



The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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TWENTY FIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

24TH SEPTEMBER 2023

Saturday 23rd September – 2nd Annual Count

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

Sunday 24th September – 2nd Annual Count

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

Monday 25th September

St. Theresa's		Private Intention
St. Columba's	10.30a.m.	Jane Shallcross

Tuesday 26th September

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

Wednesday 27th September – St Vincent de Paul, P

St Theresa's		Priests' Intentions
St Columba's	9.30a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	10.15a.m.	Novena Prayers
	10.30a.m.	Private Intention (FG)

Thursday 28th September

St. Theresa's		Private Intention (SR)
St Columba's		Parishioners' Intentions

Friday 29th September – Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

St. Theresa's	10.00a.m.	Catherine McHugh RIP
St. Columba's		Kenneth Kilcoyne RIP

Saturday 30th September

St. Theresa's	5.00p.m.	Parishioners' Intentions
St Columba's	6.30p.m.	John Hayden RIP

Sunday 1st October

St. Theresa's	9.30a.m.	Keith Evans RIP
St. Columba's	11.00a.m.	Mary & Jim Davies - Ann

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.

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 Kenneth Kilcoyne and Jim Mason who died recently. May The Lord console their families and friends. Kenneth's body will be received into Church at 7.00p.m. on Thursday 5th October. His Requiem will take place at St Columba's Church on Friday 6th October at 2.00 p.m. Jim's Funeral Service will take place at Holy Ascension Church, Upton on Friday 6th October at 10.30a.m.

ANNIVERSARIES:

John Anthony Taylor, Howard Jefferson Sherman, Stephen Blundell, Keith Alexander Evans.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS:

Mass will be streamed from St Theresa's at 9.30a.m. **this Sunday 24th September 2023.**

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OFFERTORY:

St Columba's: (3 & 10.09.2023) Loose plate £568.66, Planned Giving £226; Average Weekly SO - £574.00; Candles £44.60. Wed. Badminton - £200. Indian Christian Community £100.00. Standing Orders for the period 2022-23 as £528.

St Theresa's: Loose plate & Planned Giving £241.39; Average weekly SO - £161.00.

THANK YOU for all your generous support.

PRAYING TOGETHER:

We pray for:

- the residents of Church Lane, Nield Court and Grangeside, Hatton Road, Pulford Road, Leaside Road, Fernhill Road.
- the church organists and music leaders, for the ministry of music in our worship.

Please keep Parishioner Beryl Williams in our prayers, that she be granted strength and comfort in her illness.

ST COLUMBA'S COFFEE ROTA:

24th Sept - McMillan Coffee Morning

1st Oct – Volunteers please

8th Oct – Rippon family for Camps International, 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).

MCMILLAN COFFEE MORNING – 24TH SEPTEMBER:

Please support this fund-raising event this weekend: Cakes will be sold after the 6:30pm Mass on Sat 23rd Sept 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.

FUNERAL OF DEACON TOM COYLE:

On behalf of my children, Catherine and Thomas, and myself I would like to express my thanks for the great support, love and respect shown to Tom at his funeral mass and at the reception following. Particular thanks to Bishop Mark, Fr William, all the parish and Diocesan clergy and to Bridget, our altar server. It was a wonderful service, enhanced by singing led by Mark Traynor, accompanied by organist Chris Steele. Thanks to Pauline Rourke for reading so beautifully and for her part in arranging the reception, along with Sue Carr, Sue McCarthy and other helpers I may be unaware of. The flowers in the church were beautiful.

Behind all the rushing around, is Carol, liaising and bringing people together. The Parish Office is blessed!

It was especially wonderful to welcome our friends from St Francis, Maidstone, where Tom had served as a deacon for 19 years: Fr Bartolomej Dudek, Deacon Ian Black and his wife, Angela, Mark Coatsworth and his wife Elizabeth. Their coming made the circle complete.

I am grateful for donations made to Leukaemia UK totalling £530, which includes a generous donation of £350 made by the son of our oldest friends. Thank you very much to all who donated.

If I have forgotten anyone, I apologise. All friends and family were extremely impressed by the love and care which had gone into the arrangements. It has been two years since I was able to come to mass regularly and yet I was made to feel so welcome. I hope to get to know the parish again and be part of that community. Thank you. Lyn Coyle.

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 30th 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.

CT UPTON ANNUAL QUIZ EVENING:

To be held on Friday 27th October in the Hall at 7 p.m.
See poster on the Notice Board for more details.

NEWS FROM THE WIDER CATHOLIC WORLD:

It was agreed at the last Pastoral Council meeting to put occasional items of good and/ or encouraging news from the Catholic press in our newsletter. The first one about the generous actions of young people follows:

Catholic Schools Fundraising -

Between them nearly half the Catholic schools in England and Wales raised £610,000 in funds for Cafod last year. Catholic schools also donated more than £170,000 to emergency appeals including for victims of floods in Pakistan and the earthquake in Syria. In addition, 37 schools achieved the Live Simply award, committing to live sustainably and in solidarity with the world's poorest communities. Pauline Rourke.

CHS OPEN MORNINGS:

The Catholic High School will be holding two Open Mornings on Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th September. It will be a chance to see the school in action. There will be two tours per day one at 9am and the other at 10am. These need to be booked and can be done so by either emailing welcometo@christofidelis.org.uk or by phoning the office on 01244 952788.

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.

NEEDLES AND PINS – WEDNESDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER:

Everyone is welcome to come along to this friendly needlecraft group at St Columba's Hall, between 2p.m. to 4p.m. every fourth Wednesday of the month. Hope to see you there.

RESOURCES:

Doesn't look like the Covid virus is going away, anyone eligible can book their Covid vaccinations via the [NHS website](https://www.nhs.uk), by downloading the NHS App, or by calling 119 for free if they can't get online. GP practices and other local NHS services will also be contacting people to offer both flu and Covid vaccines, and people can book the flu vaccine by searching online for a local pharmacy. Keep safe.

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. Please join us in St Theresa's Club for cake and tea & coffee after 9.30a.m. Mass.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIED LIFE:

On Saturday 14th October 2023 a diocesan celebration of married life will be held at St Columba's Church at 12noon. All welcome but those who are celebrating a significant Wedding Anniversary (Silver, Ruby, Golden, Diamond) and newly married couples especially so; if they wish to receive a personal invitation from Bishop Mark, they should send their names, addresses and Anniversary being celebrated to Theresa Stones at curia@dioceseofshrewsbury.org by Friday 29 September.

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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 27th 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.

WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER:

This Sunday, 24th September the Church will be celebrating the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR), which has been celebrated since 1914. It is seen as an occasion to express concern for vulnerable people on the move, to pray for them as they face many challenges and to increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers. The Pope says that "The synodal path that we have undertaken as a Church leads us to see in those who are most vulnerable – among whom are many migrants and refugees – special companions on our way, to be loved and cared for as brothers and sisters. Only by walking together will we be able to go far and reach the common goal of our journey". As we continue on our synodal journey the WDMR gives us time to consider the most vulnerable within our society.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "Be the kindness that reminds someone that the world is a compassionate place" - Mary Davis.

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.

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