



# 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		
<b>SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>		
<b>27<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2025</b>		
<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July</b>		
St Theresa's	5.00p.m.	Thomas Byrne
St Columba's	6.30p.m.	Parishioners' Intentions
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July</b>		
St Theresa's	9.30a.m.	Deacon Tom Coyle RIP
St Columba's	11.00a.m.	Deacon Tom Coyle RIP
	2.00p.m.	Kerala Catholic Community Mass in Syro-Malabar Rite
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July</b>		
St Theresa's		Parishioners' Intentions
St Columba's	10.30a.m.	Michael Pulham RIP
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July – Ss Mary, Martha and Lazarus. Mem.</b>		
St Theresa's		Joan Dale RIP
St Columba's		Parishioners' Intentions
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July</b>		
St Theresa's		Special Intention
St Columba's	9.30a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	10.15a.m.	Novena Prayers
	10.30a.m.	Private Intention (CEC)
<b>Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July – St Ignatius of Loyola, P. Mem.</b>		
St Theresa's		Priests' Intentions
St Columba's		Priests' Intentions
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August – St Alphonsus Mary Liguori, B. D. Mem.</b>		
St Theresa's	10.00a.m.	Karen Reid RIP
St Columba's		The Parish
<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August</b>		
St Theresa's	9.30a.m.	Malankara Jacobite Syriac Community
	5.00p.m.	Parishioners' Intentions
St Columba's	6.30p.m.	Parishioners' Intentions
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August – 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord.Time</b>		
St Theresa's	9.30a.m.	Alan Parry's Intentions
St Columba's	11.00a.m.	Parishioners' Intentions
	2.00p.m.	Kerala Catholic Community Mass in Syro-Malabar Rite

## MASS INTENTIONS (St Theresa's)

If you would like a Mass saying please put the name of the person the Mass is for and the date you would like it in an envelope along with the donation. Please also put your name and a telephone number so that we can contact you if the date you requested is unavailable. Thank You.

## 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: Enid Mason, Michael Pulham, Kay Daly, Karen Reid and Anne Patey. May the Lord console their family and friends.

## 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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](https://www.facebook.com/thecatholicparishofstcolumbaandsttheresa)

## PARISH OFFERTORY

Loose Plate: £791.34; Planned Giving: £323; Average weekly SO £718.15. Candles: £64.52.

## Peter's Pence Collection:

St Columba's £148.40; St Theresa's £64.81

Thank you for your generosity.

## PRAYING TOGETHER

- Pray for the residents of Marina Drive, Cross Green, Chatsworth Drive, Cyman Close, Willan Road, Wemyss Road and Phillips Road.
- For Upton Amblers, Walkers Group, Trekkers and all who meet together for outdoor pursuits.

## FR WILLIAM

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

## ANNIVERSARIES

Rev Tom Coyle, Margaret Watson, George Kelly

## 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. When the office is closed, urgent matters will be dealt with through the kind services of Carol Galvin, Monday to Friday 9.00 to 12.00.

## 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.

27th July volunteers please  
3rd August volunteers please  
10th August volunteers please

## 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.

## ST THERESA'S RED BOXES

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

## OAKS

THANK YOU to all helped with and supported last Sunday's coffee morning. We raised £200 for O.A.K.S. (Overseas Aid to the Kids from Sierra Leone). OAKS recent newsletter can be seen on the Notice Board in the front 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.

## 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](http://www.sscolumbaandtheresa.co.uk) under the "I'm New" tab. Thank you.

## ST. WERBURGH'S 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

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

## PARISH WEBSITE

If anyone has an item that they would like to have on the website, please contact Lyn Coyle, who is the parish liaison with the website manager. These items must be about parish-based events or information. [marilyn.coyle44@gmail.com](mailto:marilyn.coyle44@gmail.com)

## CHILDREN'S ART COMPETITION: PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Thanks to Kevin Keegan for the photos of the amazing entries. You can see them on the parish website. Just click on the link on the Events slide of the banner headline. Thank you to everyone who sent in an entry. They were all great.

The winners were announced at the AGM last Saturday and have now been presented with their prizes. Congratulations to:

Reception - Jayla, Year 1 - Mabel, Year 2 - Gertrude, Year 3 - Elsie and Ambrose, Year 4 - Abby and Alfie, Year 5 - Juliet and Year 7 - Isaac

The pictures will also be displayed on the school board at the front of St Columba's and on the side walls in St Theresa's.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK** - "The beginning is always today." Mary Shelley

**SUMMER ACTIVITIES** - Cheshire libraries are worth looking at, with the summer reading challenge, family games, story club and plenty of other activities <https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/libraries/events>

Also check out the Cheshire West and Chester Council web site for further activities and availability as well as Edsential for holiday activities and food programme <https://edsential.com/haf/>

## ST FRANCIS, CHESTER PARISH MISSION: JULY 2025

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> at 7.00 pm: Meet the Missionaries  
Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> at 10.30 am: Healing Talk and Ministry  
Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm: Worship Talk and Ministry  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> at 7.00 pm: Exploring Faith Live  
Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 pm: Taizé Prayer Service  
Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> at 10.00 am: Children's Mission  
Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> at 6.30 pm: International Food  
Everyone warmly welcome at all events!

## DIOCESAN JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE

This week 430 pilgrims will be on our Diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage to Lourdes with the theme 'With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope'. Services available to watch on Lourdes TV via [www.lourdes-france.com](http://www.lourdes-france.com) include the International Mass at 8.30am UK Time on Sunday 27 July, and the Mass at the Grotto at 9am UK time on Monday 28 July. Our group will participate in both. We will be praying for you, please pray for us.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:columbashallbookings@gmail.com) to arrange booking.

## NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August edition will be compiled by Rebecca Vaughan. Phone: 01244 318632

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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](mailto:st.theresas@btinternet.com) Or phoned to the compiler by 9.00 a.m. on

## WEDNESDAY 30<sup>th</sup> JULY 2025

Website: [www.sscolumbaandtheresa.co.uk](http://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.

### **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](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](mailto: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](http://www.med-irishcentre.com)

**Tel. 07860 465386 or email [reservations@med-irishcentre.com](mailto:reservations@med-irishcentre.com)**

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