



The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1ST September 2024

Saturday 31st August

St. Theresa's 5.00p.m. Parishioners' Intentions
 St Columba's 6.30p.m. Parishioners' Intentions

Sunday 1st September

St. Theresa's 9.30a.m. Peter Lane RIP
 St. Columba's 11.00a.m. Peter and Anna O'Callaghan

Monday 2nd September

St Theresa's Priests' Intentions
 St. Columba's 10.30a.m. Stuart Worrall RIP

Tuesday 3rd September – ST Gregory the Great, Pp. D.

Feast

St. Theresa's Private Intention
 St. Columba's Joseph Francis

Wednesday 4th September

St Theresa's Special Intention
 St Columba's 9.30a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 10.15a.m. Novena Prayers
 10.30a.m. Rosemary McRoberts

Thursday 5th September

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

Friday 6th September

St. Theresa's 10.00a.m. Anita Chalender RIP
 St. Columba's The Parish

Saturday 7th September

St. Theresa's 5.00p.m. Parishioners' Intentions
 St Columba's 6.30p.m. Mark Hughes RIP

Sunday 8th September

St. Theresa's 9.30a.m. Chris Steele RIP
 St. Columba's 11.00a.m. Frank Brady RIP
 Maureen Richards 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.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS:

For September - For the cry of the Earth. We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

CONFESSIONS:

There will be Confessions after each weekday Mass until 11.30a.m.

St Columba's: From 6p.m. before the 6.30p.m. Saturday evening Mass.

St Theresa's: From 4.30p.m. before 5p.m. Saturday evening Mass.

WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS AND FUNERALS:

Please contact one of the Parish Offices to make your arrangements.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Peter Lane, Jessie Teresa Andrews, Winifred McGlown, James Donnelly, Kathleen Joy Borg, John Albert Hodkinson

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS:

Mass will be streamed from St Theresa's at 9.30am. this Sunday 1st September 2024.

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PARISH OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate: £517.05; Planned Giving £199; Average weekly SO £735.00; Candles £76.42. Many thanks for your generous support.

PRAYING TOGETHER:

- Pray for the residents of Lumley Road, Demage Lane, Willow Close, Hillside Road, Belvedere Drive, Furne, Road, and Morton Road.
- For our senior schools: The Catholic High School, Upton High School, Blacon High School, Queens Park High School and Bishops High School. For all teachers especially those working in RE departments.
- For all young people attending these schools, especially those from our congregations.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA):

It is proposed to reconvene the parish RCIA group in September. If you are thinking about seeking to become a Roman Catholic, or to be received into in full communion with the Roman Catholic Church, and would like to join the group to look into this, please contact Fr William or Deacon Lawrence for further details.

ST COLUMBA'S COFFEE ROTA

The coffee rota is on the noticeboard in St Columba's Hall. Please enter your name and good cause against your preferred dates. You could make £30-£50 for your chosen cause.

- 1st Sept - volunteers please
- 8th Sept – Richard Curtis for Altar Server's Annual Outing
- 15th Sept – volunteers please

“THE TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS”:

This is the theme for the next Churches Together in Upton Fifth Sunday Service to be held at St. Columba's at 4.30p.m. on Sunday 29th September. Further details to follow. Put the date in your diary.

PARISH YOUTH GROUP:

Our parish youth group will meet on Monday 16th September, starting at 7pm in the Iona chapel and finishing at 8.30pm in

St.Columba's Church hall. All parishioners in school year 5, or older are very welcome to come along and join our happy group, learn a bit about our faith, play games, do activities, and generally have fun, snacks provided. If you need a lift, or more information, please call Denise Lusk (01244 379742)

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION CLASSES:

These classes are for children who come to either St Columba's or St Theresa's churches but do not attend one of the RC Primary

Schools. They are held in St Columba's Hall on Wednesday evenings in term time from 5pm to 6pm. The classes will begin on Wednesday 25th Sept. If you have a child in Year 3 or above

who would like to enrol to join these classes to prepare for First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion this school year, or if you would like any further information, please ring Pauline Payne on 01244 350323 or email pauline.payne4@btinternet.com

HAVE YOU BEEN AFFECTED BY CANCER?

On 15 th September at 3pm, there will be an Ecumenical Service named "Pause for Hope" at St Columba's Church. The service is for anyone who has been affected in any way by cancer. The choir of St Joseph's Church will be there to lead singing. You are most welcome to come for yourself or just to give support to the event. Please invite anyone you know who may benefit from this. There is a poster in the Church porch.

