



The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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THIRTIETH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

29th OCTOBER 2023

Saturday 28th October

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

Sunday 29th October

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

Monday 30th October

St. Theresa's		Priests' Intentions
St. Columba's	10.30a.m.	Judy Sheanan RIP

Tuesday 31st October – Vigil All Saints

St. Theresa's	7.00 p.m.	Katherine Gannon RIP
St. Columb		Private Intention

Wednesday 1st November – All Saints

St Theresa's		Private Intention (BW)
St Columba's	9.30a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

10.15a.m. Novena Prayers

10.30a.m. Jim Mason RIP

Thursday 2nd November – Comm.of Faithful Departed

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

Friday 3rd November – St Winefride, V. Feast

St. Theresa's	10.00a.m.	Emma Hornby's Ints.
St. Columba's		Parishioners' Intentions'

Saturday 4th November

St. Theresa's	5.00p.m.	Bart Bradshaw RIP
St Columba's	6.30p.m.	Delia Hesketh RIP

Clocks go Back 1 Hour tonight!!

Sunday 5th November

St. Theresa's	9.30a.m.	Graham George RIP
St. Columba's	11.00a.m.	Kerry Prendergast 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. We welcome into God's family Jack Anthony James Shone and Santino Antonio Stanford, who were baptised recently. May God bless them and their families.

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 Joan Benson of Grey Friars. Her requiem mass will be on Monday 6th November at 12:00 at St Francis Church in Chester followed by a private cremation. May the Lord console her families and friends.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Breda Mary Wright, Marie Willetts, Rose Marshall, Richard Heselwood, Sidney Claude Jefferies.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS:

Mass will be streamed from St Columba's at 11a.m. **this Sunday 29th October 2023.**

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OFFERTORY:

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

St Theresa's: Loose plate & Planned Giving £165.00; Average weekly SO - £161.00.

THANK YOU for all your generous support.

PRAYING TOGETHER

We pray for:

- the residents of Bache Drive, Dulas Court, Birch Rise, Long Lane, Mallard Court. Cleves Close, Roman Drive, Cavalier Drive, Hadrian Drive.
- For the ACF, Friendship Group, MOT Group and Catholic Women's League.
- For all catering staff and those who make refreshments after the services.

ST COLUMBA'S COFFEE ROTA

29th Oct - Chris & Elizabeth for the Tombola

5th Nov - Rippon family for Camps Intl., Humanitarian Collaboration

12th Nov - 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).

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. today.

COUNTESS OF CHESTER MONTHLY MASS:

Mass will be held at 12.15pm on Thursday 2nd November in the Countess of Chester Hospital Chapel, for all staff, patients and their families, volunteers and parishioners. Fr Desmond will be joining us this month, and all are welcome.

LOUDFENCE – SAFEGUARDING 14 NOVEMBER:

LOUDfence is a pro healing and reconciliation movement founded by Antonia Sobocki in the UK in 2020. It is a community activity of solidarity and support with abuse victims and survivors, to empower parishioners and enable them to be part of the solution by giving them an avenue to express their feelings. To safeguard is to live out the values of the Gospel in their most literal sense. A Diocesan Mass supporting the movement will be celebrated on Tuesday 14 November 6.45 pm, at Holy Apostles and Martyrs Church, Wallasey. All welcome. You are invited to submit your prayers or reflections to be offered up in the Mass; these may be submitted, anonymously, either by post using the dove image sheets provided in church porches, to the Diocesan Safeguarding Office (Curial Office, 2 Park Road South, Prenton CH43 4UX), or digitally to safeguarding@dioceseofshrewsbury.org The deadline for submissions is 7th November.

AUTUMN FAYRE – 19TH 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.

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!

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.

ST. COLUMBA'S BASKET COLLECTION SATURDAYS:

Following suggestions from parishioners and the kindness of volunteers, from Saturday 4th November, the collection basket will be passed round at Saturday evening Mass instead of being left at the rear of the church.

GIFT AID APPEAL:

Thank you to everyone who completed a Gift Aid form, joined the Planned Giving envelope scheme and anyone who altered their contributions following the recent appeal. All the relevant forms and boxes for completed forms are still available as you leave the church for anyone still needing them.

THE HOLY SOULS-NOVEMBER:

There are envelopes available at the back of church. Please put names/donations in the envelope and place in the offertory basket, they will then be placed before the altar.

CAFOD: Thank you very much for your donations to the Harvest Appeal. Donations from the envelopes amounted to £300. There are copies of a CAFOD's prayer for peace in the Middle East in church porches. Please take a copy. CAFOD campaigners have delivered 'Salina's letter' to the World Bank's UK offices. As part of CAFOD's Fix the Food System campaign, over 70,000 Catholics from across England and Wales had signed the letter in solidarity with Salina to urge the World Bank to stop supporting policies that limit small farmers' choice over which seeds they can use. Thank you for your support

VOLUNTEERS FOR PARISH ACTIVITIES.

Thanks very much to all who have volunteered. A number of you were kind enough to offer your service in several areas. We will consider where assistance could be most helpful and some activities may be organised differently as a result. Over the next few weeks you will be contacted individually by phone, email or in person. Ann McCarthy Pauline Rourke

HEARTS ON FIRE, FEET ON THE MOVE

Thank you for celebrating World Mission Sunday

Thank you very much for your donations to World Mission Sunday last week. £362.27 was collected. Your prayers and support of World Mission Sunday will help missionaries work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Please pray for the work of Missio and all those working to offer the love of Jesus, that we may remain strong in our witness to Christ's love for all peoples. To continue supporting mission throughout the year, please go to missio.org.uk or call 020 7821 9755 (office hours).

Thought for the week : "never let them tell you, that you cannot make a change, when the ripples of a single stone, can make a million waves." Becky Hemsley, poet.

UPTON DRAMATIC SOCIETY:

The 39 Steps Upton Village Hall Wednesday 29th November to Saturday 2nd December. Tickets £10 each. Call 07847619190 (see poster in porch)

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:

5th November edition will be compiled by Rebecca Vaughan

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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 1st November**

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 Pope Francis has issued an urgent appeal for a halt to violence in Israel and Palestine reiterating his belief that wars are always a defeat. He says that "Prayer is the meek and holy force to oppose the diabolical force of hatred, terrorism and war". This week the Pope made a phone call to the parishioners of the Holy Family Catholic Parish in Gaza, with a religious sister expressing gratitude for his encouragement to the suffering community. There are about "500 people, sheltering in the parish facilities in Gaza, including the sick, families, children, the disabled, people who have lost their homes and belongings," she said. "It was a great blessing to be able to speak with him. He gave us courage and support in prayer". We are encouraged to pray for peace as the conflict escalates and the death toll rises in both Israel and Gaza." <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/pope-francis-calls-catholic-faithful-of-parish-in-gaza/>

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.

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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