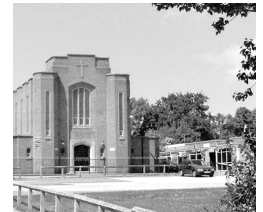




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TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 13TH October 2024

Saturday 12th October

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

Sunday 13th October – Prisons Week Sunday

St. Theresa's 9.30a.m. Dorothy Groom RIP
 St. Columba's 11.00a.m. Margaret Nash RIP

Monday 14th October

St Theresa's Priests' Intentions
 St. Columba's 10.30a.m. Pauline Galvin RIP

Tuesday 15th October – St Theresa of Avila, V. D. Mem.

St. Theresa's Special Intention
 St. Columba's The Parish

Wednesday 16th October

St Theresa's Winnie Harty RIP
 St Columba's 9.30a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 10.15a.m. Novena Prayers
 10.30a.m. Frank Stone Senior

Thursday 17th October – St Ignatius of Antioch, B. M. Mem

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

Friday 18th October – St. Luke, Ev. Feast

St. Theresa's 10.00a.m. John Murphy RIP
 St. Columba's Prison Chaplains

Saturday 19th October

St. Theresa's 5.00p.m. Parishioners' Intentions
 St Columba's 6.30p.m. Gladys Campbell RIP
 Richard Griffiths

Sunday 20th October – Prayer of World Missions

St. Theresa's 9.30a.m. Kathleen Holden RIP
 St. Columba's 11.00a.m. Parishioners' Intentions

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.

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.

POPES OCTOBER PRAYER INTENTIONS:

For the Synod Let us pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a style of life at every level, allowing

herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the world's peripheries.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Please remember in your prayers Margaret Nash and Maria Haydock (Edge) who died recently, and also their family and friends. Margaret Nash's Requiem Mass will be held on Monday 21st October at 2p.m. at St Columba's Church.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Lionel William Steele, Margaret Rose Lannin, Bridget (Delia) Hesketh, Peter John Walker.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS:

Mass will be streamed from St Columba's at 11a.m. this Sunday 13th September 2024.

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PARISH OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate: £615.97; Planned Giving £302.90; Average weekly SO £555.00; Candles £35.00. Many thanks for your generous support.

PRAYING TOGETHER:

Pray for:

- the residents of Old Mill Court, Mill Lane, Mill Close, Deans Close, Provan Way, Saughall Road, Westbourne Road, and Cranleigh Crescent.
- all those involved with the upkeep of our church buildings and church grounds.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION:

Next Sunday, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to support Missio, his charity for world mission, through a special collection. This day of prayer, solidarity, and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. To donate, use the Missio envelopes, call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit missio.org.uk to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit, and Gift Aid your donation if possible.

There will be a second collection for World Mission Sunday on the weekend of 19th and 20th October. Please, put any donations in the baskets provided.

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.

13th Oct - Sue McCarthy, SVP

20th Oct - Lina Greig, Hopeful Ugandan Hearts

27th Oct – Volunteers please

CONFIRMATION:

Please pray for all who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Columba's on 8th November, and for those who are preparing them.

THE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN AFTERNOON – MEET THE TUTORS:

Monday 14th October, 2-3p.m. All Year 7 parents welcome! Old Wrexham Road, Handbridge. CH4 7HS. No booking needed.

ST. COLUMBA CHILDREN CHOIR RECRUITMENT:

The Little Choir of St Columba plays at 11a.m. Mass on the first Sunday of the month in term time, and young people who would like to sing, play the guitar or percussion are invited to join. Practice Tuesdays 18.45 in the church. For further information, please contact Giovanna 07728 948946 or Mark 07752 317772.

RALLY ROSARY – TODAY 13TH OCTOBER:

There will be a Rally Rosary on Sunday 13th October for Our Lady of Fatima for World Peace. To do 15 Decades of the Rosary, starting at 6pm in your home. Thanks to all who join in on this very special occasion.

