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THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 19TH NOVEMBER 2023

Saturday 18th November

St. Theresa's 5.00p.m. Michael Berry RIP
 St Columba's 6.30p.m. The Parish

Sunday 19th November

St. Theresa's 9.30a.m. Parishioners' Intentions
 St. Columba's 11.00a.m. Delia Hesketh RIP

Monday 20th November

St Theresa's Kenneth Kilcoyne RIP
 St. Columba's 10.30a.m. John Fletcher RIP

Tuesday 21st November – Presentation of the BVM

St. Theresa's Priests' Intentions
 St. Columba Mark Traynor

Wednesday 22nd November – St Cecilia, V. M. Mem

St Theresa's Private Intention
 St Columba's 9.30a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 10.15a.m. Novena Prayers
 10.30a.m. Sean McCabe RIP

Thursday 23rd November

St. Theresa's Special Intention
 St Columba's Holy Souls

Friday 24th November – Ss Andrew Dung-Lac, P and Companions

St. Theresa's 10.00a.m. Kathleen Holden RIP
 St. Columba's. 10.00a.m. Funeral Service for Maureen Brady

Saturday 25th November

St. Theresa's 5.00p.m. Parishioners' Intentions
 St Columba's 6.30p.m. Bernard and Maureen Wilkinson

Sunday 26th November

St. Theresa's 9.30a.m. Jefferey Samuel Parry RIP
 St. Columba's 11.00a.m. Eddie and Family

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 – NOVEMBER:

Let us pray for the Pope that, with the help of the Holy Spirit, he may continue to accompany in the faith the flock entrusted to him.

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 Maureen Theresa Brady. Maureen's Funeral Service is at St Columba's on Friday 24th November at 10a.m. May the Lord console her family and friends.

ANNIVERSARIES:

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 19th November 2023.**

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OFFERTORY:

St Columba's: Loose plate £428.12; Planned Giving £100.50; Average Weekly SO - £574.00; Candles £25.55.

St Theresa's: Loose plate & Planned Giving £790.66; Average weekly SO - £161.00.

THANK YOU for all your generous support.

PIETY STALL:

The Piety stall is now selling Christmas Cards, diaries and calendars. If you need anything else, I have a catalogue, please telephone me on 01244 329469. Many thanks.

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:

- the residents of Cotebrook Drive, Oulton Avenue, Rushton Drive, Barnes, Morgan Close, Griffin Close and Blake Close.
- our churches open on Saturdays and the fellowship enjoyed there.
- all who use and maintain the web sites.

ST COLUMBA'S COFFEE ROTA

19th Nov – Autumn Fair

26th Nov - Lina Greig for Christ Heart Children's Orphanage, Uganda – money raised will go towards children's Christmas lunch, presents and clothing

3rd Dec - Claire O'Donnell for Mind

10th Dec - Rippon family for Camps International Humanitarian Collaboration

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).

FIRST SACRAMENTS – ST COLUMBA’S:

Next Sunday 26th November children from the parish who are preparing to receive First Sacraments this school year will be enrolled in their preparation programme during the 11.00am Mass. Please pray for the children and their families at this important time in their faith journey.

HOSPICE COFFEE MORNING:

THANK YOU to all who supported and helped in any way with last week's Coffee morning for the Hospice. We made £300 thanks to lots of generous donations. This has gone to the Hospice - on behalf of the Parish as a thank you for the care shown to Delia.

LOUDFENCE – SAFEGUARDING:

Thank you to all who submitted prayers and/or reflections, in support of victims and survivors of abuse, for offering up in the Mass at Holy Apostles and Martyrs church, Wallasey on Tuesday last. All such received were displayed around the church as a sign of solidarity. The Mass was a prelude to Safeguarding Week in the Diocese which began with the Safeguarding Mass at St Mary's, Crewe on Saturday and continues with this Safeguarding Sunday. Please keep all concerned in your prayers.

AUTUMN FAYRE – 19TH NOVEMBER 2023 – TODAY:

This popular event in St Columba's Hall is upon us again. Everyone is welcome to come along to enjoy a delicious selection of soup, sandwiches, hotdogs and pizza. Browse the variety of stalls selling homemade items and produce or try to win a prize in the tombola. **TODAY (SUNDAY) AFTER THE 11AM MASS AT ST COLUMBA’S.**

Please note: There will be no coffee after Mass at St Theresa's this Sunday but coffee/tea will be served at St Columba's from 11am onwards at the Autumn Fair in the hall.

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.

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!

EXHIBITION IN THE PARISH HALL:

On the 26th November after Mass, while we have tea and coffee in the hall, you can see a free exhibition about the life

and teaching of Servant God Fr. Luigi Giussani. He is the founder of the Catholic Movement of Communion and Liberation. The encounter with Fr Giussani (1922-2005) has left an indelible mark on the lives of many people worldwide, including some members of our parish. Join us in discovering a legacy that goes beyond borders and generations. Giovanna and Luca

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.

WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER:

The World Day of the Poor will be celebrated by the Catholic Church on Sunday 19 November with the theme of "Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor" (Tobit 4:7). The Pope's message is one that "We are living in times that are not particularly sensitive to the needs of the poor. The pressure to adopt an affluent lifestyle increases, while the voices of those dwelling in poverty tend to go unheard. The poor are persons; they have faces, stories, hearts and souls. They are our brothers and sisters, with good points and bad, like all of us, and it is important to enter into a personal relation with each of them. The Book of Tobit teaches us to be realistic and practical in whatever we do with and for the poor." He ends by saying that "In this house of ours, which is the world, everyone has a right to experience the light of charity; no one must be deprived of that light." The full message can be read at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/papal-message-world-day-of-the-poor-2023/>

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

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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 to arrange booking.

NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

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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 22nd 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.

COMMUNITY CAROLS – BLACON:

This Carol service will take place at Holy Trinity Church, Norris Road, Blacon on Monday 4th December at 6pm. All are welcome.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"Overcoming poverty is not a gesture of charity. It is an act of justice. It is the protection of a fundamental human right, the right to dignity and a decent life". Nelson Mandela

RESOURCES:

Chester's Christmas market chalets are being prepared for opening on Friday 17 November. The Chester Christmas Market will be open seven days a week: Sunday to Wednesday 10.30am to 6.30pm; Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10.30am to 8pm. The festive favourites are all set to return this year: Thursday 23 November 7pm - 12 Days of Christmas parade, starting from Bridge Street; Thursday 30 November 7pm - Lantern Parade, starting from Town Hall Square; Thursday 7 December 7pm - Winter Watch Parade, starting from Town Hall Square; Thursday 14 December 6.30pm - Roman Saturnalia Parade, starting from the Grosvenor Museum; Thursday 14 December, 7pm - Winter Watch Parade, meeting the Romans in Town Hall Square.

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