



# The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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## TWENTY NINTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

**22ND OCTOBER 2023**

### Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October

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

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

St. Theresa's	9.30a.m.	John Finnegan Snr.RIP
St. Columba's	11.00a.m.	The Parish

### Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

St. Theresa's		Joan Woods RIP
St. Columba's	10.30a.m.	Private Intention (CS)

### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October

St. Theresa's		Special Intention (SR)
St. Columba's		Jim Mason RIP
	9.30a.m.	Requiem Mass for Margaret Lannin

### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October

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

### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October – St Chad & Cedd, B

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

### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October

St. Theresa's	<b>NO 10.00a.m. MASS</b>	
	12.30p.m.	Requiem Mass for Jessica Baker
St. Columba's		Christopher Delaney RIP

### Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Ss Simon & Jude, Ap.

St. Theresa's	5.00p.m.	Parishioners' Intentions
St Columba's	6.30p.m.	Joan Bullough. B.day

**Clocks go Back 1 Hour tonight!!**

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October

St. Theresa's	9.30a.m.	Jessica Baker RIP
St. Columba's	11.00a.m.	Elizabeth (Betty) Allingham 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.*

### **ALL SAINTS- 1st NOVEMBER:**

The Vigil Mass for All Saints will be held at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 31st October at Theresa's Church and the Mass of the Day will be held at St. Columba's Church on Wednesday 1st November at 10.30 a.m.

### **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 Delia Hesketh, Jessica Baker, Joan Benson of Grey Friars, and Margaret Rose Lannin. May the Lord console their families and friends. Jessica's Requiem Mass will take place at 12.30pm on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October at St Theresa's.

## ANNIVERSARIES:

Doreen Mary Judge, Catherine (Kay) Isaacson, James Dooney, Kathleen Burns, Josephine Creagh-Barry, Rosetta Griffin, Catherine Sullivan, Mary Keating, Margaret Winder.

## LIVE STREAMING OF MASS:

Mass will be streamed from St Theresa's at 9.30a.m. **this Sunday 22nd October 2023.**

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## OFFERTORY:

**St Columba's: (8/15<sup>th</sup>/10/23)** Loose plate £502.15p; Planned Giving £273.00; Average Weekly SO - £574.00; Candles £51.23 ;  
**St Theresa's:** Loose plate & Planned Giving £224.19; Average weekly SO - £161.00.

THANK YOU for all your generous support.

## PRAYING TOGETHER

We pray for:

- Pray for the residents of Upton Drive, Pine Gardens, Bache Avenue, Boleyn Close, Tudor Green, Saxon Way, Palatine Close.
- For the British Legion, Golf Club and Village Hall Committee, and all who use their facilities.
- For those who have served their country.

## ST COLUMBA'S COFFEE ROTA:

22nd Oct - volunteers please

29th Oct - volunteers please

5<sup>th</sup> 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).

## 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.

#### **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://ursulinesuk.org)

#### **HEARTS ON FIRE, FEET ON THE MOVE:**

Sunday 22 October - Today is World Mission Sunday

World Mission Sunday is being celebrated in every Catholic parish around the world today! It supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, you will help missionaries like Sr Mary who has given her whole life to bring the love and hope of Jesus to situations of extreme poverty and injustice. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can to this very important collection which will sustain the future of our Church, 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](http://missio.org.uk)

#### **FISH 'N CHIP BABIES:**

This is a project to knit warm clothes for newborn babies in the Third World who, because of poverty, would be discharged from hospital wrapped in newspaper. It has been established for some time. If you would like to hear more, and perhaps join the scheme, come along to the Needles and Pins afternoon on Wednesday week 25th October at 2 p.m.in St Columba's Hall when more information and simple knitting patterns will be available. More from David Savage (380626) or Margaret Curtis (318424).

#### **AUTUMN FAYRE – 19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023:**

This popular event in St Columba's Hall is nearly upon us again. Food, Stalls and TOMBOLA.

We would also love to offer food at the Fayre from other world cuisines representing the parish. PLEASE contact Margaret 01244 318424, if you can bring food from your cultural heritage to give more variety. Soup, sandwiches, hotdogs and pizza are already on the menu, so whether it's half a dozen naan breads or a pot of authentic curry, ANYTHING would be appreciated. Thank you.

Donations of bottles etc are needed as prizes for The Tombola stall at The Autumn Fayre. Could you please leave them inside the entrance to St Columbas and St Therasas.

