



The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus		
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 20th JULY 2025		
Saturday 19th July		
St Theresa's	9.30am	Malankara Jacobite Syriac Orthodox Community
	5.00p.m.	Angela McDevitt
St Columba's	6.30p.m.	Fr Sebastian Kluwak
Sunday 20th July		
St Theresa's	9.30a.m.	Dorothy Jeffs RIP
St Columba's	11.00a.m.	Dorothy Jeffs RIP
	2.00p.m.	Kerala Catholic Community Mass in Syro-Malabar Rite
Monday 21st July		
St Theresa's		Alan Parry's Intentions
St Columba's	10.30a.m.	Parishioners' Intentions
Tuesday 22nd July – St Mary Magdalene		
St Theresa's		Anne McCarthy RIP 100 th birthday anniversary
St Columba's	11.00am	Requiem Mass for Dorothy Gladys Jeffs
Wednesday 23rd July- St Bridget, R.Patron of Europe Day of Special Prayer for Europe		
St Theresa's		Kath Smith RIP
St Columba's	9.30a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	10.15a.m.	Novena Prayers
	10.30a.m.	Stuart Marnoch RIP
Thursday 24th July		
St Theresa's		Priests' Intentions
St Columba's		Priests' Intentions
Friday 25th July		
St Theresa's	10.00a.m.	Mary Walsh RIP
St Columba's		The Parish
Saturday 26th July- St Joachim & Ann, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary		
St Theresa's		
	5.00p.m.	Thomas Byrne RIP
St Columba's	6.30p.m.	Parishioners' Intentions
Sunday 27th July – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
St Theresa's	9.30a.m.	Deacon Tom Coyle RIP
St Columba's	11.00a.m.	Deacon Tom Coyle RIP second anniversary
	2.00p.m.	Kerala Catholic Community Mass in Syro-Malabar Rite

ANNIVERSARIES:

Adrienne Rosina Davis, Winifred Meakin, Mary Walsh, Thomas Byrne and Rev Tom Coyle.

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, Michael Pulham, Dorothy Gladys Jeffs, Kay Daly & Karen Reid. May the Lord console their family and friends. Dorothy Jeffs Requiem Mass will be held at St Columba's on Tuesday 22 July at 11am.

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 Theresa's on Sunday 20th 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.

www.facebook.com/thecatholicparishofstcolumbaandsttheresa

PARISH OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate: £580.86; Planned Giving: £669.68; Average weekly SO £718.15. Candles: £TBC.

Thank you for your generosity.

PRAYING TOGETHER:

- Pray for the residents of Keswick Close, Stanton Drive, Caldys Close, Dyserth Road, Cadnant Close, Aberdaron Drive and Cemlyn Close.
- For the Army Chaplain and all at the Dale Camp, the work of the Armed Forces, the soldiers and their families.

FR WILLIAM:

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

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.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN UPTON:

At a recent committee meeting, members wished to thank the congregation of St. Columba's Church for their continued support of events organised by Churches Together in Upton.

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.

20th July - volunteers please

27th July - volunteers please

3rd August - volunteers please

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](tel:01244318424) 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 week.

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.

NEEDLES & PINS - Wed 23rd July

Everyone is invited to this friendly and welcoming needlecraft group in the Newman Room, between 2:00-4:00pm every fourth Wednesday of the month. Hope to see you.

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 THERESA'S RED BOXES

Please leave your boxes in the sacristy to be counted. Thank you.

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

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>"

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

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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 27th July edition will be compiled by

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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 23rd 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.

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.gofundme.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; catholicqkcsociety@yahoo.co.uk and find other details of the walk and the Mass here, <https://www.facebook.com/events/1675870979701803>"