



The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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TWENTY SEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

8TH OCTOBER 2023

Saturday 7th October – 4th Annual Count

St. Theresa's 5.00p.m. Charlers Woods RIP
 St Columba's 6.30p.m. Sheila Judson RIP

Sunday 8th October – 4th Annual Count

St. Theresa's 9.30a.m. James Casey RIP
 St. Columba's 11.00a.m. The Parish

Monday 9th October – St John Henry Newman, P

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

Tuesday 10th October

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

Wednesday 11th 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 12th October

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

Friday 13th October

St. Theresa's 10.00a.m. Patricic Karasiewicz
 St. Columba's Private Intention

Saturday 14th October

St. Theresa's 5.00p.m. Parishioners' Intentions
 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

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. May the Lord console her family and friends. Jessica's Requiem Mass will take place at 12.30pm on Friday 27th October at St Theresa's.

Jim Mason: Enid Mason and family thank everyone for their expressions of sympathy and support at this sad time.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Frank Stone, Peter John Walker.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS:

Mass will be streamed from St Columba's at 11.000a.m. **this Sunday 8th 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 £tbc; Average weekly SO - £161.00.

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THANK YOU for all your generous support.

PRAYING TOGETHER:

We pray for:

- the residents of Old Mill Court, Mill Lane, Mill Close, Deans Close, Durham Road, Canterbury Road, Lichfield Road, Warwick Road.
- For all those involved with the upkeep of our church buildings and church grounds.

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

ST COLUMBA'S COFFEE ROTA:

8th Oct - Rippon family for Camps International, humanitarian collaboration

15th Oct - volunteers please

22nd 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.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY (APF) 15 October

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday and there will be a retiring collection at all Masses.

PRISONERS' SUNDAY – 8th OCT:

Prisoners Week is 8-14 October. This Sunday, 8 October is a National Day of Prayer and Action for prisoners and families. This is an important opportunity for us all to direct our thoughts and prayers to the needs of prisoners and their families, and those who work to support our brothers and sisters affected by the criminal justice system.

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.

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.

ST PIO PRAYER GROUP:

The next meeting is on Thursday, 12 October, starting at 2pm in Flat 5, Abbots Court, Eversley Park, Chester CH2 2DY. Everyone is welcome.

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.

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

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

The Pope is to publish 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 Centre, 7pm to 8.30pm. 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 Upcoming Events.

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 savage214@btinternet.com

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

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.

PARISH FINANCES - PLANNED GIVING/GIFT AID APPEAL:

Following last week's Gift Aid appeal there are boxes at both church exits for any completed forms. If anyone missed last week's opportunity forms and explanatory leaflets are still available as you leave the church. If anyone is unsure how to proceed or has any questions you can call Kevin Keegan (07790 758008) or Colin Hedley (07913 950875).

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING:

Your Pastoral Council met in St Theresa's on Monday 11th Sept. Reports were received prior to the meeting from each of the sub-groups and any matters arising discussed. The reports can be viewed on the website. The main focus of the meeting was consideration and planning of the forthcoming “recruitment of volunteers” strategy which will take place on the weekends of 14/15th Oct and 21st/22nd Oct. Ann McCarthy

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 11th 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.

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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

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

Thought for the week: Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter. Martin Luther King Jr

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.