



The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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EIGHTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

6TH AUGUST 2023

Saturday 5th August

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

Sunday 6th August – The Transfiguration of The Lord

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

Monday 7th August

St. Theresa's 1.00pm Thomas Byrne Requiem
 St. Columba's 10.30a.m. Veronica & Anthony Comerford

Tuesday 8th August – St Dominic, P. Mem

St. Theresa's Private Intention
 St. Columba's Graham Leech RIP

Wednesday 9th August – St Theresa Benedicta of The Cross

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

Funeral Mass 12 noon Winifred Meakin

Thursday 10th August – St Lawrence, Dc.M Feast

St. Theresa's Private Intention
 St Columba's Mark & Carol Traynor

Friday 11th August – St Clare, V. Mem

St. Theresa's 10.00a.m. Priests' Intentions
 St. Columba's Evelyn Broadbent RIP

Saturday 12th August

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

Sunday 13th August

St. Theresa's 9.30a.m. Franklin Mwansa Kasonde
 St. Columba's 11.00a.m. Ian Bullough A.

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.

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 Deacon Tom Coyle, Thomas Byrne and Winifred Meakin, who died recently. Thomas's Funeral Mass will take place on Monday 7th August at 1.00 p.m. at St. Theresa's. 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:

Josephine Shanley, Graham William Leech, Michael Paziuk, Maureen Frances Picken, John Dunne

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS:

Mass will be streamed from St Columba's at **11am this Sunday 6th August 2023.**

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OFFERTORY:

St Columba's: Loose plate tbc; Planned Giving tbc; Average Weekly SO - **£574.00**; Candles tbc.

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

THANK YOU for all your generous support.

PRAYING TOGETHER:

We pray for:

- the residents of Caughall Road, Acorn Court, The Acorns, Rosedene Close, Endsleigh Gardens, Endsleigh Close, Rhuddlan Road, Carmel Close and Rose Close.
- For the PCC Members, Elders and all who hold Office in the Church.
- For strong leadership by those elected and appointed.

DEACON TOM COYLE:

Deacon Tom Coyle: It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Deacon Tom Coyle on Friday 21 July 2023.

Deacon Tom moved to Chester in June 2018 from Maidstone in Kent, where he had been a deacon for almost 19 years. He was appointed by Bishop Mark to serve as a deacon in St Columba's parish, along with Deacon Lawrence. Deacon Tom was a Knight of the Papal Order of St Gregory.

Deacon Tom was born and brought up in Dunfermline in Scotland before moving to London where he worked in the Civil Service for 40 years. He had two children with his wife Lyn who was from Lincolnshire. They moved to Chester to be near their family in the North West.

Deacon Tom was an active minister in our parish until the Covid pandemic hit in 2020 when he then began preparing weekly reflections which were published on the parish website. He did this for about a year until mid-2021 when failing health prevented him from being more active following the pandemic.

We remember Deacon Tom and his family in our thoughts and prayers, may he rest in peace.

ST COLUMBA'S COFFEE ROTA:

6th Aug Catholic Women's League
13th Aug Volunteers please
20th Aug Lina Greig for Uganda Orphanage
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@cyclingswithoutage.org.uk

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.

Thought for the week, Everything can be taken from a man but one thing: the last of human freedoms – to choose one’s attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one’s own way. Viktor E Frankl, psychologist and Holocaust survivor.

Resources [Free and affordable days out](http://cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk) in Chester and Cheshire are advertised on their web site cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

We’re all in this together July is set to be the world's warmest month on record and the UN Chief has said that the planet is entering an “era of global boiling.” It's clear that many millions of people have been affected and will continue to be so. “Climate action is not a luxury but a must” the world Meteorological Organisation says. While world leaders, Governments and businesses all play their part in working towards net zero targets of reducing CO2 emissions by 2050, real world action has been slow and greenhouse gases are still rising. So, what can we do? Scientists say small individual changes can also make a difference, be it taking fewer flights, trying to use less energy, improving home insulation, eating less red meat, using electric vehicles or using the car less, car free days etc, etc. It really is a matter of “all for one, and one for all”. Let's make the story one of positivity and movement in the right direction. Take care all.

Support for one of our 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.

YORK COACH TRIP – LOST PROPERTY:

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

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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.

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 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:

13th 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 9th AUGUST

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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.