



The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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TWENTY SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

3rd SEPTEMBER 2023

Saturday 2nd September

St. Theresa's	5.00pm.	Giuseppa Bezzina RIP
St Columba's	6.30p.m.	Elsie Duff

Sunday 3rd September

St. Theresa's	9.30a.m.	Kay George's Ints
St. Columba's	11.00a.m.	Joseph Francis

Monday 4th September

St. Theresa's		Parishioners' Intentions
St. Columba's	10.30a.m.	Parish Thanksgiving Mass

Tuesday 5th September

St. Theresa's	12 noon	Requiem Mass for Margaret Murray
St. Columba's		Priests' Intentions

Wednesday 6th September

St Theresa's		Priests' Intentions
St Columba's	9.30a.m.	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
	10.15a.m.	Novena Prayers
	10.30a.m.	Reginald Reid RIP

Thursday 7th September

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

Friday 8th September

St. Theresa's	N.B.	NO MASS TODAY
St. Columba's		Private Intention

Saturday 9th September

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

Sunday 10th September

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

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.

NO MASS AT ST THERESA'S FRIDAY 8th SEPTEMBER

Please note that there will NOT be a Mass at 10am at St Theresa's on Friday 8th September as both Fr William and Fr Desmond will be attending their Regional Assembly.

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 Deacon Tom Coyle, Margaret Murray, and Reginald Reid who died recently. Margaret Murray's funeral will take place on **Tuesday 5th September** at 12 noon at St Theresa's. Deacon Tom's Requiem will take place at St Columba's Church on **Wednesday 13th September** at 12 noon.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Frederick Alexander Davies, Jane Redmond, Winifred McGlown, James Donnelly, Brian Francis Kelly & Kathleen Joy Borg.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS:

Mass will be streamed from St Columba's at 11.00a.m. **this Sunday 3rd September 2023.**

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OFFERTORY:

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

St Theresa's: £214.51 Loose plate & Planned Giving £214.51; Average weekly SO - £161.00.

THANK YOU for all your generous support.

PRAYING TOGETHER:

We pray for:

- Pray for the residents of Daleside, Meadowsway, Queensway, Hillside Road, Belvedere Dri9ve, Furne Road & Morton Road.
- For our junior & infant schools: Acresfield, Upton heath, Mill View, Westlea, Dorin Park & St Werburgh's & St Columba's and St Theresa's . Also schools in Newton, Guilden Sutton & Mickle Trafford.
- For the teachers and pupils that they will be open to the Christian teaching they receive.
- For our local clergy as they lead assemblies.

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.

PAUSE FOR HOPE -17th SEPTEMBER 2023

This Ecumenical service takes place at St Columba's on Sunday 17th September at 3pm. St Joseph's Church Choir will be in attendance. 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 or 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

3rd Sept - Rippon family for Camps International Peru, Humanitarian Collaboration.
10th Sept - Catholic Women's League
17th Sept - 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).

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

FR WILLIAM:

Fr William will be leaving for his holiday on Thursday 14th 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 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.

POOR CLARE'S COLLECTION:

Thank you for your donations last weekend.

WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER- With the new school year about to start and University and College places being taken up by our community in the weeks ahead, change is high on the agenda. Change can be daunting, moving into a new class and with different teachers or moving away from home, it will be new for everyone. Keep believing that you can do it, take courage, pursue that dream and be the best you can be.

LOURDES JUMBULANCE

Please remember in your prayers, all those who have travelled to Lourdes and will be returning on the 9th September.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK "The moment you doubt whether you can fly, you cease forever to be able to do it." — J.M. Barrie

RESOURCES SCHOOL UNIFORMS If you live in the Chester and Blacon area, KidsBank Chester can help you access free school uniforms, as well as toys, baby supplies, books, bedding, and more. You can request a referral from your midwife, health visitor, social worker or other front-line professional. <https://kidsbankchester.com/> Morrisons in Chester also have a free Uniform swap - customers can donate, swap and browse our second-hand uniform rail for free.

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

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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:

10th 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 6th 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.

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.