THE COMMUNICATIONS GROUP:

One of the outcomes of our parish consultation on the Synod two years ago, was the development of the Welcome to our Parish group. This group has now widened its brief to become the Communications Group. As we looked at ways to welcome newcomers to our parish community, we found ourselves reflecting on the ways that the Parish presents itself: through the notice boards, the newsletter, the website and many other forms of communication. With the approval of Fr William and the Pastoral Council, we now have a wider remit and will be reporting to the Pastoral Council on progress.

We still have work to do and some aims may be more long term. In the spirit of good communications, you are most welcome to send any thoughts you may have for the group's consideration. Please send in an envelope to the Parish offices for the attention of the Communications Group or to the parish offices' email addresses on the website. Thank you
Lyn Coyle, Chair

If you are **NEW TO THE PARISH**, you are asked to complete a Parish Registration Form and send to either parish office to let us know that you are here and enable us to welcome you to the parish. The form can be completed and submitted online or downloaded and printed out. Instructions are on the form, which can also be found in the front porches of both churches. You will find it on the Our Parish tab, under Welcome (side option Welcome). Thank you.

Lyn Coyle, Communications Group

60 GLORIOUS YEARS OF ST COLUMBA'S:

The 11a.m. Mass on Sunday 8th September will be to celebrate 60 years since the foundation stone was laid at St. Columba's. After Mass there will be the usual coffee and cake in the Hall together with photos and info of events over the past 60 years. Please come and share your memories.

ANNUAL MASS ATTENDANCE:

Over the last two weeks in September and the first two weeks of October, the annual Mass attendance will take place, (the number of people attending Mass are counted) This is the figure that is used for the Parish Pastoral Statistics form.

ACCOMMODATION WANTED:

Family of one of our parishioners is searching for a place to rent to relocate to be near daughter. It is for a father only, of 49 years old. Could be a studio or a room. If anyone have any information or recommendations, please send it to parish administrator.

NEWSLETTER:

If anyone has an item they would like put in the newsletter please send it to St Theresa's office for the attention of Fr William.

FISH & CHIP BABY GARMENT KNITTING UPDATE:

Please see poster in the porches of St Columba's and St Theresa's showing the numbers of fantastic contributions made up to August. Thank you everyone and please keep it up!

FAIRTRADE AND CHIFUNDO UK:

Fashion show, fair trade stalls, refreshments, sustainable clothing and products on sale. Saturday **14 September 3pm** St Columba's Church hall. Tickets £4.00, U18s £2.00 (including refreshments). For tickets speak to Anne Mosquera (01244 340243). Tickets available on the door too.

ST THERESA'S FEAST DAY – FLOWERS:

If anyone would like to give towards flowers for the feast day please put your donation in an envelope marked St Theresa's flowers and place it in the offertory basket. Thank you.

WORKS IN THE PRESBYTERY:

The underpinning work to deal with the cracks in the presbytery is due to start on the 9th September and will take approximately 8 weeks. There will be no disruption to church services. Most of the work will take place outside, so there will be a skip outside and vans will be parked on the car park during the week.

ADOREMUS – EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday 15th September at 2pm at St Theresa's as asked by the Bishops of England and Wales, who are inviting all Parishes to have a period of Exposition to unite the faithful of the country in focusing on the Eucharist in anticipation of the Jubilee Year with renewed and deepened devotion.

GARDEN CHAIRS WANTED:

We are after garden chairs for the Peace Garden. If anyone has any they no longer want please contact St Theresa's office with your name and telephone number.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH & HALL BOOKINGS

To arrange meetings etc. in either the Church, Newman Room or the Iona Chapel, please book through Magdalena Bukowska, St. Columba's Church Office
Phone: 01244 624019

Email: stcolumbaschurch2016@outlook.com

Office hours Monday to Friday 9a.m. to 2p.m.

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:

1st September edition will be compiled by Alison Wrigglesworth
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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**

4TH September 2024

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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.

THE SPIRITANS VACANCY:

The Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers) are looking to employ an Office Administrator with a background in finance and accounting to work in their Administration Office at Chester. Working days are Mondays to Thursdays from 9am to 5pm daily. Please send your application to:- Provincial Bursar, 60 Hoole Road, Chester, CH2 3NL, Email provincialbursar@spiritans.co.uk

MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES APRIL - OCT 2024:

7 Nights Apartment B&B from €273 per person sharing. Airport transfer available on request. Contact us for details and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 020 3239 8662 or website www.med-irishcentre.com

FOODBANK NEEDS - you can download a free app for your mobile phone or computer which shows you what your local foodbank needs urgently, the app is 'bankthefood'. Food currently needed in West Cheshire is coffee, cup a soup, long life juice, rice, tinned meat meals, tinned puddings, tinned tomatoes.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

“Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.” —Martin Luther King Jr.