



The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8th September 2024

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

Monday 9th September

St Theresa's		Private Intention
St. Columba's	10.30a.m.	Rita Carolan

Tuesday 10th September

St. Theresa's		Michael Dunne RIP
St. Columba's		Private Intention

Wednesday 11th September

St Theresa's		Bridgie-Ann
St Columba's	9.30a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Novena Prayers
	10.15a.m.	John Thurwell RIP
	10.30a.m.	

Thursday 12th September

St. Theresa's		The Delaney Family
St Columba's		Priests' Intentions

Friday 13th September – St. John Chrysostom, F. D. Mem.

St. Theresa's	10.00a.m.	Eileen Connolly RIP
St. Columba's.		The Parish

Saturday 14th September

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

Sunday 15th September

St. Theresa's	9.30a.m.	Maureen Ann Richards RIP
St. Columba's	11.00a.m.	Kenneth Kilcoyne 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.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM SUNDAY:

This used to be called Home Mission Sunday and is to support the work of the Bishop's Conference Department of Evangelisation and Discipleship. A Second collection will take place 14th/15th September. Please put any donations in the baskets provided.

CONFESSIONS:

There will be Confessions after each weekday Mass until 11.30a.m.
St Columba's: From 6p.m. before the 6.30p.m. Sat. 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:

Kathleen Joy Borg, Kathleen Teresa Baxter, John Michael Gaine, Janet Marie Heath Jones, Brian Francis Kelly

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS:

Mass will be streamed from St Theresa's at 9.30am. this Sunday 8th September 2024.

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PARISH OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate: £706.65; Planned Giving £313.25; Average weekly SO £735.00; Candles £76.42. Many thanks for your generous support.

PRAYING TOGETHER:

- Pray for the residents of Daleside, Meadowsway, Queensway, Cleaveland Road, Stratford Road, Walton Place, and Downham Place.
- For our junior and Infant schools: Acresfield, Upton Heath, Mill View, Westlea, Dorin Park and St Werburgh's & St Columba's and St Theresa's. Also schools in Newton, Guilden Sutton and Mickle Trafford.
- For the teachers and pupils that they will be open to the Christian teaching they receive.
- For our local clergy as they lead assemblies.

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.

8th Sept – Richard Curtis for Altar Server's Annual Outing

15th Sept – volunteers please

22nd Sept - Marg Curtis & Barbara Chapstick for Fish & Chip babies

JUBILEE FLOWERS:

Many thanks to Dutton & Hallmark (Undertakers) for their very generous donation of flowers to decorate St. Columba's Church for our celebration this week-end.

“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

CONFIRMATION GROUP:

Please pray for all who are preparing to be confirmed in November , and for those who are preparing them.

FISH & CHIP BABY GARMENT DISPLAY AND WOOL SALE:

After 11:00 Mass on 22nd, Barbara and Margaret will have a table showing examples of some of the garments and will be selling wool, patterns and projects. Please do support this wonderful cause.

HAVE YOU BEEN AFFECTED BY CANCER?

On 15th 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. 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.

NEW TO THE PARISH:

Could new parishioners, please 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).

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.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

“Peace is the only battle worth waging” Albert Camus

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.

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. There will be no disruption to church services but there will be a skip outside and vans will be parked on the car park during the week.

ADOREMUS:

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday 22ND 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.

ST. COLUMBA CHIDREN CHOIR RECRUITMENT:

If you like singing, learning something new, find new friends, and use your talent to praise the Lord, you can join the little choir of St Columba. You do not need to know the music or be able to sing. We will help you to learn to sing and be a member of a choir. We also support young guitarists and percussionists to play for the choir and the mass service.

We practise on Tuesday at 18:45 for one hours and we play for the community every first Sunday of the month (school term only). Mass and practise are in St Columba Church (entrance at the back door).

Participation is free. If you or your parents/guardians want any clarification please do not hesitate to contact Giovanna 07728948946 or the director of the choir Mark 07752 317772.

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:

15th September edition will be compiled by Eileen Irwin
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Please include a phone number in case of queries, and please ensure that items *are also emailed to Fr William* or phoned to the compiler by **9.00a.m. on WEDNESDAY**

11TH 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.

ZUMBATHON:

Zumbathon in aid of Hopeful Ugandan Hearts: Saturday 28th September from 10:30am to 12:30pm at St Columba's Church Hall. Come and have fun and raise funds for the children at Home of Peace and Christ's Heart Home Orphanage. Feel free to dress up to the occasion. £10 Adults, £5 Children 6+. And Raffle with great prizes. For tickets contact Lina Greig 07837512544 or email linamahigduran@hotmail.com

BEST WISHES - Wishing all our students, teachers and all staff involved in our schools and colleges all the very best for the new school term. May this new school / college year be a good one for you all.

SEASON OF CREATION -The season of creation - This is a global ecumenical celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. It started on 1 September and finishes on the feast of St Francis, 4 October. During this season we are encouraged to pray and engage in community events in order to deepen our relationship with our God, our neighbour and the earth we share. When we work together with Creation, the first fruits of hope can emerge.