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| The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus | | |
| FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | | |
| 13TH JULY 2025 | | |
| Saturday 12th July | | |
| St Theresa's | 5.00p.m. | Polly Rowlands |
| St Columba's | 6.30p.m. | Doreen Byrne RIP |
| Sunday 13th July – Day of Special Prayer for Seafarers | | |
| St Theresa's | 9.30a.m. | Parishioners' Intentions |
| St Columba's | 11.00a.m. | Eileen Vickers RIP |
| | 2.00p.m. | Kerala Catholic Community Mass in Syro-Malabar Rite |
| Monday 14th July | | |
| St Theresa's | | Special Intention |
| St Columba's | 10.30a.m. | Magdalena & Tomasz Bukowski |
| Tuesday 15th July – St Bonaventure, B, D. Mem. | | |
| St Theresa's | | Priests' Intentions |
| St Columba's | | Parishioners' Intentions |
| Wednesday 16th July | | |
| St Theresa's | | Private Intention |
| St Columba's | 9.30a.m. | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament |
| | 10.15a.m. | Novena Prayers |
| | 10.30a.m. | Zamirski Family |
| Thursday 17th July | | |
| St Theresa's | 9.30a.m. | St Theresa's School Leavers' Mass |
| St Columba's | | Priests' Intentions |
| Friday 18th July | | |
| St Theresa's | 10.00a.m. | Eileen Mapp's Intentions |
| St Columba's | | Paula Graham |
| Saturday 19th July | | |
| St Theresa's | 9.30a.m. | Malankara Jacobite Syriac Community Mass |
| | 5.00p.m. | Angela McDevitt |
| St Columba's | 6.30p.m. | Fr Sebastian Kluwak |
| Sunday 20th July – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time | | |
| St Theresa's | 9.30a.m. | Parishioners' Intentions |
| St Columba's | 11.00a.m. | Parishioners' Intentions |
| | 2.00p.m. | Kerala Catholic Community Mass in Syro-Malabar Rite |

POPE'S JULY PRAYER INTENTIONS:

For formation in discernment. Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Please remember in your prayers Dorothy Gladys Jeffs. May the Lord console her family and friends. Her Requiem Mass will be held at St Columba's on 22nd July at 11.00am following by the burial at Blacon Cemetery at 12.30pm.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Evelyn Jean Catherine Broadbent, Adrienne Rosina Davis, Winifred Meakin.

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.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS:

Mass will be streamed at St Columba's on Sunday 13th July at 11.00am.

Cover is needed at St Columba's for occasions when Tim is unavailable. (St Theresa's have a volunteer) The only requirement is you need to have an iPhone. If you would be willing to help with this, please contact one of the church offices. Thank you.

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SCHOOL LEAVERS MASS-St Theresa's:

On Thursday 17th September, there will be a Mass for those leaving St Theresa's Primary school and moving on to High School in September. All welcome.

PARISH OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate: £450.15; Planned Giving: £265.25; Average weekly SO £718.15. Candles: £TBC.

Thank you for your generosity.

FR WILLIAM:

Fr William will be away until the end of August. We hope he has a well-earned rest.

DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR SEAFARERS:

There will be a retiring collection this weekend for Seafarers. (Apostleship of the Sea)

PRAYING TOGETHER:

- Pray for the residents of The Croft, Kirby Close, Ambleside, Dinas Close, Tregle Close, Caernarfon Grove, Conway Grove and Beaumaris Grove.
- For all who are baptised in our Churches and their families and for the support given to them.
- For all who help or attend creches.

ST COLUMBA'S OFFICE:

There will be a change of the office hours at St Columba's from 14th July: 8.00am to 2.15pm, Monday to Thursday.

Office will be closed: 28th-31st July, 6th-7th, 13th-14th and 21st August and 1st September.

ST COLUMBA'S COFFEE ROTA:

The coffee rota is on the noticeboard in St Columba's Hall. Just write your name, charity and phone number on the calendar. If you can't access the hall, leave a message on Margaret Curtis's answerphone on 01244 318424 with your name and date(s) and she will add you to the rota.

13th July - Chris and Elizabeth, Parish

20th July - volunteers please

27th July - volunteers please

CHURCH NEWS: Pope Leo: Hunger must not be used as a weapon of war

Pope Leo XIV sent a message to participants as the FAO (United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation) marked its 80th anniversary of its founding to combat food insecurity and malnutrition. He said the Church supports all efforts to end the "scandal of global hunger", recalling Jesus' care to feed the crowds who had come to hear Him speak.

"We realise that the true miracle accomplished by Christ was to show that the key to defeating hunger lies more in sharing than in greedily hoarding," Many people still suffer cruelly and yearn for their needs to be met, as hunger and malnutrition continue despite the excess production in certain parts of the world.

"We are now witnessing, with deep sorrow, the inhumane use of hunger as a weapon of war...Starving civilian populations is a very cheap way to wage war."

"Political crises, armed conflicts, and economic disruptions play a central role in worsening the food crisis...They hinder humanitarian aid, undermine local agricultural production, and deprive people not only of access to food, but also of the right to live a life of dignity and opportunity. Selfishness and indifference must be set aside on behalf of dialogue and mutual understanding, so that peace and stability allow societies to build resilient agrifood systems."

ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND: THE PASTORAL COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON SATURDAY 19 JULY 2025, ST COLUMBAS HALL 2.30P.M. – 4.30P.M.

An opportunity to hear about what the Pastoral Council has been doing and to make suggestions for what it could do, for our parish, in the future.

