



The Catholic Parish of St Columba and St Theresa



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The month of August is dedicated to The Immaculate Heart of Mary		
21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
24TH AUGUST		
Saturday 23rd August		
St Theresa's	9.30am	Malankara Jacobite Syriac Community
	5.00pm	Frank Lally RIP
St Columba's	6.30p.m	Tony Walsh RIP (MS)
Sunday 24th August		
St Theresa's	9.30a.m.	Stephen James Taylor RIP
St Columba's	11.00a.m.	Private Intention
	2.00p.m.	Kerala Catholic Community Mass in Syro-Malabar Rite
Monday 25th August St Thomas of Hereford. Mem.		
St Theresa's		Parishioners' Intentions
St Columba's	10.30a.m.	Tony Walsh (AC)
Tuesday 26th August		
St Theresa's		Priests' Intentions
St Columba's		David Mark McLoughlin (MW)
Wednesday 27th August – St Monica. Mem		
St Theresa's		Private Intention
St Columba's	9.30a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	10.15a.m.	Novena Prayers
	10.30a.m.	Caroline Okolie
Thursday 28th August – St Augustine of Hippo, B, D. Mem.		
St Theresa's		Special Intention
St Columba's		Parishioners' Intentions
Friday 29th August – The Passion of John the Baptist. Mem.		
St Theresa's	10.00a.m.	Peter Lane RIP
St Columba's		Private Intention
Saturday 30th August		
St Theresa's	5.00p.m.	Parishioners' Intentions
St Columba's	6.30p.m.	Mary Ible RIP
Sunday 31st August – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time		
St Theresa's	9.30a.m.	Parishioners' Intentions
St Columba's	11.00a.m.	Caroline Okolie
	2.00p.m.	Kerala Catholic Community Mass in Syro-Malabar Rite

FR WILLIAM:

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

ANNIVERSARIES:

Patricia Mary Blythe, Stephen James Taylor, John Albert Hodgkinson

POPE'S AUGUST PRAYER INTENTIONS:

For mutual coexistence. Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Please remember in your prayers: Mary Ible and Anthony Walsh. Mary Ible's Requiem Mass is on Monday 8th September at 12 noon at St Columba's. May the Lord console their families 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 Columba's on Sunday 24th August at 11a.m.

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: £488.59; Planned Giving: £361.14; Average weekly SO £718.15. Candles: £42.60.

CHURCHES TOGETHER FIFTH SUNDAY SERVICE:

The next CTU Service is on 31st August at 4.30 at the URC Church on Heath Road. The theme is "A Short History of hymns". It should be very enjoyable with a short social time afterwards. Please come to represent St Columba's.

PRAYING TOGETHER:

- Pray for the residents of Oakfield Drive, Flag Lane South, Upton Lane, Weldon Close, Cotes Place, Bridgeman Road, Stubbs Place, and South Way.
- For the Wardens, Deputy Wardens, Sides persons and Collectors.
- For our Churches being welcoming to newcomers.

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 **on Bank Holiday 25th 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 9.00a.m to 12.00pm.

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.

24 th August	Chris & Elizabeth, Parish
31 st August	Sue McCarthy, SVP
7 th September	Volunteers please

FAITH EXPLORATION AND SHARING:

For any parishioner not yet in full communion with the Church but interested in exploring a way to that, beginning in September the parish will be running the Sycamore course explaining the Catholic faith. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact deacon Lawrence for more details. If you know someone you think might be interested why not offer some words of encouragement.

FISH AND CHIP BABIES KNITTING PROJECT:

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

NEEDLES & PINS - Wed 27rd August

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.

YEAR OF THE JUBILEE 2025 MASS: Pope Francis gave this year's Jubilee the theme of 'Pilgrims of Hope' and invited Catholics everywhere to renew our hope and discover a vision that can "restore access to the fruits of the earth to everyone". A special Mass to celebrate our faith and renew our hope for the future is to be held in St Columba's church on Thursday 18th September at 7pm followed by refreshments in

the hall. All parishioners are encouraged to attend. In the words of Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster "May our prayer in this Jubilee Year be robust and heartfelt: that God will guide our poor efforts here, enabling us to contribute to the harmony of the world and all its people".

PARISH YOUTUBE CHANNEL:

The Pastoral Council would like to offer Mass live streamed on our YouTube channel. To do this, at no cost to us, we need a minimum of 50 subscribers, we have 26 so far.

We would be very grateful if parishioners could subscribe to the channel which can be found on YouTube as:

St Columba and Theresa RC Church Chester

Even if you are unlikely to use the service, please do subscribe to benefit others.

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

EXAM RESULTS - To all our students who have received exam results over the last few weeks, we wish you all the very best for your future, may wonderful opportunities lie ahead for you. Enjoy. Good luck and God Bless.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK - You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.
- Martin Luther King, Jr.

FRIENDSHIP THURSDAY SEPTEMBER:

Friendship Thursday begins again on Thursday September 4th from 2- 4pm in the parish hall. Come for an afternoon of friendship, chat and sometimes, a guest to listen to. Bring a friend or two- it's open to anyone. Refreshments, with suggested donation of £2. For information ring Lyn 07735574397

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"

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 7th September edition will be compiled by Rebecca Vaughan. Phone: 012144 318632

Or email: rebecca_vghn@yahoo.co.uk

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 3rd SEPTEMBER 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.

ST WERBURGH AND ST COLUMBA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL:

Our much-loved Headteacher is due to retire in December 2025, and we are looking to appoint a new Headteacher for our happy, vibrant, and successful Primary school.

If you are interested in this position, please click on the link below for more information and the application pack.

<https://ctgonline.co.uk/jobs/6870b6a9473dd8927720524a>

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.

JUBILEE EVANGELISATION EVENT:

Jubilee Evangelisation Event Sharing Hope with a Broken World with guest speaker Mark Saunders on Saturday 13th September 10.30am-2.15pm at St Joseph's Eucharistic Shrine, Tatton St, Stockport SK1 1EJ. To book email: natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

JUBILEE FOR CATECHISTS:

Bishop Mark Davies, the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph and Natalie Orefice, Diocesan Director of Evangelisation and Catechesis.

On Saturday 15th November at St Joseph's Eucharistic Shrine, Tatton St, Stockport SK1 1EJ. Book a free place here: <https://bit.ly/Jubilee-for-Catechists>