Everyone and anyone, both adults and children, can 'Ask for Ellen' at any **Morrisons Café** to receive two toasted crumpets, with butter and jam for free - no questions asked. Offer runs between 17 July and 13 August.

We're all in this together: Face to face communication is very important; we know that during covid we missed that intimacy. We could have phone calls but couldn't always see the other person. Have you ever thought how and what communication is? In face-to-face communication, some 55% is non-verbal like your body language, facial expressions etc, 38% is your vocal tone and inflection and only 7% are the words! So up to 93% of communication does not involve what you actually say. Maybe it's a bit like God speaking to us each day. Communication may be via the world around us, the flora and fauna; those people around us, kind gestures or the words of the bible?

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.

MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST PETER CLAVER

Many thanks for the amount of £521 which our parish collected at their recent appeal.

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA

Many thanks for the amount of £141.16 which our parish collected recently.

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:

6th August Edition will be compiled by

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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.

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NEW DAWN IN THE CHURCH:

This takes place from 31 July – 4 August and is a five day Catholic Conference which takes place every year at the Catholic National Shrine & Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham. For further details please see the leaflets at the back of church.

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.