



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

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 3RD AUGUST 2025

Saturday 2nd August

St Theresa's	9.30a.m.	Malankara Jacobite Syriac Community Thomas Byrne
	5.00p.m.	Parishioners' Intentions
St Columba's	6.30p.m.	Parishioners' Intentions

Sunday 3rd August

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

Monday 4th August

St Theresa's		Margaret Vernon RIP
St Columba's	10.30a.m.	Parishioners' Intentions

Tuesday 5th August

St Theresa's		Priests' Intentions
St Columba's		Parishioners' Intentions

Wednesday 6th August

St Theresa's		Special Intention
St Columba's	9.30a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	10.15a.m.	Novena Prayers
	10.30a.m.	Graham Leech RIP

Thursday 7th August

St Theresa's		Eileen Map's Intentions
St Columba's		Private Intention
	11.00a.m.	Romica Mihalache

Friday 8th August

St Theresa's	10.00a.m.	Margaret Rogers Rip
St Columba's		Parishioners' Intentions

Saturday 9th August

St Theresa's	5.00p.m.	Parishioners' Intentions
St Columba's	6.30p.m.	Enid Mason RIP

Sunday 10th August

St Theresa's	9.30a.m.	Nicola Lewis' Intentions
St Columba's	11.00a.m.	Carol & Mark Traynor
	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:

George Kelly, Josephine Shanley, John Dunne.

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 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: Enid Mason, Michael Pulham, Kay Daly, Karen Reid, Romica Mihalache, Anne Patey and Anthony Walsh. 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 3rd August at 11.00a.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.

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PARISH OFFERTORY:

Loose Plate: £516.85; Planned Giving: £289.70; Average weekly SO £718.15. Candles: £38.07.

Peter's Pence Collection (St Theresa's): The Parish amount was £213.21. Thank you for your generosity.

PRAYING TOGETHER:

- Pray for the residents of Acres Lane, Alwyn Gardens, Brooke Avenue, Rhuddlan Road, Carmel Close and Rose Close.
- Pray for the clergy of the Churches in Upton and for their congregations.

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 9.00a.m to 12.00a.m.

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.

3rd August volunteers please
10th August Lyn Coyle, Friendship Group
17th August 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.

READER WANTED:

The next Upton Churches Fifth Sunday Service is at the United Reformed Church in Heath Road at 4.30 p.m. on Sunday 31st August. We have been asked to deliver one of the Readings. If you would like to do this, then please contact David Savage 01244 380626.

SUNSET CAFÉ PROJECT:

Chester Townhouse, the Hospitality Hero and Soul Kitchen Chester have launched the Sunset Cafe inside the Chester Townhouse Hotel, Lower Bridge Street from 11a.m. to 3p.m. every Friday until the end of September. This is a live training cafe aiming to educate, train and support individuals stepping back into employment. We would be delighted if any parishioners or visitors in town on a Friday were able to visit the cafe to support this project.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"You may not always have a comfortable life and you will not always be able to solve all of the world's problems at once but don't ever underestimate the importance you can have, because history has shown us that courage can be contagious, and hope can take on a life of its own." — Michelle Obama

MARRIAGE HELP:

Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. Next date: 17th-19th Oct. www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 0788 7296983

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 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 10th August 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 6TH AUGUST 2025

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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

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 63 630 604

Email: reservations@med-irishcentre.com

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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.