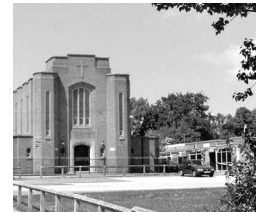




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TWENTY FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

17TH SEPTEMBER 2023

Saturday 16th September – First Annual Count

St. Theresa's 5.00p.m. Thomas Byrne RIP
 St Columba's 6.30p.m. Parishioners' Intentions

Sunday 17th September – First Annual Count

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

Monday 18th September

St. Theresa's Parishioners' Intentions
 St. Columba's 10.30a.m. Elsie Duff RIP

Tuesday 19th September

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

Wednesday 20th September – Ss Andrew Kim Taegnon,

Paul Chong Hasang and Companions. Mem
 St Theresa's Priests' Intentions
 St Columba's 9.30a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

10.15a.m. Novena Prayers

10.30a.m. Jane Shallcross

Thursday 21st September – St Matthew, Ap.Ev

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

Friday 22nd September

St. Theresa's 10.00a.m. Margaret Murphy RIP
 St. Columba's Private Intention

Saturday 23rd September

St. Theresa's 5.00p.m. Parishioners' Intentions
 St Columba's 6.30p.m. John (Paddy) Campbell

Sunday 24th September

St. Theresa's 9.30a.m. Jack & Kathleen Lawlor RIP
 St. Columba's 11.00a.m. Elsie Duff 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.

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 **this weekend**. 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 16th/17th 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.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Angela Christine Woodworth, Joan Margaret Mary Woods.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS:

Mass will be streamed from St Theresa's at 9.30a.m. **this Sunday 17th 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.

Indian Christian Community £100.00.

St Theresa's: Loose plate & Planned Giving £211.67; Average weekly SO - £161.00.

THANK YOU for all your generous support.

PRAYING TOGETHER:

We pray for:

- the residents of Lawn Drive, Earls Oak, Windmill Rise, Sumner Road, Fisher Road, Stamford Road, Church Way.
- Dorin Park School. For all who are physically or mentally disabled, their teachers and families.

PARISH PASTORAL PLAN DEVELOPED FROM PARISH SYNOD CONSULTATION

Pope Francis' Synodal Message:

"By growing together in Communion, the people of God deepen their Participation in the life of the Church and so become more effective Missionary disciples in the world".

Following on from the Synod responses last year and the subsequent implementation of the Parish Action plan, your Pastoral Council has been considering how the parish can be even more inclusive, engaging and outgoing – all topics raised by parishioners. In order to do this we need a lot more people to be actively involved – to deepen their participation in the life of the church- and we need financial support.

On the weekend of 30 September/1st October, Eileen Irwin and Colin Hedley will speak at Masses about how you can further support the parish financially.

As regards volunteering - your Pastoral Council has identified a whole range of areas which need your support, clarified what they are and how much time they demand. We are now asking all of you to consider how you might be able to volunteer. On the weekends of 15th and 22nd October, co-chairs of the Pastoral Council, Pauline Rourke and Ann McCarthy will be speaking at Masses with details of how you can get involved.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

The approved Pastoral Council minutes dated 22nd June 2023 are now on the noticeboards in both the front and back porches.

FR WILLIAM:

Fr William left for his holiday on Thursday 14th September. In his absence, please direct any queries you may have to Fr Desmond.

PAUSE FOR HOPE -17th SEPTEMBER 2023

This Ecumenical service takes place at St Columba's on Sunday 17th 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 4th 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 – 1st 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

17th Sept - Christine & Mary for the parish

24th Sept - McMillan Coffee Morning

1st Oct – 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).

McMillan Coffee Morning - 24th September

This fund-raising event means that: Cakes will be sold after the 6:30pm Mass on Sat 23rd and after the 11:00am Mass on Sun 24th, during coffee, all in St Columba's Hall. Cake donations will be appreciated, thank you for your continued support each year.

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.

YOUTH GROUP:

Our next meeting will be on Monday 18th 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:

"It's not my injuries that make me feel disabled, it's people's attitudes that make me feel disabled." Martin Hibbert, MEN bomb survivor.

WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER

Is it the journey or the destination that matters most to you? Or is it determined by the length of the journey or who we travel with? Or a combination of factors? Life itself is a journey and, through life and our decisions and actions, we grow. The things we have thought important when we were younger may well change over time. We all have different experiences and different reference points, and lots of freedom to shape our own journey, that's what makes life interesting. What will you do this week?

Thank you- from Alex Mosquera. To all those who bought teas, coffees, cakes and books and supplied socks for sock puppets, a massive thank you. While we were in Uganda, we managed to hang 900 mosquito nets, taught dental health and gave out 2000 toothbrushes & distributed over 1500kgs of clothing and shoes and school supplies. I came into contact with over 1500 children. We taught classes, Sunday school, hygiene, provided health education, made reusable sanitary products, undertook a variety of community projects and much, much more. Thank you.

CHRISTIAN AID – SINGING FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE:

Saltney Methodist Church, Sunday 24th September at 4pm followed by refreshments and Fairtrade stall.

ZUMBATHON FOR HOME OF PEACE, UGANDA

Saturday 23rd September, 10 am to 12pm at St Columba's Hall – Zumbathon to raise funds for the 'Home of Peace - Uganda' an Orphanage that needs help to keep children in education for the rest of this year. Entrance for adults is £10 and children (6+) £5. Please pay on the door. There will also be a raffle.

THE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, CHESTER OPEN EVENING:

The Catholic High School, Chester are hosting an open evening on the Thursday 21st of September between 6pm and 8pm. The evening is an invitation for Year 5 and 6 students, and their families, to come and visit our wonderful school in Handbridge, Chester. You can tour the school, meet teachers and pupils, take part in some fun activities and ask any questions you may have. No booking required.

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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:

24th 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 20th September**

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.

PARISH BANK DETAILS FOR OFFERTORY:

We know that people tend to use cash less in this post-pandemic world and that some people may wish to give to the parish via standing order, or a one off donation. Please find details below.

St Columba's:

Sort Code: 30-15-52 Account No.: 54681468

St Theresa's

Sort Code: 30-15-52 Account No.: 54562968

If you are a tax payer and wish to Gift Aid your donation(s) (why wouldn't you want to?!) then please contact the Parish Offices who can put you in touch with the relevant people.

FAIR TRADE COFFEE MORNING:

Saturday 23 September 10am to 12 noon, Neston Methodist Church and Community Centre, Liverpool Road, Neston, CH64 3RA. In aid of Chifundo Uk, proceeds will be used to empower girls and women in Malawi.

SHREWSBURY LOURDES HOSPITALITY:

The next meeting of the Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality will be the Annual General Meeting, on Saturday 30th September at 2pm at St Chad's, Cheadle, Stockport SK8 2AF. Please register your attendance, send apologies or items for the agenda to secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk or text/call 07451 249267. Agenda items should be submitted seven days before the meeting. Please pass on these details to any hospitality members who may be interested in attending. Please note nominations are now being accepted for the new Vice-President/Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. If you would like any further information about these roles, please get in touch.

“CHESTER MALE VOICE CHOIR”:

Chester Male Voice Choir will be holding a concert at Chester Town Hall on 30th 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.

WEEKEND RETREAT, HOLYWELL 27-29TH 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

CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES:

The diocesan Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) will resume this month, with both an online course or daytime classes in Wythenshawe. Details are at: www.educationshrewsbury.org/formation-development/ccrs or enquiries to ccrs@dioceseofshrewsbury.org