YOUTH GROUP:

Our youth group will meet on Monday 21st October, 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)

SYNOD SESSIONS RESUME:

The second session is now taking place in Rome, it started on Wednesday 2 October and runs to Sunday 27 October 2024 in order to continue the work of the Synod on Synodality around the theme "For a Synodal Church: communion, participation and mission" Bishop Barron from Winona-Rochester in America has penned his thoughts on his hopes and aspirations as he left for the synod. The discussions which are taking place are set out in a working document, that all delegates are asked to read before attending. Discussions will consider the involvement of more laity, especially women, in the governance of the Church, in both "decision-making" and "decision-taking. It will look at practical theology and how our understanding of church institutions and practices can be made more concrete for example setting up lay pastoral councils, accountability etc. And of listening to one another and the Holy Spirit. <https://www.wordonfire.org/articles/barron/as-i-leave-for-the-second-session-of-the-synod/>

SOUND SYSTEM AT ST THERESA'S:

We have received a quote for £17,989.32, no it's not a typing error! Unfortunately, we do not have the money to carry out the work. If anyone has any fundraising ideas, please let Fr William know.

SAYING GOODBYE REMEMBRANCE SERVICE:

Saying Goodbye, (part of the Mariposa Trust) will be hosting a very special Baby loss remembrance and support service on 20th October at 2.30p.m, in Manchester Cathedral. It is a service for anyone who has lost a baby in pregnancy, at birth or in early years, whether the loss was yesterday or 80 years ago. This event is also for those grieving that they have never been able to conceive. To read more on the charity, please see the Saying Goodbye website, which you can find at: www.sayinggoodbye.org

NEW TO THE PARISH?:

Welcome! We have a New Parish Registration Form to be completed and sent 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 **I'm New** tab of the website

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING – A GREAT SUCCESS:

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Macmillan appeal such a success. The bakers, helpers and customers together raised £267.50 for the charity. We were supported by parishioners from St Theresa's as well as St Columba's, so a real joint effort.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER:

There is to be a short service of Reflection for the Upton Churches at Holy Ascension at 4.30 p.m. on 10th November. See the poster on the Notice Boards.

CHESTER REPAIR CAFÉ:

Run by Friends of the Earth - pilot scheme- Saturday 19 October 11-12.30. Bring along broken items and volunteers will do their best to give them a new lease of life. Items can include, small electricals (no microwaves); bikes; clothing/textiles; computers/software. If you can help repair and want to volunteer head to www.chesterfoe.co.uk/chester-repair-cafe

EXAMS OFFICER VACANCY AT THE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:

Permanent Role over 41.2 weeks a year (Term Time) paid over 12 months. 37 hours a week 8am to 4pm (3.30 pm Friday). To include INSET days and exam results days. For more information please email kilcoynea@christofidelis.org.uk. Closing date 3pm on Wednesday 23rd October.

THE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, CHESTER – CHRISTMAS FAIR:

12th December, 4-6pm. All welcome! £1 entrance fee on the evening. If you would like a stall, cost £10, email the school welcometo@christofidelis.org.uk

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 Magdalena Bukowska on 01244 624019 for enquires within the office hours stated above or email columbashallbookings@gmail.com to arrange booking.

NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

Sunday 20th October 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**

16th October 2024

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.

BUILDING WORKS – ST THERESA’S:

Work started on Monday 16th September- a week later than scheduled due to the weather. Church services will not be affected, but there will be vans on the car park and a fenced off area for a skip which means unfortunately that the bins are at the front of church. The first pour of concrete has been carried out but work has been hampered by the amount of rain we've had which means they have had to pump water out of the holes that have been dug. Work is still on track for an eight week finish.

ST. COLUMBA’S CHURCH:

The painting of the outside of the church has just begun and will continue over the next few weeks. It should not cause any serious interruption.

Contractors will come in the next few weeks to fill in the sinkhole in the car park which does not show any signs of further development.

Pauline Rourke

ASDA ARE RUNNING CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS:

From now until November, for those who use the ASDA Rewards App, you can opt in on the cashpots tab and select St Werburgh's and St Columba's or St Theresa's Primary School. ASDA will then donate to the schools!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Faith, is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase. Martin Luther King