Thank you to all those who have submitted entries for the parish art competition based on the Jubilee 25 theme. The winners will be announced at AGM and entries will be on display.

The meeting will be followed by Afternoon Tea – cakes, drinks etc.

A Free Raffle Ticket for a prize draw will be given to each parishioner who attends the meeting! Pastoral Council members will not be eligible to enter.

The Pastoral Council would welcome new members. If you would be interested in joining, please give your name and contact details to one of the parish secretaries and a member of the Council will contact you to let you know more about it.

We look forward to meeting you on 19th July.

Pauline Rourke, Ann Mc McCarthy co – chairs Pastoral Council

ANNUAL SUMMER PARISH COACH TRIP:

On Thurs 24th July we have a coach booked to LEEDS, cost £15. Leaving 8:45 from St Columba's and 9am from St Theresa's. Read poster in your church porch for details. Sign-up sheets are in the front porches. Please pay Margaret Curtis 01244 318424 as soon as possible.

ST COLUMBA'S RED MISSION BOX HOLDERS:

There are three Red Mission boxes collections during the year: March, July and November. To have your box emptied, please leave it in the sacristy before the end of July, then pick up your empty, relabelled box from the rear porch.

FISH AND CHIP BABIES KNITTING PROJECT:

If you have any four-ply wool to spare, we now need more for the babies in NE Africa. Please arrange to hand it to Margaret Curtis, thank you.

CAFOD – CANCEL THE DEBT:

In this Jubilee year, CAFOD is working with our sister Caritas organisations around the world to call for urgent action on the global debt crisis. Please sign the worldwide Church petition located in the church porches. Thank you to those who have already signed. The petition sheets will be left out for the next 2 weeks.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK - You must never be fearful about what you are doing when it is right. Rosa Parks

NEWSLETTER EDITORS WANTED!

Can you help our editors to get a break? We just need 2 more editors so that the work comes round about 6 times a year. Full support, shadowing, help, and advice provided. Come and try it out, we don't bite! And we really need some extra help, please. Speak to Anne in the first instance, 01244 340243. Thank you.

TWO SAINTS -TWO ISLANDS:

Thank you to those of you who attended this recent CTU Service at Holy Ascension. The two saints turned out to be Columba and Cuthbert. We now know far more about our titular saint than before!

The next CTU service is here at St Columba's on Sunday 30th November.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH:

If you are NEW TO THE PARISH, please complete a Parish Registration Form and send (or bring) it to either parish office to let us know that you are here and enable us to welcome you. Forms can be found in the front porches of both churches and on the website:

www.sscolumbaandtheresa.co.uk under the "I'm New" tab. Thank you.

PARISH YOUTH CLUB:

The final meeting for this academic year will take place at St Columba's Church Hall on MONDAY JULY 21st from 7 - 8.30pm. Wear trainers - ready to play games!

ALL young parishioners from Year 5 upwards are welcome to attend.

Any questions please ring Helen Connor - 07890817017

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 Thursday 8a.m. to 2.15p.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 July edition will be compiled by
Eileen Irwin. Phone: 01244 379443
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Please include a phone number in case of queries, and
please ensure that notices are also emailed to Fr
William
at st.theresas@btinternet.com Or phoned to the
compiler by 9.00 a.m. on

WEDNESDAY 16th JULY 2025

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.

details of the walk and the Mass
here, <https://www.facebook.com/events/1675870979701803>

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES:

Please note that all Minutes of Pastoral Council
meetings are published on the website once they have
been approved by the meeting. The latest Minutes have
just been published.

ST. WERBURGH'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY:

This will be celebrated in December this year. Details of
events in the coming week are on the notice board
in both churches.

LOURDES BY JUMBULANCE:

Chester Across Group is going to Lourdes on 14th to
23rd August. There are vacancies for sick and disabled
pilgrims and for nurses and helpers. If you could help
with a 'wish list' to support our assisted pilgrims please
follow this link:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/42FRNUVO3GUX?ref=wl_share

For more information, please contact Tony Murphy on
07881-656-974 or tonymurphyefc2002@yahoo.co.uk

WIN A TRIP TO MEDJUGORJE:

Medjugorje Irish Centre Free Prize draw. Prize for one
person includes 7 nights B&B, return airport transfer
and flights up to €300. To enter go to prize draw page
on website www.med-irishcentre.com

Tel. 07860 465386 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com

WhatsApp No: 00387 63 630

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Website: www.med-irishcentre.com

FEAST OF ST. JAMES:

"Please pray and fast for the end of abortion and
euthanasia on Thursday 24th July, the Vigil of the Feast
of St James. These days seem quite dark, what with
Parliament voting to partly decriminalise abortion and
voting to legalise euthanasia. Please invite others to
join us in praying and fasting for life, you can do so
with this

link, <https://www.facebook.com/events/1419157822872567>"

GK CHESTERTON Pilgrimage:

"The 15th Annual GK Chesterton Pilgrimage that will
take place on Saturday 26th July 2025. As always there
are several ways you can join in, either in prayer, or by
joining us in walking a short section of the pilgrimage
or even in walking the whole 27 miles! To be involved
you can; **Sponsor Nathanael as he raises funds for
Good Counsel's life-saving**

work; <https://www.qofundme.com/f/helping-mothers-and-babies-with-the-gk-chesterton-pilgrimage> Send prayer intentions for us to pray for
along the way, we will not make the intentions
public; catholicgkcsociety@yahoo.co.uk and find other