



The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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TWENTY EIGHTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

15th OCTOBER 2023

Saturday 14th October

St. Theresa's 5.00p.m. Parishioners' Ints.
 St Columba's 6.30p.m. Frank Stone Snr.

Sunday 15th October

St. Theresa's 9.30a.m. Tom & Dorothy Groom RIP
 St. Columba's 11.00a.m. The Parish

Monday 16th October

St. Theresa's Priests' Intentions
 St. Columba's 10.30a.m. Jim Mason RIP

Tuesday 17th October-St Ignatius of Antioch

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

Wednesday 18th October-St Luke

St Theresa's Kathleen Holden RIP
 St Columba's 9.30a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 10.15a.m. Novena Prayers
 10.30a.m. Kenneth Kilcoyne RIP

Thursday 19th October-St Peter of Alcantara

St. Theresa's Private Intention
 St Columba's Private Int (FG)

Friday 20th October

St. Theresa's 10.00a.m. John Murphy RIP
 St. Columba's Parishioners' Ints.

Saturday 21st October

St. Theresa's 5.00p.m. Parishioners' Intentions
 St Columba's 6.30p.m. Gladys Campbell & Richard Griffiths

Sunday 22nd October

St. Theresa's 9.30a.m. John Finnegan Snr RIP
 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.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS:

For October - For the Synod

Let us pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a style of life at every level, allowing herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the world's peripheries.

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 Jessica Baker and Jean Benson of Grey Friars. May the Lord console their families and friends. Jessica's Requiem Mass will take place at 12.30pm on Friday 27th October at St Theresa's.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Kathleen Holden, Peter John Walker, Doreen Mary Judge, Lionel William Steele, Teresa Nicholson.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS:

Mass will be streamed from St Theresa's at 9.30a.m. **this Sunday 15th October 2023.**

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OFFERTORY:

St Columba's: Loose plate £245.00; Planned Giving £133.50; Average Weekly SO - £574.00; Candles £22.79;

St Theresa's: Loose plate & Planned Giving £268.44; Average weekly SO - £161.00.

THANK YOU for all your generous support.

PRAYING TOGETHER

We pray for:

- the residents of Marl Heyes, Upton park, Delvine Drive, Exeter Place, Burns Way, Masefield Drive, Aragon Green, Brentwood Road.
- For the magazine committee, newsletter editors, distributors and those who run the bookstalls in our churches.

ST COLUMBA'S COFFEE ROTA

15th Oct - Sue McCarthy for SVP

22nd Oct - volunteers please

29th 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).

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING CONTRIBUTION

A huge thank you to everyone who baked or bought any of the delicious cakes or donated money at our MacMillan Cancer Support coffee morning. We raised a massive **£289.97** - our biggest ever total.

THE URSULINE SISTERS

The Ursuline Sisters who taught for many years in Chester are celebrating the centenary of the Roman Union of Ursuline Convents in England and have written a book called "Roots and Shoots". If you would like to order a copy please go to [Ursulines - Roman Union, England \(ursulinesuk.org\)](http://Ursulines - Roman Union, England (ursulinesuk.org))

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY (APF) 15 October

HEARTS ON FIRE, FEET ON THE MOVE

This Sunday is World Mission Sunday, when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission. Please support Missio in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Join in on this special day, that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and celebration of our Church's mission to share God's love with all people. Please call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible: missio.org.uk

There will be a retiring collection at all Masses.

PARISH PASTORAL PLAN DEVELOPED FROM PARISH SYNOD CONSULTATION:

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.

NEWS FROM THE WIDER CATHOLIC WORLD : ST THERESA OF LISIEUX:

The Pope published a letter on St Theresa on 15 October to mark the 150th anniversary of her birth. He said St Theresa lived 'devoted to God, forgetting about herself, loving and consoling Jesus, and interceding for the salvation of all'. St Theresa's Jubilee Year ends on 7th January 2024.

YOUTH GROUP:

Our next meeting will be on Monday 16th October at St. Theresa's, 7pm to 8.30pm. Meet in St Theresa's car park. All young parishioners in school year 5, or older, are warmly invited to join our happy friendly group.

CATECHISTS' CONFERENCE:

The Shrewsbury Diocesan Catechists Conference will be on Saturday 21st October at St Columba's Church Hall 10am-4pm, presented by the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph and the Diocesan Mission for Catechists team. Their last day in our parish was very interesting, informative and enjoyable. This is for anyone who is already a Catechist, and for those who want to find out a bit more about being a Catechist. If this is you, please come along and bring a packed lunch. More details on the Shrewsbury Diocesan website under Upcomng Events.

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

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.

CT UPTON FIFTH SUNDAY SERVICE:

This will be held on the theme of "the Two Saints Way" at Holy Ascension Church at 4.30 p.m. on Sunday 29th October. We are invited to read one of the readings at this service. If you would like to do this, please contact David Savage savage214@btinternet.com

HIGHLIGHT FROM THE HIGH: The CHSC second-hand uniform shop will be open on Monday 16th October between 2pm and 3pm in the school canteen. Uniform items, PE Kits and winter coats are available to buy.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much. Helen Keller

RESOURCES Chester Fair Trade Autumn Fair, Saturday 21 October in Wesley Church Centre, St John street, Chester, from 11am to 3pm. Numerous stalls including fairtrade, local charitable stalls, Chifundo, jewellery, cakes, face painting, children's crafts, cards etc.

WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER: The synod has started in Rome and runs until 29 October, with 363 participants. It consists of round table open discussions led by facilitators, with the inclusion on women for the first time and lay people. Discussions will be on the three main themes of communion, participation, and mission. The resulting summary report will then advise the Pope. And 2024 and 25 will see further stages. What we do know is that as a Parish we wanted to do more, be more inclusive and outgoing. This is our opportunity to put into action those things we felt as a community were important. We need you to help our community please. Think about volunteering. Thank you.

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP COURSE

Are you currently in Lower Sixth/Year 12/S5? Are you considering a public-facing career? Do you want to help build a Christian society?

The Christian Leadership Formation programme uniquely offers a combination of stimulating and high-quality intellectual content, spiritual nourishment, personal development, inter-personal skills, team-building and socials in a tightly-knit community experience, with expert academics and professionals. Open to any student who is motivated by their faith and their studies, with bursaries available as needed.

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY INTERNSHIPS:

Castlerigg Manor (The Lancaster Diocese Retreat Centre) is looking for young Catholics aged 18-25 to join their Internship Programme. The scheme lasts for one or two years and gives participants wide ranging experience, skills, training, and qualifications as well as the opportunity to work with a fantastic team based in the Lake District. For more information contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk

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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

Office hours Monday to Friday 9.00am to 1.00pm

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:

8th October 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 18th October**

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.

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

HEALING MASS AT ST WERBURGH'S, CHESTER:

Sunday 15 October at 2.30pm

"Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11) An invitation to pray, meditate and reflect. Stay and chat after Mass - refreshments will be provided by the SVP