



# The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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## TWENTY THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023

### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September

St. Theresa's	5.00p.m.	Thomas Byrne Snr RIP
St Columba's	6.30p.m.	Elsie Duff

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September

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

### Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September

St. Theresa's		Private Intention
St. Columba's	10.30a.m.	Rosemary McRoberts

### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September

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

### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September - St John Chrysostom, B. D.

<u>Mem</u>		
St Theresa's		Priests' Intentions
St Columba's		<b>NO DEVOTIONS/MASS</b>

### **12 Noon Deacon Tom's Requiem Mass**

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September – Exaltation of the Holy Cross

St. Theresa's		Private Intention (FW)
St Columba's		The Parish

### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September – Our Lady of Sorrows. Mem

St. Theresa's	10.30a.m.	Thanksgiving
St. Columba's		Private Intention

### Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September – Ss Cornelius, P.M. & Cyprian,

<u>B. M. Mem</u>		
St. Theresa's	5.00p.m.	Thomas Byrne RIP
St Columba's	6.30p.m.	Parishioners' Intentions

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September

St. Theresa's	9.30a.m.	John Woods RIP
St. Columba's	11.00a.m.	Mary Kilcoyne & William Pollock

*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.*

### EVANGELII GAUDIUM SUNDAY:

This used to be called Home Mission Sunday and is to support the work of the Bishop's Conference Department of Evangelisation and Discipleship. A Second collection will take place for it on the 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> September. Please place any donations in the baskets provided.

### 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.

**NB The first Annual Mass Count takes place on 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> September.**

### WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS AND FUNERALS:

Please contact one of the Parish Offices to make your arrangements

### 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, and Reginald Reid who died recently. at St Theresa's.

### 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.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Brian Francis Kelly, Kathleen Teresa Baxter, John Michael Gaine and Janet Marie Heath Jones.

### LIVE STREAMING OF MASS:

Mass will be streamed from St Columba's at 11.00a.m. **this Sunday 10th September 2023.**

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### OFFERTORY:

**St Columba's:** Loose plate £; tbc Planned Giving £tbc; Average Weekly SO - £574.00; Candles £tbc. Wed. Badminton - £200

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

THANK YOU for all your generous support.

### POOR CLARE'S COLLECTION:

Many thanks for the amount of £271.58 which was collected last weekend.

### PRAYING TOGETHER:

We pray for:

- The residents of St Christopher's Close. Dale Drive , Heath Road, Cleaveland Road, Stratford Road, Walton Place, Downham Place.
- For the Treasurers, Finance Organisers and the Gift Aid Recorders.
- For those who are responsible for the financial affairs of our Churches.

### **CAFOD Campaign - "Seeds for all":**

There will be a short talk at the end of Masses this weekend on CAFOD's latest campaign with the opportunity for all to take a simple action to show support.

### **ST PIO PRAYER GROUP:**

The next meeting is on Thursday, 14 September, at 2pm in Flat 5, Abbots Court, Eversley Park, Chester CH2 2DY. Everyone is welcome.

### **PAUSE FOR HOPE -17<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023**

This Ecumenical service takes place at St Columba's on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm. All are welcome. No Tickets required. Pause for Hope is an ecumenical service for those affected in any way by cancer; those suffering from cancer, those supporting those living with cancer, and those who have lost loved ones to cancer. It is an opportunity to come together to support and pray for each other. More information is available on the website <http://www.pauseforhope.org.uk>

### **FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION CLASSES:**

These classes are for children who come to either St Columba's or St Theresa's churches but do not attend one of the RC Primary Schools. They are held in St Columba's Hall on Wednesday evenings in term time from 5pm to 6pm. The classes will begin on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October. If you have a child in Year 3 or above who would like to enrol to join these classes to prepare for First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion this school year, or if you would like any further information, please ring Pauline Payne on 01244 350323

Email: pauline.payne4@btinternet.com

### **FEAST OF ST THERESA – 1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER**

If anyone would like to donate towards flowers to decorate the church for the Feast of St Theresa please put it in an envelope marked "flowers" and place it in the offertory basket. Thank you.

### **ST COLUMBA'S COFFEE ROTA**

10<sup>th</sup> Sept - Catholic Women's League

17<sup>th</sup> Sept - Christine & Mary for the parish

24<sup>th</sup> Sept - McMillan Coffee Morning

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).

### **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.

### **FR WILLIAM:**

Fr William will be leaving for his holiday on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September. We wish him a safe journey home and hope he has a well deserved rest. In his absence please direct any queries you may have to Fr Desmond

### **YOUTH GROUP**

Our next meeting will be on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September, at St. Columba's Church hall, 7pm to 8.30pm. All young parishioners in school year 5, or older, are warmly invited to join our happy, friendly group.

**Thought for the week** Accept what you can't change. Change what you can't accept. Unknown.

**We're all in this together:-** Summer has returned, just as schools restart. Doesn't seem right, does it? But it's a second chance for us. Often, we overlook second chances, or the choices we can make. Psalm 1 is often called a wisdom psalm because we learn that happiness results from our choice to follow God's direction of life rather than moving away from him. What way will you go? We all have choices.

**Resources Friday luncheon club** in Upton Village Hall.

Luncheons every 1st and 3rd Friday. Open to local 70+ yr olds.

Welcome drink, 2 course meal, tea, coffee, mints and entertainment. £10. Book in advance. Enquiries and booking Tel 383584.

Chester Zoo **Wildlife connections festival**. Free event at Chester Zoo nature reserve on 16 & 17 September, 11.30-16.30.

Performances, activities, workshops and speakers. Chester Catholic High School will be on the stage on the 16 Sept 16.00.

### **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. For information please contact Fr. William or Fr. Desmond who will put you in touch with the RCIA team

### **"CHESTER MALE VOICE CHOIR":**

Chester Male Voice Choir will be holding a concert at Chester Town Hall on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7.30p.m., with special Guest Violinist Philip Chidell. Tickets are £12 Adults; £6 under 18's. Further information can be found at The Visitor Centre, Town Hall Square, or call John on 07894 509529"

### **ST ANSELM'S COLLEGE OPEN EVENING:**

St. Anselm's College are hosting an open evening on the 14<sup>th</sup> of September between 5pm and 8pm. For further information view [admissions@st-anselms.com](mailto:admissions@st-anselms.com)

### **WEEKEND RETREAT, HOLYWELL 27-29<sup>TH</sup> OCT:**

To explore Mary Mother of the Word In Sacred Scripture. Poster giving more details in church Poarch or contact: Barbara Davies Tel: 07450 252 733, e-mail: [barbara.davies@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:barbara.davies@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

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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](mailto: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](mailto:columbashallbookings@gmail.com) to arrange booking.

### **NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:**

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Compiler by **9.00a.m. on WEDNESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> September**

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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.

### **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*

**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.