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

The Pope published a letter on St Theresa on 15 October to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

#### **YOUTH GROUP:**

We met in St Theresa's on Monday 16th Oct. As it is the 150th anniversary of the birth of St Therese of Lisieux, we spent time in church looking at the statue of St Therese of Lisieux and talked about her life. The youngsters had already learnt about her in school so knew more about her than the adults! They each wrote a short sentence about her interesting life. Did you know, for instance, that she persuaded the Pope of the time, Leo XIII, to let her join the convent at the age of 15? Normally girls had to wait until they were 20. They then made paper roses to

decorate their pictures. Their work will be displayed on the board by the statue at the front of St Theresa's. Please take a look.

#### **HIGHLIGHT FROM THE HIGH:**

Save the date! The Catholic High School, Chester, invites you to come along to the Christmas Fair followed by Carol Service on Tuesday 19th December from 4pm in the school. There will be stalls, games, and refreshments. Visit Santa's Grotto! The Carol Service will start at 6:30pm. Entry Fee £1. Everyone is welcome!

#### **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 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:savage214@btinternet.com)

**Thought for the week :** The best angle from which to approach any problem is the try-angle! Unknown.

**Resources:** Household support fund for those most in need of support, Cheshire West and Chester Council has received funding to help until the end of March 2024. The Council having consulted with local organisations about how best to help people in Cheshire West and Chester, they have chosen to spend the money in the following ways: food vouchers for families with children who get free school meals; payments to low income households who haven't received the cost of living payment from the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP); making financial support available to people via local charitable organisations; helping low income households with energy and food costs. To find details use the web link, or telephone 0808 175 3599 (Monday - Friday, 9am-5pm) <https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/news/household-support-fund-is-available-for-those-in-most-need-of-support> .

#### **CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP COURSE:**

Are you currently in Lower Sixth/Year 12/S5?

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.

#### **FREE NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION:**

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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

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

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

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Compiler by **9.00a.m. on THURSDAY 26TH October**

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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.

**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](http://www.educationshrewsbury.org/formation-development/ccrs) or enquiries to [ccrs@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:ccrs@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)



**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.

**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 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.

**.....WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR YOUR PARISH:**

Thanks to those who volunteered last week to help with parish activities. Your generosity is appreciated. However, as was said, much more assistance is needed to maintain existing activities and keep the parish going let alone develop more. The details of the activities in which we are looking for assistance at present and the forms to record names are available in the entrance to church. We would urge all parishioners to consider if you could offer a small amount of time every few weeks to help in some way. If you are aware of assistance you can offer which isn't described on the list we would be very happy to hear from you anyway – please record your details on the form and put it in the box in the church entrance.

Ann McCarthy, Pauline Rourke

**KENNETH (KEN) THOMAS KILCOYNE 04.04.28 – 17.09.23  
R.I.P.**

**A Tribute and Thanks**



Ken, and his beloved wife Mary (who always persisted in calling him 'Kenneth'!), came to live in Chester, from their home in Yorkshire, at the end of the 1980's. They brought with them a wealth of experience of parish life and service, and settled close by St Columba's church, at 2 Church View, Newhall Road.

As a longstanding and devoted member of the Society of St Vincent de Paul, Ken soon joined the small SVP Conference serving the, then, parish of St Columba, to do his bit to bring some relief to the needy. He also joined the Readers of the parish and was distinctive in proclaiming the Word in his broad, unaffected, Yorkshire accent and, for a man of relatively slight build, surprisingly 'booming' voice. When Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion were eventually introduced in the parish, Ken was commissioned to be among them, to minister at Mass and in his work with the SVP.

In the early 2000's a vacancy arose for a Sacristan; Ken was invited to fill it and did so willingly and enthusiastically. From then on, he devoted himself to the role, sometimes sharing with others, but always setting the highest of standards in preparing for Sunday and weekday parish Masses and wider Diocesan celebrations. Bread and wine provisions attended to, Sacred vessels, vestments and linen lovingly cared for, candles carefully trimmed, and holders cleansed.

Ken had been an Altar Server from his youth. He would often recall his experience of serving at the Latin Mass, with a hint of regret that something had been lost in modern liturgy. Nevertheless, when he was Sacristan, Ken began when necessary to serve again at the Altar, bringing his long experience to bear with great reverence. There is a record somewhere of the number of Masses Ken served in his lifetime; they were many!

This brief account of Ken's life of service in the parish is a tribute and thanksgiving, marking his death on 17th September, but it would not be complete without some mention of Ken's wife, Mary. They were a 'team', each supporting the other in their service to the Church. Mary excelled in her own ways of service; she was for example, a tireless worker for the Catholic Women's League, and Altar linen and funeral pall, products of her handiwork, continue in use in St Columba's church.

In these Synod days, as the parish of SS Columba and Theresa seeks to encourage all parishioners to offer their God given talents to the life of the parish and wider community, the likes of Ken and Mary are perhaps an S.O.S; not a distress call but Signs Of Service, to give us hope. Good and faithful servants, may they rest in peace and rise again with Christ in His glory.