



The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

12TH NOVEMBER 2023

Saturday 11th November

St. Theresa's 5.00p.m.

St Columba's 6.30p.m.

Eta Ashe RIP

The Parish

Sunday 12th November

St. Theresa's 9.30a.m.

St. Columba's 11.00a.m.

Kathleen Maguire RIP

Brian Moyes RIP

Monday 13th November

St. Theresa's

St. Columba's 10.30a.m.

Parishioners' Intentions

Margaret Lannin RIP

Tuesday 14th November

St. Theresa's

St. Columba **11.00 a.m.**

Priests' Intentions

Funeral Service for Margaret Alcock

Wednesday 15th November

St Theresa's

St Columba's 9.30a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

10.15a.m. Novena Prayers

10.30a.m.

Private Intention

Delia Hesketh

Thursday 16th November

St. Theresa's

St Columba's

Special Intention

Holy Souls

Friday 17th November

St. Theresa's 10.00a.m.

Requiem Mass 12.30 p.m.

St. Columba's

NO 10.00 a.m. Mass

for John Fletcher

Saturday 18th November

St. Theresa's 5.00p.m.

St Columba's 6.30p.m.

Michael Berry RIP

Priests' Intentions

Sunday 19th November

St. Theresa's 9.30a.m.

St. Columba's 11.00a.m.

Parishioners' Intentions

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.

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, Margaret Alcock, John Fletcher and Maureen Theresa Brady. Margaret's Funeral Service is on Tuesday 14th November at 11,00 a.m. at St Columba's, John's Requiem Mass is on Friday 17th November at 12.30p.m. at St Theresa's. This will replace the normal 10a.m. Mass on that day. Maureen's Funeral Service is at St Columba's on Friday 24th November at 10a.m. May the Lord console their families and friends.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Steven Andrew Roberts, Kenneth Klepalo, Annina (Ann) Florio, Berta Barton, Victor Alfred Piggott, Kathleen Margaret Maguire, George Richard Becker, Eric Walsh, Owen Christopher O'Hanlon, Elizabeth Bayley.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS:

Mass will be streamed from St Columba's at 11a.m. **this Sunday 12th November 2023.**

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OFFERTORY:

St Columba's: Loose plate £356.75; Planned Giving £332.50; Average Weekly SO - £574.00; Piety Stall £56.80p; Candles £28.07.

St Theresa's: Loose plate & Planned Giving £217.33; Average weekly SO - £161.00.

THANK YOU for all your generous support.

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.

PRAYING TOGETHER

We pray for:

- Pray for the residents of Queen's Crescent, Weston Grove, Lakeside Close, Dukesway, Milton Road, Mostyn Place, Crabwell Place, Byron Close, Thomas Close.
- For the Senior Citizens Club, Food & Fun and St Vincent de Paul Society.
- For all those who are retired

ST COLUMBA'S COFFEE ROTA

12th Nov – Sue Carr for Hospice of the Good Shepherd

19th Nov – Autumn Fair

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).

HOSPICE COFFEE MORNING:

After Mass this Sunday 12th November. Coffee and cakes to raise funds for the Hospice of the Good Shepherd – in memory of fellow parishioner – Delia Hesketh – who spent her final weeks in the Hospice recently. The Hospice's value is not appreciated until it is needed. Please come and support us.

LOUDFENCE – SAFEGUARDING 14TH 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. We would love to offer food at the Fair 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.

AUTUMN FAIR - TOMBOLA:

If you can donate a bottle (!) for the Tombola, please leave in the back porch of the church.

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!

In preparation for the CHS Christmas Fair we are currently collecting books for one of the stalls. If you have any book in good condition that you would like to donate, please drop them off at the school reception for the attention of Ana. Thank you.

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.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY:

Churches Together in Upton will be holding a short Remembrance Service today at 4.30 p.m. at Holy Ascension church. All welcome.

YOUTH GROUP:

The next meeting of our Parish Youth Group will be on Monday 20th November at 7-8.30pm in St Columba's Hall. All young people from year 5 upwards are welcome to join our friendly group. We would love to see you!

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)

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'S ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CRISIS APPEAL:

To donate go to cafod.org.uk/ipc or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Copies of the prayer for peace in the Middle East are available in the church porches.

CAFOD UPDATE:

Thank you to everyone who signed 'Salina's letter' this summer. Salina is the small-scale farmer from Bangladesh who is calling on the World Bank to protect the rights of farmers over their own seeds. 70,000 parishioners in England and Wales signed the letter, and a third of all parishes took part. Salina said, "I am very happy to know about 70,000 signatures along with mine." This helped CAFOD to secure initial meetings with World Bank staff, who heard the message that seeds are for all. This is a long struggle but it's a very good start. Thank you for adding your voice.

WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER:

In some parts of the world, you can go into a library and, instead of borrowing a book, you can borrow a person. That is to say you can sit down and talk to someone who maybe comes from a different country, has different views to you, has different life experiences to you. Well, we don't need to go to the library to meet interesting folk and have a chat, we can do it in our own halls after church with coffee and tea. It's amazing who you can meet. Maybe try a different table, say hello to someone new. See you in the church "library" for a coffee sometime and see what a fascinating community we have.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much." — Helen Keller.

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:

19th November edition will be compiled by Amy O'Donnell

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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 15th November**

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