



The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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THIRTY FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

5TH NOVEMBER 2023

Saturday 4th November

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

Sunday 5th November

St. Theresa's	9.30a.m.	Graham George RIP
St. Columba's	11.00a.m.	Kerry Prendergast RIP

Monday 6th November

St. Theresa's		Parishioners' Intentions
St. Columba's	10.30a.m.	Margaret Lannin RIP

Tuesday 7th November

St. Theresa's		Priests' Intentions
St. Columb		David Vaughan RIP

Wednesday 8th November

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

Thursday 9th November – Dedic.of the Lateran Basilica

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

Friday 10th November – St Leo The Great, Pp. D

St. Theresa's	10.00a.m.	Jessica Baker RIP
St. Columba's		Holy Souls

Saturday 11th November – St Martin of Tours, B

St. Theresa's	5.00p.m.	Eta Ashe RIP
St Columba's	6.30p.m.	The Parish

Sunday 12th November

St. Theresa's	9.30a.m.	Kathleen Maguire RIP
St. Columba's	11.00a.m.	Brian Moyes 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.

CLERGY EDUCATION & TRAINING FUND

There will be a second collection this week-end for the Clergy Education and Training Fund. Please place donations in the baskets provided. Many thanks!

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. Joan's Requiem Mass will be on Monday 6th November at 12p.m. at St Francis Church in Chester followed by a private cremation. 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 Requiem Mass is at St Columba's on Friday 24th November at 10a.m. May the Lord console their families and friends.

ANNIVERSARIES:

David Vaughan, Graham James George, Sheila Mary Cherry, Steven Andrew Roberts, Kenneth Klepalo, Kathleen Margaret Maguire.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS:

Mass will be streamed from St Columba's at 11a.m. **this Sunday 5th November 2023.**

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OFFERTORY:

St Columba's: (22 & 29/10/2023) Loose plate £626.63; Planned Giving £246.60; Average Weekly SO - £574.00;

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

THANK YOU for all your generous support.

PRAYING TOGETHER

We pray for:

- the residents of Longfield Avenue, Iver Road, Iver Close, Owen Close, Shelly Road, Chaucer Close, Browning Close and Alderley Place.
- For the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children.
- For all who are not able to attend church.

WELCOME:

We welcome back Fr William and hope he is refreshed from his travels.

ST COLUMBA'S COFFEE ROTA

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

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).

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES:

The approved Pastoral Council Minutes for the 11th September are now available for perusal in both porches.

HOSPICE COFFEE MORNING after Mass next 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!

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.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 12TH NOVEMBER:

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

ST PIO PRAYER GROUP:

The next meeting is on Thursday, 9th November, starting at 2pm in Flat 5, Abbots Court, Eversley Park, Chester CH2 2DY. Everyone is 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!

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 and Pauline Rourke.

CT UPTON QUIZ NIGHT:

Thanks to all of you who supported the recent Quiz Night. Special thanks to Spar, Long Lane for donating the raffle prizes and to St. Columba's for the use of the Hall. The sum of £175 was raised and will be divided between Christian Aid and CAFOD.

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.

WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER:

We thought we would get this one in early! With the cost of living crisis, there are lots of people in our communities who are in need of help. Advent calendars are everywhere you look, from chocolate, to beers, coffee, toys etc., you name it, you can get an Advent calendar for it! But rather than taking a chocolate etc. maybe we could try the reverse advent calendar, whereby we put in an item of food into our food bank. If we start early, we can ensure that those people in most need will have what they need for Christmas. If we feel able to give, even a couple of items, it will really help. At the moment, they are looking for UHT juice, custard, tinned vegetables, jams and spreads and tinned meats. Thank you.

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:

12th November edition will be compiled by Harry Sweeney
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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 8th November**

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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.

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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